



Project status: Prepare



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Prepare Phase Lessons Learnt Story – Grand Anse Watershed, Grenada

Name of Partnership: Grand Anse Watershed Partnership

Location: Morne Rouge, Grand Anse, Grenada

Sectors involved: Public, private, civil

Partners: Works Division of the Ministry of Communications, Works, & ICT; Land Use Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry and Fisheries; Spice Island Beach Resort, Mount Cinnamon Resort, Mr. Wayne Williams of the Mont Tout Community Development Organisation, The Parliamentary Representative Office of Grand Anse



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The broken drainage outlet towards Grand Anse Beach exacerbates the current situation of frequent flooding as it is often blocked with sand and silt due to its dilapidated state. Since there is also a sewage pumping station in the same area, there is a serious health threat for the community, customers, and tourists. The overarching goal of the Grand Anse Watershed Partnership is to decrease the impacts of the frequent flooding after heavy rainfall events through the implementation of a sustainable drainage and water management system in this area.



Based on the locality of a partnership and the implementation required, having a small group of interested partners could be what is needed to launch a partnership. When preparing, stakeholders respond well to research and background information about the current issue and the proposed solutions. In Morne Rouge, Grenada in the area of the Grand Anse Beach, IWaSP was able to appeal to the interests of a few stakeholders in the area who were determined to begin without having to wait until all stakeholders were convened. This was made possible through the staged approach of the partnership, with a focus on quick win measures at the beginning (while still able to act as stand-alone examples for improved water and drainage management in a catchment area). These initial steps are expected to help attract other stakeholders and, hence, additionally required resources for the second, more comprehensive stage.

Following initial successes, the partnership has encountered some challenges. It has proven difficult to have all stakeholders present for meetings, especially when there are critical decisions that need to be made. This is due to the conflicting schedules of the members of the different sectors, which – due to the small size of Grenada and the respective organisations –



often have to wear multiple hats and are constantly engaged in multi-tasking. The approach chosen to overcome this in the immediate short-term was to focus on individual meetings and sharing the results in joint information releases. Going forward, the set-up of a task force with more operational staff is planned, as well as the creation of a forum that all partners have access to, which will allow easier communication and sharing of information.

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