

# Hurricane Lenny Recovery Project in the Eastern Caribbean

## Quarterly Report April - June 2001

This is the third quarterly report on the Hurricane Lenny SpO Activities for work in Grenada, Dominica, St. Lucia and Antigua & Barbuda.

### Background

The following activities are planned under the SpO:

IR-1: Key Sea Defense systems repaired in Grenada, Dominica and St. Lucia.

IR-2: Key personnel trained in specialized areas.

IR-3: Integrated Coastal Management Plans for St. Lucia and Antigua & Barbuda.

IR-4: Economic Activities Reactivated (no activities now planned).

The Grant Agreement covering the above activities was signed with the OECS on June 27, 2000.

### IR-1 Key Sea Defense Systems Repaired

- 1. Grenada:** The contract for the reconstruction of the sea wall at Gouyave was awarded to Trinidad Contractor's Ltd. for an amount of \$1.74 million with USAID funding \$1.3 million of the total figure. Work is progressing with the placement of rock armor and the construction of a retaining wall, the contract is expected to last 18 weeks. Construction is approximately 35% completed.
- 2. Dominica:** Tenders were opened on May 2, 2001 for reconstruction works in the Cabrits area. The contractor Edgehill & Associates has commenced work under a \$1.04 million contract that is expected to last 24 weeks. The lack of suitable rock in Dominica has delayed the project approximately four weeks. Rock armor for the project is now being sourced from neighboring islands. The contractor is fully mobilized and is progressing in accordance with the revised schedule. Work is approximately 20% completed.
- 3. St. Lucia:** Tenders were sent out on May 31, 2001 to 7 prequalified contractors for reconstruction work in the Gros Islet and Soufriere areas. The lowest bidder came in at \$3.3 million which is significantly above the project budget of \$1.9 million. The Government of St. Lucia has committed to providing \$600,000 to match USAID's planned \$1,300,000 into the project. Negotiations are underway with the lowest ranked contractor to arrive at an agreement acceptable to the government. It is now

expected that a contract will be signed by the end of July with work with being completed by mid-November.

## **IR 2: Key Personnel Trained in Specialized Areas**

The training program has been finalized between the OAS, the Faculty of Engineering at the University of the West Indies, Old Dominion University in collaboration with the US Corps of Engineers. Invitations to the following listed courses have been sent to all relevant entities in the region.

- **Course 1** *Coastal Zone Management* held in Antigua on June 18-22, 2001 and in St. Lucia on July 2-6, 2001 (35 persons attended).
- **Course 2.1** *Coastal Defense Systems I* in St. Lucia on July 16-20, 2001 and **Course 2.2** *Coastal Defense Systems II* in Dominica on July 30 to August 3, 2001.
- **Course 3** *Monitoring and Maintenance of Coastal Infrastructure* in Grenada on September 10-13, 2001, and
- **Course 4** *Design of Marine Structures* in Trinidad/Tobago on September 24-28, 2001.

## **IR 3: Coastal Zone Management Plans For Selected Areas**

1. SWI/CEP completed and submitted a coastal resources and resource management issues analysis document prior to completing the coastal zone management plan. The coastal zone management plan is now expected to be completed by July 30, 2001.
2. NOAA is progressing on the development of the Coastal zone management plan for NW Antigua, under a Global/Env. Inter Agency Agreement, which was signed on January 3, 2001. The delay in starting was due to the late arrival of funds to NOAA. Work will now be completed by the middle of November 2001.

## **IR 4: Economic Activities Reactivated**

Funds previously under this component have been reallocated to IR 1 following the lack of success in identifying suitable entities for assistance under this component.

## **Project Management**

There have been delays in the project in all three countries as a result of unforeseen programmatic issues. **We therefore anticipate some delay in the completion of each project.** The Gouyave project in Grenada is expected to be completed at the end of August, whereas the Dominica and St. Lucia projects are now expected to be completed in October and mid November respectively.

## Financial Summary

The following table summarizes the financial status of the project at June 30, 2001.

<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Revised Budget/\$</b>	<b>Expended/Accrued/\$</b>
<b>IR 1 Sea defenses repaired</b>	4,275,000	835,973
<b>IR 2 Specialized Training</b>	550,000	190,000
<b>IR 3 ICMP</b>	200,000	30,000*
<b>IR 4 Economic activities reactivated</b>	0	0
<b>USAID Project Management</b>	75,000	14,824
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,100,000</b>	<b>1,070,797</b>

\* Contract between Global/Env and NOAA signed in January. Figure adjusted to previous report reflecting late start.

## Expected Future Expenditure

	<b>June (Act)</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Total \$ '000</b>
<b>IR - 1 Sea Defenses Repaired</b>	564	669	1,005	788	650	280	3,956
<b>IR -2 Specialised Training</b>	50	80	80	80	80	40	410
<b>IR - 3 ICMP</b>	33	113	33	33	33		245
<b>USAID Project Mgt.</b>	10	10	10	10	10	10	60
	657	872	1,128	911	773	330	4,671

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