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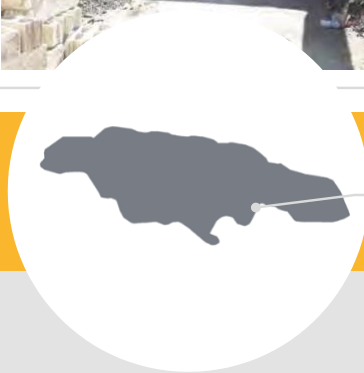
MITIGATION, ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE OF HABITAT IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS

BUILDING RESILIENCE AND EMERGING DISASTERS CAPACITIES (BRACED) IN PRECARIOUS SETTLEMENTS IN PORTMORE

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JAMAICA



MUNICIPAL, NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORTMORE

CONTEXT

PROBLEM

PORTMORE IS A COASTAL CITY LOCATED 13 KM FROM THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL. THERE ARE SEVERAL PRECARIOUS URBAN SETTLEMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY: INFORMAL LAND OCCUPATION, STREETS THAT ARE HARD TO TRANSIT, TERRIBLE STATE OF THE HOUSING PORTFOLIO, ABSENCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES, AND A DYSFUNCTIONAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. THE ENTIRE AREA IS HIGHLY EXPOSED TO NATURAL THREATS, THE SIGNIFICANT VULNERABILITY OF MANY OF ITS SETTLEMENTS MAKES DISASTER RISK EXTREMELY HIGH.

PROJECT

INCREASE THE RESILIENCE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOUSEHOLDS BY CREATING CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS WITH A DISASTER RISK REDUCTION APPROACH: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, WATER AND SANITATION, WASTE MANAGEMENT, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, URBAN PLANNING.

RESULTS

REACHED

- » MORE THAN 550 HOUSES INCORPORATED LOW-COST IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFE CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES;
- » 21 DEMONSTRATION TOILETS ARE BUILT WITH TECHNOLOGY THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A SEWER SYSTEM;
- » 3,300 PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM IMPROVEMENT IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT;
- » MORE THAN 720 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAININGS;
- » 500 HOUSEHOLDS BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REGULARIZING LAND TENURE;
- » EMPOWERMENT OF LOCAL LEADERS FROM THE THREE PROJECT'S NEIGHBORHOODS AND OPENING OF A COMMUNITY CENTER.

EXPECTED

- » MAKE PROGRESS IN PILOT PRACTICES THAT SHOW EFFECTIVE METHODS FOR DISASTER RISK MITIGATION TO INFLUENCE INCLUSIVE POLICIES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION.

