### Community Adaptation: Even in devastation, the people demonstrate resilience and coping skills

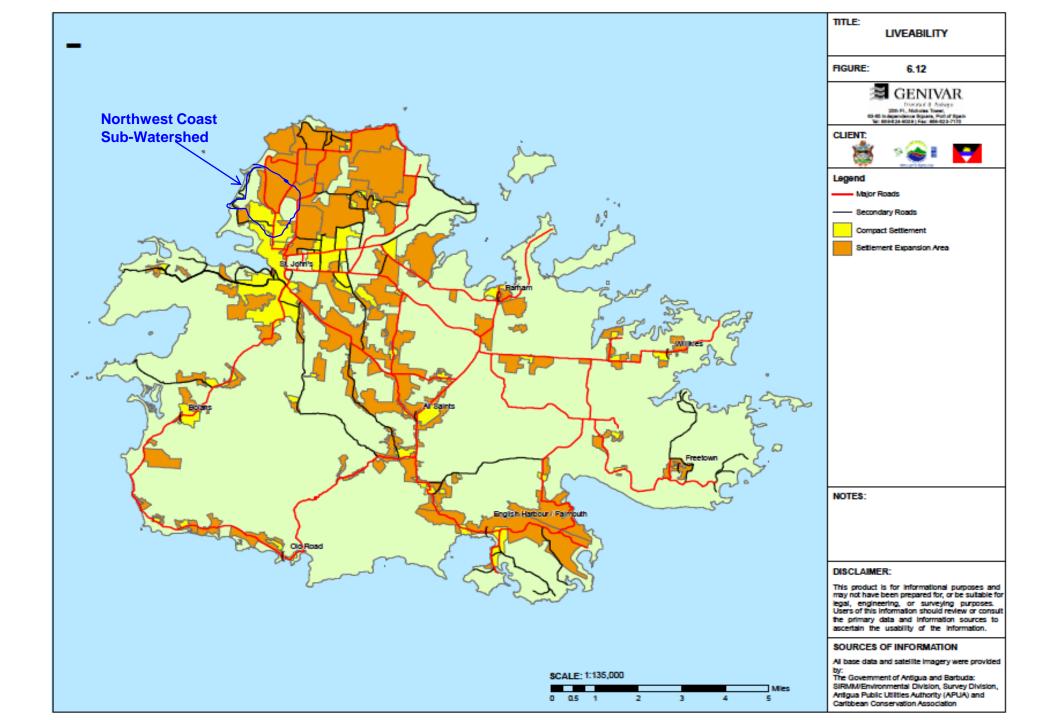






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# Antigua



#### Project Guiding Principles Demonstrate Key Climate Resilience Priorities

Gender equality Most of the homes occupied by single women and their children. The women are the major bread winners and many disabled person also live in the pilot area.

Climate justice

Access rights

mentoring

Sustainability

Climate proofing

Providing support and

The project includes many vulnerable, marginalized persons and the persons with disabilities are key players in the project. A member of the ABAPD accompanies persons visiting the community on his wheel chair. A climate proofed shelter will be built to accommodate persons in times of storms with wheel chair access.

The incorporating local knowledge is key for the local people know how the genesis of the flooding, pollution, waste impacts. They have lived for many years in the community and can provide information not picked up by science and technology.

Takes into account their way of living, their livelihoods, efforts to reduce hunger and poverty, social and economic development, environmental protection.

Low income structures to adapt to drought through cisterns and other water storage facilities and other CC threats are being developed

Building trust to enable access to finance-a revolving loan fund at low interest rates accessible without collateral

There is local ownership and buy in since from the start the local persons have been involved and participating in the process. The infrastructure will be maintained by the local community groups. Many SDG goals are met through the project's deliverables.

# Building Resilience of the most vulnerable



#### Mitchum's livelihood



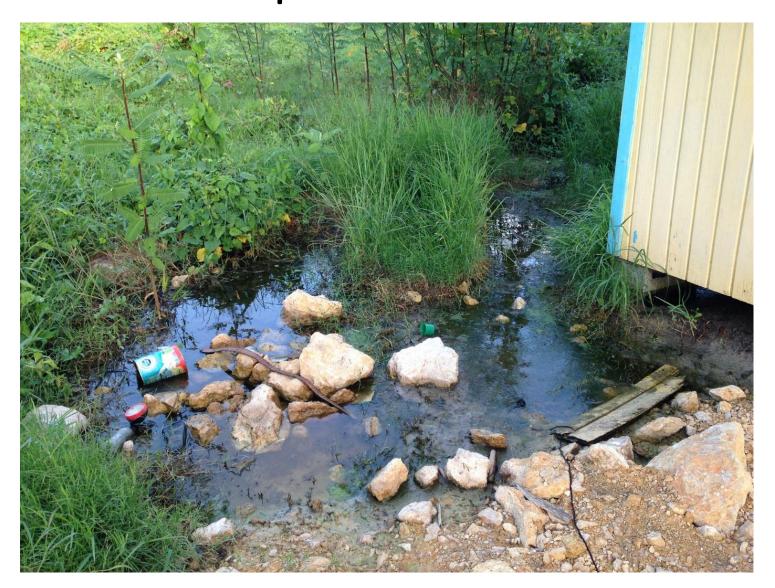
#### Threats/Risks to livelihoods



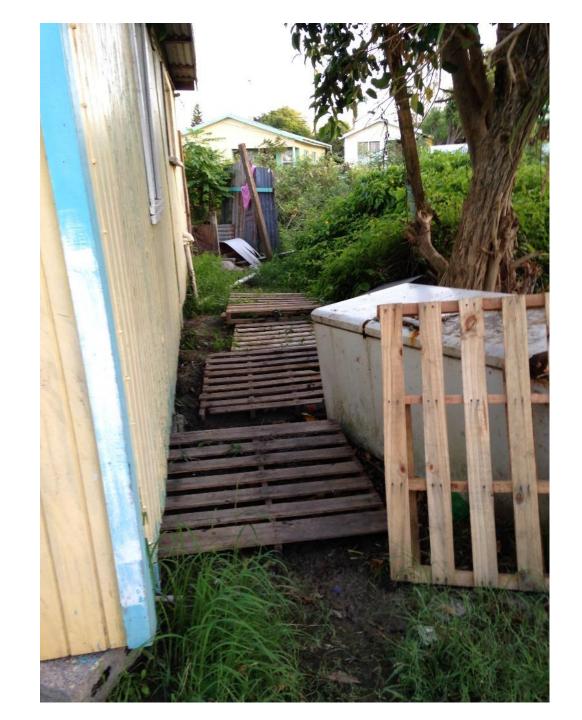
#### The threat of flood leads to health issues



# Threat from stagnant smelling water-mosquitoes, health and sanitation problems



Women's innovation for coping with threats



## Introducing interventions in Emotional Intelligence School and Community Based Programmes in the Adaptation Fund Project for Social Resilience to Extreme Hurricanes

**PILOTING AND SCALING**: A GEF Small Grants Programme on Capacity Building was successfulling implemented. The Adaptation Fund project is piloting this imitative in the context of climate change on the Northwest Coast to build emotional intelligence so that community members work together

The Adaptation Fund Integrated Health Outreach (IHO) Training Workshops for Revolving Fund Beneficiaries and Contractors

- 1. For Revolving Fund Beneficiaries (RFB), all workshops mandatory.
- 2. For contractors on the roster, all workshops are mandatory.
- 3. Training for RFB: 2 Training workshops and monthly meetings for 6-months.

#### PLANNED WORKSHOPS:

- 1. Workshop 1: climate/physical adaptation and resiliency and emotional resiliency
- 2. Workshop 2: working with contractors and emotional self-management
- 3. Workshop 3: financial management and emotional empowerment
- 4. Workshop 4: community cohesiveness and solution building
- 5. WORKSHOP 5: taking care of you and your community
- 6. WORKSHOP 6: You and your contractors—working together

#### Thank you



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