

POLICY OPTIONS FOR MITIGATING VULNERABILITY



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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- A) Guidelines to Orient Policy Options
- B) Governance Framework to Reduce Vulnerability
- C) Where can USAID make a Difference
 - National Governance
 - Decentralized Governance
 - Integrated Watershed Management Assistance

GUIDELINES TO ORIENT POLICY OPTIONS

- Focus of High Risk Flood Zones
- Synergies
- Consideration of the Haitian Vision
- Decentralization of Management & Good Governance
- Development, Dissemination & Appropriate Information
- Integrated Approach

GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY

- Forestry Action Plan
- National Land Planning Design
- Population/Environment Policy
- Integrated Watershed & Coastal Zone Management Policy
- Domestic Energy Policy
- Institutional Strengthening of Compliance & Regulation

NATIONAL GOVERNANCE & ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

- Formulation of Forestry Action Plan
- Creation of the National Agency of Protected Areas (ANAP)
- Creation of the National Environmental & Vulnerability Observatory (ONEV)

DECENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE: LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

- Municipal Government Policy Support (zoning, building codes)
- Strengthening regional mayor associations
- Assist municipalities to implement disaster-preparedness & risk management

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND MANGROVES

- Planning & Management of Appropriate Mechanisms
- Education and Implementation of Best Practices in Strategic Watersheds
- Improve sustainable management of wetland and mangrove zones
- Improve linkages between USAID JOBS and local wetland management

PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

- Establishment of Marine Protected Area. (Arcadins, Northeast Bays)
- Build responsibilities and roles of local user groups (fishers, sawyers) and co-management approaches
- Protected Area Management to increase buffering capacity

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Mangroves & Protected Areas to buffer against natural disasters**
- **Forestry Action Plan to define visions and practical solutions**
- **Ridge-to-Reef to restore high mountain headwaters to ocean systems**