



**MENB**

Ministry of Environment & National Beautification  
Green and Blue Economy

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## THE BERYL BARBADOS PROJECT



### *What is the Beryl Barbados Project?*

The **Beryl Barbados Project**, also called the Beryl Emergency Response and Recovery Project or BERRP, is a government-led initiative developed to support emergency response and long-term recovery efforts following the impact of Hurricane Beryl on Barbados in July 2024. It addresses the critical needs in infrastructure, livelihood of the fishing sector specifically, community resilience and disaster risk response and reduction.

### *Who is leading the Beryl Barbados Project?*

The Government of Barbados, through the Ministry of Finance and Investment as well as the Ministry of Environment, National Beautification, Blue and Green Economy, alongside relevant national departments, with funding from the World Bank and technical assistance from the European Union.

### *What are the main goals of BERRP?*

There are four main goals. These are:

- To provide immediate relief and recovery support to affected populations.
- To rebuild and strengthen critical infrastructure.
- To support the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, especially coastal and fisheries sectors which were largely impacted.
- To enhance long-term resilience to future disasters through improved planning and coordination.

### *What areas or sectors does the project focus on?*

- Emergency relief and shelter
- Coastal and fisheries recovery
- Disaster preparedness and climate resilience
- Port infrastructure restoration

### *Who are the main beneficiaries?*

The **Beryl Barbados Project**, primarily benefits individuals and communities directly affected by Hurricane Beryl, with focus on vulnerable groups, including coastal communities, fisherfolk, women, children, the differently abled and the elderly.





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## *How can stakeholders get involved in the project?*

Stakeholders can participate through consultations, community and town hall meetings, implementation partnerships, capacity-building sessions, or by providing feedback via communication channels established by the project team.

## *What kind of support will fisherfolk receive under the project?*

Support includes repair and replacement of damaged boats through loans and grant assistance; restoration of landing facilities; development of concepts for sustainable support to fisherfolk, including insurance schemes.

## *Is the project only focussed on physical infrastructure?*

No. While repair to physical infrastructure is a key component, the Beryl Barbados Project also includes social and economic recovery initiatives, capacity building, psychosocial support, and community resilience planning.

## *How long will the project run?*

The project is scheduled to run from 2024 to 2030, covering both the emergency response immediately following Hurricane Beryl's impact, as well as medium-term recovery activities.

## *How is the project funded?*

Funding comes through a US\$54 million loan from the World Bank to the Barbados Government.

## *How will the project ensure transparency and accountability?*

The **Beryl Barbados Project** will follow strict financial management, monitoring and reporting standards. Regular updates, community consultations, and grievance mechanisms will be in place to ensure that transparency and responsiveness are also upheld.

## *How can individuals raise concerns or complaints about the Beryl Barbados Project?*

There is a dedicated grievance mechanism in place in accordance with international best practice and standards, to allow stakeholders or anyone affected to submit their complaints, concerns or suggestions about the project's implementation. You can access this mechanism via the project's webpage located [www.fisheries.gov.bb/the-beryl-barbados-project](http://www.fisheries.gov.bb/the-beryl-barbados-project), via the hotline (246) 289-2494) or via email - [berrpbarbados@gmail.com](mailto:berrpbarbados@gmail.com).

Complaints will be handled confidentially, fairly and promptly.





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## *Will there be opportunities for local contractors and service providers?*

Certainly. The project encourages the engagement of local contractors and suppliers through transparent procurement processes to support economic recovery as well as job creation. Some ongoing works are already being done through local services.

## *How will environmental concerns be addressed?*

Environmental safeguards and standards have already been integrated into all project activities, including those still to be done. This is to ensure sustainable reconstruction and to minimise ecological impacts, particularly in coastal zones.

## *What are environmental and social safeguards, and why are they important to the Beryl Barbados Project?*

The Project is committed to rebuilding and restoring communities in a way that protects people and the environment. Environmental and social safeguards are standards and procedures that ensure project activities do not cause harm to natural ecosystems, public health, or social well-being. They guide how we plan, implement, and monitor activities to promote safe, inclusive, and sustainable recovery.

## *How does the Beryl Barbados Project consider the environment during recovery activities?*

The Project applies an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs). These instruments outline clear actions to prevent or minimize negative environmental impacts such as pollution, erosion, improper waste disposal, or habitat loss. All contractors must comply with national environmental laws and World Bank Environmental and Social Standards (ESS).

## *How are local communities and stakeholders involved in the Beryl Barbados Project?*

Community engagement is at the heart of the Project. Public consultations are conducted throughout the project cycle to inform, listen, and incorporate community feedback. Local stakeholders help identify potential risks and solutions, ensuring that the project remains transparent, inclusive, and responsive to community needs.





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## *Where can I get more information about the project?*

The project has created a BERRP webpage, which is housed within the Barbados Fisheries Division's website at ***fisheries.gov.bb***. Here is where all official information about the project will be posted, including notice boards, updates and engagements, statements and releases, newsletters and other downloadable content. Additionally, you can follow the ***Beryl Barbados Project*** social media pages on Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn.



[fisheries.gov.bb/the-beryl-barbados-project](http://fisheries.gov.bb/the-beryl-barbados-project)

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