

EVALUATION RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW-UP PLAN

Evaluation Title: ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROJECT 2023Q  
 Caribbean SIDS relevant climate change and disasters indicators for evidence-based policies

Implementing Division/Office: Statistics Division and ECLAC Subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, Port of Spain

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	Recommendations and proposed actions	ECLAC response and anticipated actions	Responsible Entity (Division/Unit)	Estimated target date for completion
Rec. 1	<p><b>Tailor project activities to overcome structural limitations faced by beneficiaries</b></p> <p>Through discussions with stakeholders, analyze the implications the structural challenges they face may have on the effectiveness of project activities and the continuation of benefits after project closure, and seek relevant alternatives.</p> <p>In statistical projects in the Caribbean, this may include, for example, the identification or adaptation of data gathering and processing methods that require fewer local human resources, such as terrestrial Earth observation techniques, and the development of e-learning courses, which can help bridge the gaps in knowledge caused by high staff turnover rates.</p> <p>It would also be advisable that technological and equipment limitations are also discussed at the start of engagements with key national counterparts in the subregion.</p>	<p>With the DA12 project, we can identify with the national focal points the structural challenges they faced. As a result, we prepared several online courses about environment statistics development, disaster-related statistics, and spatial dimension of environment statistics and indicators. With the national focal points, we have a community to share the lessons learned and advances in the subregion. These materials are available for the DA12 beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries countries in the subregion. Although we don't have a specific project with these countries in the near future, we are constantly communicating with the national focal points to support them and share other spaces and opportunities to strengthen their technical capacities, including the possibility of requesting technical assistance in particular.</p>	ECLAC-SD	Ongoing
Rec. 2	<p><b>Create opportunities for partner institutions to discuss avenues to sustain and scale up project benefits.</b></p> <p>The final regional workshop of the DA2023Q project dedicated a session for beneficiary and non-beneficiary countries and partners to discuss these matters and next steps after project closure. Learning from the results of this activity and to scale up the desired benefits, it would be recommended that the design of future projects integrate a similar activity, and whenever possible, the co-creation of a continuity strategy or plan, as an activity for national, regional, and international agencies to identify ways to overcome structural challenges, scale-up benefits, consolidate and ensure the use and dissemination of results post-project.</p>	<p>It is a standard practice for multi-country capacity strengthening projects implemented by ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean to have a final regional workshop where beneficiary countries share their experience and lessons learned with non-beneficiary countries. The office will continue this practice and has already incorporated in the design of a new DA16 project starting in Q4 of 2024.</p>	ECLAC POS	Implemented