



Sint Maarten Resources for Community Resilience (R4CR)

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R4CR program

- **Funded by the Netherlands Government through the Sint Maarten Trust Fund following hurricane Irma**
- **Aim: Support CSOs in their efforts to reconstruction and sustainability post-Irma**
- **Period of implementation: July 2020 – June 2024**



Key Principles

- **CSO needs and challenges are key under R4CR**
- **Prime stakeholders: citizens and communities who suffered from Irma**
- **Activities focus on reconstruction and sustainability**
- **No major construction, but small-scale community oriented projects**
- **Flexibility, speed and visibility**



Two Main Pillars



1) Grant Scheme for CSO projects

- Max. 7 application rounds in period July 2020 - June 2024
- First year, 2 'Quick Win' rounds (launched)

2) Capacity Building, Support and TA

- Pre-Grant Phase: info session and support with application
- Preparation Phase: PDT
- Implementation Phase: Targeted training and on-the-job coaching
- Completion Phase: LBT





Eligible Categories

- 1) Community Councils/Neighbourhood initiatives
- 2) Daycare Centers/ Afternoon School Programs & Activities
- 3) Sports & Recreational Activities/Facilities
- 4) Nature & Environment
- 5) Art, Cultural, Archaeological and Heritage Activities
- 6) Psycho-social and Emotional Support
- 7) Poverty Relief
- 8) Youth Employment/Entrepreneurship
- 9) Skills Development
- 10) Tackling Gender-Based Violence (GBV)





Grant Scheme Cycle





Project Application

- Is accepted by all parties involved (in case of > 1 partner)
- Meets R4CR requirements (see: Grant Manual)
- Can be executed within the proposed timeline with budget
- Has special emphasis for vulnerable groups
- Has a positive impact on the community
- Includes innovation initiatives and is able to reach lasting results





Grant Application Form – Annex 1



5 Main Sections:

- A1 – A4** **About Your Organization**
- B1 - B12** **About Your R4CR Project**
- C1** **About Your Project Plan**
- D1-D3** **Safeguards and Sustainability**
- E1** **Supporting Documentation**

For detailed information, see www.r4cr.org, Downloads, Annex 1



Budget Ceiling

- **Total envelope for QW-1 was US\$ 500,000 (50,000 per project)**
- **Total envelope for QW-1 was US\$ 500,000 (60,000 per project)**
- **Total envelope for Application Round 3 is US\$ 1,250,000 (90,000 per project)**



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Lessons Learned

- **Administrative procedures time consuming**
- **Procurement procedures cumbersome**
- **Auditing procedures and costs out of proportion**
- **Collaboration between CSO difficult to achieve**
- **Individual assistance on top of workshop sessions needed**
- **Reporting is a challenge for CSOs**



Capacity Strenghtening & Training

- In which areas do your CSOs receive training?
- How is the training been organized?
- What are the main challenges?
- Whar are the lessons learned and advice you can give to other VNGI managed projects?



Communication with Local Community

- To what extent is project communication to the local community relevant?
- How do you communicate about a project with the local community?
- Is there a communication plan and if so, what are the main topic areas?
- Which media tools do you use?
- Do you get any feedback from the community?
- What are the lessons learned?