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Quick Facts

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| Countries | Barbados |
| Financial Institutions | Green Climate Fund (GCF) |
| Status | Approved |
| Bank Risk Rating | B |
| Voting Date | 2022-10-20 |
| Borrower | Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) |
| Sectors | Climate and Environment, Energy, Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation |
| Investment Type(s) | Grant |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 39.40 million |
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| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 50.00 million |



Project Description

The 3R-CReWS project proposes to support Barbados' adaptation to water scarcity conditions that will be amplified by climate change, in addition to reducing its carbon footprint and GHG emissions, and serving as a practical example for the Caribbean for climate-resilient water and wastewater management, reuse of treated wastewater, and aquifer recharge through upgrading the wastewater treatment process to tertiary level. The project has 4 components:

- Component 1: Infrastructure to transform one of the water treatment plants into a tertiary treatment system, installation of systems to recover reclaimed water, installation of pipes, etc.
- Component 2: infrastructure to improve the climate resilience and carbon neutrality of the wastewater treatment system, through photovoltaic energy, energy efficiency and conservation equipment, and renewable bioenergy.
- Component 3: Creation of an enabling environment to achieve the required paradigm shift. This component will result in an improvement of the technical capacities of the water technical personnel.
- Component 4: Strengthening the enabling environment through legislative review and a focus on educating the public and private sector on the importance of wastewater treatment and addressing climate change issues affecting the water sector and enabling policies and laws.

Some expected results include:

- Upgrading the Bridgetown Wastewater Treatment Plant (BSTP) to treat wastewater to a tertiary water quality standard.
- Tertiary treated wastewater is available to supplement non-potable use
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies are implemented
- Improved capacities of wastewater technical staff
- Strategic plan to guide replication of water treatment facilities along the West Coast
- Mechanisms developed/expanded to encourage the adoption of wastewater treatment and reuse applications by individuals and companies.
- Implementation of gender sensitive public awareness and education campaign



Investment Description

- Green Climate Fund (GCF)



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Bank Documents

- [Environmental and social safeguards reports](#)
- [Funding Proposal](#)