

# CREWS PROJECT STATUS REPORT April 2024 – December 2024

**Section 1. General Project Information** 

1.	Project title	Strengthening Hydro-Meteorological and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Services in the Caribbean - Phase 2 (CREWS Caribbean 2.0)	2.	Project reference	CREWS/RProj/15/Caribbean
3.	Lead Implementing Partner of the project	WMO / UNDRR	4.	Other Implementing Partners involved in the project	n/a
5.	Operational Partners involved in the project	CDEMA; CMO, CIMH	6.	Project Duration/Timeframe (from year – to year)	April 2024 – April 2027
7.	Current year of implementation	1st year of implementation	8.	Total Funding Approved by Steering Committee (in US dollars), including fees	USD 7 Million

9.	Reporting focal point(s) from	WMO: Stephanie Gallasch ( <u>SGallasch@wmo.int</u> )
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# Section 2. Overall rating

	Interpretation of color coding									
High  The project is having good implementation progress. End-of project targets achievement or cumulative financial delivery are fully on track.										
Medium		The project is having moderate progress. Implementation is facing issues. End-of project targets achievement or cumulative financial delivery are off track. Adaptive management should be undertaken immediately.								
Low		The project is having less than moderate or poor progress. Implementation is not proceeding as planned facing major issues. End-of project targets achievement or cumulative financial delivery are severely off track. Requires remedial attention where restructuring may be necessary.								

	Rating	Comments on delays
Rate of delivery  The project shows good implementation progress, after some initial delays in the initialization phase. Project activities are on track and implewill speed up in 2025.		
Rate of expenditure		The project shows good process with regards to the rate of expenditure.  Expenditure as planned.

# **Section 3. Project Performance Progress**

### 10. Progress summary

### What has been achieved during this reporting period? - Please list by project outcome in bullet points: progress and main achievements

The project was approved in April 2024. Following administrative procedures on both WMO and UNDRR side in the initiation phase, the following activities have been conducted/implemented:

- Workplans defined with key regional partners of the project: CDEMA (led by UNDRR), CMO and CIMH (led by WMO)
- WMO together with the respective NMHSs conducted rapid pillar 2 capacity assessments for initially targeted EW4ALL target countries in the Caribbean. The assessment helped identify the priority hazards, while also assessing capacities across different areas of work, including observations, monitoring, analysis, forecasts, service delivery, and governance. (Scorecards see Annex)
- May 2024: A Webinar series was held on the implementation of the Common Alerting Protocol in the Caribbean (14 & 21 May), gathering 42 NHMS Caribbean representatives. Participants were informed about the WMO Register of Alerting, Authorities, CAP good practices and lessons learnt in the Caribbean Region. These webinars are followed by in-country trainings to be held in January in Dominica, St. Lucia and Grenada.



- Nov 2024: CREWS Caribbean 2.0 project presented and discussed at Caribbean Meteorological Council held in the British Virgin Islands, valuable input gathered with regards to gaps and best practices of the past hurricane season, and alignment with project workplan ensured.

- Dec 2024: CMO and CIMH & WMO Implementing Arrangement signed, activity implementation initiated.
- Dec 2024: The 2 phased course is designed to improve Marine Weather Competencies, especially in SIDS. Phase I was implemented between March-June 2022, with 16 countries participating. It provided an opportunity for participants to explore and evaluate various aspects of service delivery, using the WMO marine services delivery guidelines and framework. This second phase, supported through the CREWS Caribbean 2.0 project, was designed to identify and address gaps of NHMS in delivering marine services, with a focus on improving service delivery strategies and customer relationships. An online learning course was held from 28 October to 22 November 2024 prior to a face-to-face learning in Bridgetown, Barbados, from 2-11 December 2024. The training was hosted by the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) and strengthened a range of technical skills, including basic satellite imagery interpretation for marine environment, impact-based forecasting and wave forecasting. It was composed of interactive sessions enhance the participants' technical and communication skills in marine forecasting and most importantly their organisational service delivery. These sessions brought the participants closer to the marine stakeholders and helped them understand better their end-users needs while getting feedback regarding how accurate forecast products are imperative for their operations. Sixteen participants from fourteen Caribbean English-speaking States joined the on-site training.

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- Dec 2024: The first Americas and Caribbean Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS) Regional Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF), held on December 5, 2024, in St. Kitts and Nevis as part of the CDM13 Conference, served as a pivotal platform to advance disaster preparedness and resilience in the region. With approximately 500 participants attending in person and additional virtual engagement, the forum fostered dialogue among ministers, technical agencies, and diverse stakeholders, including women, youth, indigenous knowledge holders, and the private sector. Under the CDM13 theme "Road to Resilience Checkpoint 2024: Levelling Up for a Dynamic Future," the event addressed gaps in multi-hazard early warning systems, shared best practices, and strengthened partnerships to ensure inclusive disaster preparedness. Discussions included innovative approaches to data integration, community-centred communication strategies, and sustainable financing mechanisms. The outcomes of the forum are set to inform the Sendai Framework Regional Action Plan Ministerial Meeting and the global EW4All Forum in 2025, marking a significant step toward enhancing multi-hazard early warning systems and building regional resilience.
- The progress under Outcome 1 demonstrates significant advancements in strengthening legislative and institutional frameworks to support and sustain multi-hazard early warning systems (MHEWS) in the Caribbean.
  - The finalization and approval of its MHEWS Policy by Cabinet in May 2024, providing a solid foundation for integrated early warning and disaster risk management.
  - o MHEWS Addendum and the Disaster Resilience Scorecard have been applied in St. John's, Antigua & Barbuda, and St. Joseph, Barbados, with draft strategies developed and is currently awaiting review from the sub-national focal point for approval.
  - Supporting the advancement of the improved legislation in Jamaica and Bahamas, situational analysis was developed for Jamaica and Bahamas that supports the development to the country work programme for the countries.
- Sub-regional grant established with CDEMA to support the implementation of activities. Through this grant the following would be achieved:
  - Development of multi-sectoral DRR Platforms in two participating states.
  - Enhanced coordination between NMHSs and NDRMOs for data sharing agreements.
  - Meeting of the Regional Early Warning Systems Consortium
  - Support to 2 countries for MHEWS Policy development.
- Improved early warning service delivery and accessibility by national and regional institutions is being strengthened within the initiative of

CREWS. Work has been advancing in support of a regional geospatial platform hosted by CDEMA.

- Trinidad and Tobago launched in November 2024, the National Disaster Risk Information Management.
- Draft Barbados National Disaster Risk Information System presented and approved by the Minister of Home Affairs and Information and the Emergency Management Advisory Committee.
- National Risk knowledge Strategies established for Antigua and Barbuda, Haiti and Trinidad and Tobago were developed that supports the systematic collection of data and analysis contributing to impact-based forecasting.
- Development of the first draft of information chains for MHEWS for Antigua and Barbuda and Barbados first drafts completed.
- Private sector engagement as reflected in outcome 3 is being supported through a landscape assessment survey which is being piloted in Barbados. The Landscape Assessment Study is currently under development, with the objective to gather insights from micro, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) on how they view climate and disaster risks and assess the resilience of their organization and locality (city). The input will feed into a UNDRR-led project on strengthening the disaster resilience of MSMEs in three locations: Barcelona (Spain), Bridgetown (Barbados) and Sendai (Japan).

### 11. Rating of progress towards achieving CREWS Indicators

Complete the following for the selected CREWS indicators in the project logical framework, at both outcome and output level. Use the unit of measure and disaggregation level defined for each indicator and provide a progress summary justification of the indicator. This summary should state the evidence on the indicator's progress and describe in detail what has been achieved and performed focusing on results.

CREWS Outcome 1: N	CREWS Outcome 1: National and local multi-hazard early warning systems prioritized and funded									
Indicator	Baseline level	End-of project target level	Target for reporting period	Progress by (Set as a percentage)	Progress summary justification as of	Progress rating <sup>2</sup>				
# of LDCs and SIDS with national investment plans and budgets prioritizing multi- hazard early	No existing guidelines of MHEWS Financing in the region	Development of 1 regional guidelines for sustainable MHEWS Financing	0	0%	Will be initiated in 2025	n/a				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CREWS Results Framework.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Use scale system provided in Annex X of this document.

warning			
programmes			

f national plans,	9 National Strategic     Plans incl. Frameworks	4 National Strategic Plans incl. Frameworks for	• 0 NSPs & Legislations	0%	NSP/Legislation to be	In Plan
ategies and islations on early rnings approved d/or plemented	for Weather, Water and Climate Services (developed under CREWS Caribbean 1.0)  8 Meteorological	Weather, Water and Climate Services  TBD Meteorological legislation  Further legislation/	Support the Finalisation of     National MHEWS Policy	100%	initiated in 2025  Barbados MHEWS Policy was finalized and approved by cabinet in May 2024.	
	Legislations developed (CREWS Caribbean 1.0)  Draft CDEMA Model policy for MHEWS in the Caribbean	institutional framework development tbd 2 National MHEWS Policy Developed MCR Addendum	<ul> <li>approved</li> <li>2 MCR Addendum         <ul> <li>(Antigua and Barbuda and Barbados)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		MHEWS Addendum	
	1 Sub-National Resilience Strategy for Tobago (MCR 2030)	implemented in 4 Caribbean local governments		80%	and Disaster Resilience Scorecard applied in St. Johns Antigua& Barbuda and in St. Joseph	
					Barbados. The strategy is developed in draft and awaiting review	
					from the sub- national focal point for approval	

# of coordination	Regional Early Warning	2 Coordination Mechanism	2 – REWSC & at least one	0%	- First Sub-Regional Virtual	Delayed, but in
mechanisms	Consortium (REWSC)	strengthened – REWSC &	Sub-Regional Meeting held		Meeting between	progress
strengthened or	created, but not held	sub-regional exchange			National Meteorological	
established to	periodically	mechanisms between			and Hydrological Services	
		NDRMO's and NHMSs to be			(NMHSs) and National	
enhance		created			Disaster Risk	
collaboration on					Management Offices	
early warning					(NDRMOs)	
among national or					East Caribbean + South	
regional institutions					Caribbean + Guyana +	
					Suriname	
					To be held in January	
					2025. Originally planned	
					for Nov. 2024.	
					- Regional Early Warning	
					Consortium meeting to be	
					held virtually in Feb. 2024	

# of multi-hazard assessments, analyses and other mapping of needs, gaps priorities that	Pillar 2 Assessments for all target countries to be conducted – Baseline	4 Pillar 2 Assessments conducted     No other assessments in 2024	4 Pillar 2 Assessments conducted	• 100%	4 Pillar 2 Assessments conducted	In plan
inform investment requirements on early warning	Other assessments – e.g. Regional Lightning capacities planned					

Output 1.3. Partnerships and cooperation frameworks developed for financing and scaling up support to multi-hazard early warning systems

Total volume of funds leveraged by national institutions and development partners (in USD) through CREWS investments	No co-financing partnerships established yet	Co-Financing for additional activities with national governments and development partners.	At least 1 development partner	50%	Discussions initiated with the EU on co-financing of the private sector engagement and roll-out phase of EW4ALL in at least 2 countries	In-plan
# of LDCs and SIDS benefiting from GCF resources through the GCF- SAP CREWS Scaling Up Framework	CREWS GCF Scale-up Project Trinidad & Tobago and Belize – Baseline: No funding leveraged	USD 25 Million T&T and     Belize     USD 25 Million Haiti	0	40%	CREWS GCF Trinidad and Tobago and Belize scale- up under development, GCF CREWS Haiti Scale-Up under development (leadership WFP)	In Plan

CREWS Outcome 2: Improved early warning service delivery and accessibility by national and regional institutions								
Indicator	Baseline level	End-of project target level	Target for reporting period	Progress by (Set as a percentage)	Progress summary justification as of	Progress rating		
EW Maturity Index								
# of hazards which pose a risk of life and economic loss for which forecasting and warning services are in place in LDCs and SIDS through CREWS support	At least 5	At least 5	Work in progress for all hazards	20%	Many activities initiated, but not completed	In Plan		

Output 2.1 Risk inform	Output 2.1 Risk information and tools generated by countries to enable the delivery of impact-based early warnings								
# of risk data tools developed or strengthened to generate early warning products and/or support impact-based warnings.	1 Regional Spatial Data Risk Information platform	4 national level risk information platform  Support NDMROs in 4 countries to develop information chain for MHEWS	1	100 %	- Trinidad and Tobago Disaster Risk Information Management System developed and launched in November 2024.	completed			
			3	100%	National Risk Knowledge Plan for Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda and Haiti were developed within the framework of CREWS 2.0				

Output 2.2. Monitorii	ng, analysis and forecasting of h	nazards that threaten the count	ry/region are improved and sus	tained by the countrie	es	
# of functioning	Many systems available in	Products for 5 hazards	0	0%	Initiated, to be	In Plan
monitoring and	the Region	updated, extended,			implemented in 2025 and	
observation	the Region	improved			2026	
systems established						
or strengthened per						
hazard						
# of hazards	Many products available in	Products for 5 hazards	0	0%	Initiated, to be	In Plan
monitoring, analysis	, ,	updated, extended,			implemented in 2025 and	
and forecasting	the Region	improved			2026	
processes		r				
developed or						
improved						

# of forecasting and	To be defined	To be defined	0	0%	Will be defined at later	In Plan
prediction products	To be defined				stage	
developed and/or					3	
accessed from						
WMO Global						
Prediction Centers						
(GPCs), Regional						
Specialized						
Meteorological						
Centers (RSMCs)						
and NMHSs.						

Output 2.3 Warnings	Output 2.3 Warnings are communicated by the countries based on common alerting protocols under agreed standard operational procedures (SOPs)					
# of warnings issued in CAP format	Information pending for this in	ndicator. Will be delivered asap.				
# of updated LDCs and SIDS entries in the WMO register of alerting authorities	0 in target countries	3	0	60%	Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia (CAP Implementation Workshops to be held in Jan. 2025)	In Plan
# of communication channels through which warnings are disseminated in the area covered by a prediction service for a given hazard(s)	6 in target countries	Potentially 1 additional	0	0%	To be defined during CAP Implementation Workshops in the three target countries	In Plan

Output 2.4 Warnings	are received, understood, and	acted upon based on co-produc	ed preparedness and respons	e plans by the countries		
# of preparedness and anticipatory action plans or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that are operational and linked to prediction and warning services	1	3	0	0%	SOPs between NMHS and NDRMOs to be developed for target countries – activity yet to be initiated	In Plan
# of risk maps, advisory and other warning products that are available and adapted to the user group/development sector needs	Many risk maps available in the Caribbean – will be defined which ones need to be adjusted, updated and additionally developed	To be defined	1	100%	Thunderstorms and lightning strikes map developed for Barbados based on 2024 August event	In plan

CREWS Outcome 3: Earl	y warning programmes are dri	iven by people-centered and ger	nder-responsive principles and	l promote private sector	engagement	
Indicator	Baseline level	End-of project target level	Target for reporting period	Progress by (Set as a percentage)	Progress summary justification as of	Progress rating
Level of integration of people centered and	0	High	0	n/a	Activity planned but not yet initiated	In Plan

gender responsive approaches <sup>3</sup>						
Level of users' engagement satisfaction in the people-centered and gender-responsive approaches/activities <sup>4</sup>	0	High	0	n/a	Activity planned but not yet initiated	In Plan

•	fferent backgrounds, gender d weather information produ	, youth, older persons, people v ucts tailored to their needs	vith disability, poor, margina	lized, displaced, and nor	n-native, as well as related i	nstitutions have
# of climate and weather information co-designed to users' needs by group representing vulnerable segments of exposed	Target to be defined	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# of women and men trained through X # of capacity building programmes provided by CREWS	Between 300 & 500	Barbados Making Cities     Resilient (MCR) Workshop     Antigua and Barbuda     MCR Workshop     Marine Services Course	Min 100 persons trained	100%	• 50 persons Barbados (11 males & 27 females)	In Plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please grade your project based on the following criteria: **Low**- The project did not perform consultations, activities to promote gender quality, and activities /developed products with a people-centered approach. **Medium**- There is evidence of the project performing at least one consultation, one activity to promote gender equality, and one activity/product developed with a people-centered approach. **High**- There is evidence the project performed more than one consultation, activities to promote gender equality, and activities/products developer with a people-centered approach.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This indicator will only be completed when the survey is performed. Please provide the overall result of your survey result based on the following criteria: **Low**- Users do not feel the project considered their opinion, context and experience when developing or strengthening early warning systems. **Medium**- Users feel the project somewhat considered their opinion, context and experience when developing or strengthening early warning systems. **High**- Users feel the project considerably considered their opinion, context and experience when developing or strengthening early warning systems.

# of CREWS projects that have included	CREWS Caribbean 2.0 is stro	CAP Webinar  Ongly committed to including gen	nder equality in early warning	s in all project outcomes.	<ul> <li>35 persons Antigua &amp; Barbuda (9 males, 17 females)</li> <li>Marine Service Workshop 22 persons (14 female, 9 male)</li> <li>CAP Webinar - 42 persons (30 male, 12 female)</li> </ul>	
that have included gender equality in early warning as an objective or outcome  # of targeted outputs and activities towards gender implemented	0	1 regional workshop for the development of a guideline on ensuring inclusive and gender responsive MHEWS	0	0%	Activities planned but to be initiated in 2025	In Plan

# of agreements with private sector to co- finance or co-	sector in Lightning	Minimum.	inability in delive	ory of early warning services	0%	Planned for Risk Awareness Competition	In Plan
implement EWS initiatives	Awareness Campaign Other plans tbd					Activity (05/2025) with private sector inclusion	
	No developed BCP within the private sector						

	Development of a private	0	50%	Draft survey has been
	sector survey to integrate			developed and being
	MHEWS into BCP			finalized.
				Implementation has not
				yet started.

#### 12. Risk Status

Insert ALL the risks identified at project proposal, those from previous/current project status reports, and the new risk identified for the current reporting period. If a risk has been mitigated or is no longer a risk, please specify it in the "current situation" column.

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Description of risk	Risk management actions.	Current situation
What is the cumulative risk status of the project in		If mitigation measures have been undertaken, what is the
comparison to what was identified in the project	What mitigation measures have been developed to	current status of the risk? If a risk has been mitigated or is no
proposal?	address the risk status? <u>In bullet points</u>	longer a risk, please specify it here.
The cumulative risk status of the project is low. WMO and UNDRR respectively have developed risk matrixes for the projects, including probabilities, impacts and mitigation measures which are used for risk management.	Risk Mitigation actions will be implemented if required	No mitigation measures in place, no risks materialized

### 13. Knowledge management and social media

Provide a list of knowledge activities / products (when applicable) produced during this reporting period only. Include any links to press releases, videos or communication items and/or social media. Please attach with this report any supporting files, including photos, videos, stories, and other documents.

### **Project Announcements**

- Strengthening Hydro-Meteorological and Early Warning Services in the Caribbean | World Meteorological Organization
- New Funding to strengthen Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems in the Caribbean
- Strengthening Hydro-Meteorological and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Services in the Caribbean Phase 2 (CREWS Caribbean 2.0)
- Regional leaders drive resilience with action-oriented disaster risk commitments
- Making Cities Resilient Barbados Workshop

### 14. Partnerships & stakeholder engagement

Optional: If the project worked with any of the	following partners <u>in this reporting period</u> , please provide a summary of the partnership activities.
Civil Society Organisations and/or NGOs	International Federation for Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (planned) – Project Activity 4.1 Community-based EWS strengthened
Academic Institutions	University of West Indies (planned) – Collaboration planned in project component No. 2. Disaster Risk Knowledge improved on a Regional, National and Community Levels
Private Sector	CARICHAM (planned) – Project Activity 1.1.6: Development of two regional workshops with private sector representatives and CARICHAM to discuss MHEWS private sector engagement strategy and develop a corresponding roadmap

## 15. Impact stories

Provide a brief summary of any especially interesting and impactful project result that is considered to be worth sharing in the annual report to the Steering Committee, with concrete examples of the contributions to CREWS value propositions (gender-responsive, multiplier, people-centered, promote coherence, solution-oriented, unique) (max 500 words).

No impact stories available yet, the project team will ensure to gather suitable stories during the implementation of upcoming activities.

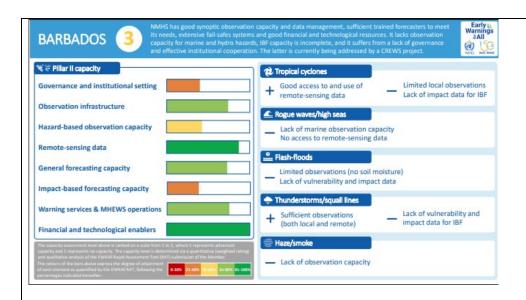
## 16. Financial management

Total financing approved (in approved project proposal):	USD 7 Million
,	WMO: USD 1,056,979 (Actuals & Obligations) UNDRR: USD 1,144,472 (Actuals & Obligations
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	WMO: 30% UNDRR: 33% Overall Total: 31%

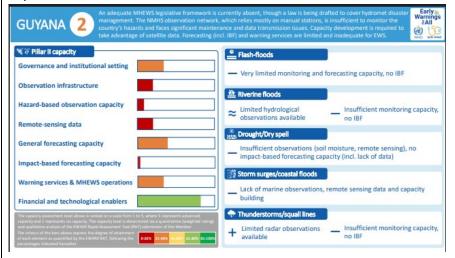
### 17. Supporting documents

List and annex to the report any documents providing details on project activities <u>conducted during the reporting period</u> such as reports of training sessions, assessment reports, online solutions and tools, manuals, summaries of high-level discussions etc.

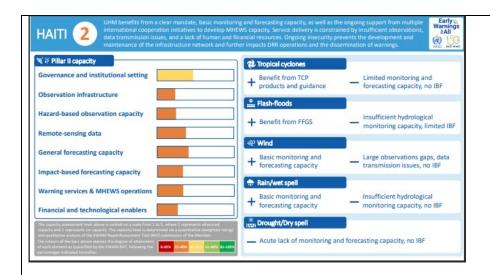
### Pillar 2 Assessment Scorecards Antigua & Barbuda Early Warnings ANTIGUA AND **BARBUDA** ¥ ∓ Pillar II capacity Tropical cyclones Governance and institutional setting \_\_ Limited monitoring and forecasting + Access to NHC products and guidance capacity, esp. for cascading hazards Observation infrastructure Flash-floods Hazard-based observation capacity Limited monitoring capacity (precipitation only), lack of hydrological observation for rural and urban areas Remote-sensing data Esse Drought/dry spell General forecasting capacity Limited monitoring and IBF capacity (precipitation only) Impact-based forecasting capacity L High seas/rogue waves Warning services & MHEWS operations + Access to NHC products and guidance - Lack of ocean observation capacity Financial and technological enablers ( Tsunami - Acute lack of monitoring capacity **Barbados**



### Guyana



#### Haiti



**Deliverables Folder WMO** (will be updated regularly throughout project implementation):

Deliverables CREWS Caribbean

### 18. Certification on Use of Resources

Each Implementing Partner to provide a certification of the use of resources signed by their authorized representative.

## 19. Annex. Progress rating

Interpretation of color coding		
Achieved		The indicator has achieved its end-of-project target.
Partially achieved		The indicator is on track to achieve its end-of-project target.
Not achieved		The indicator has not had any advancement towards achieving its end-of-project target.