



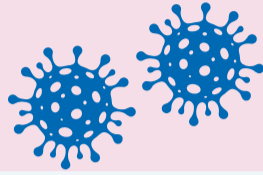
REGIONAL REPORT

2020 REVIEW AND 2021 OUTLOOK

2020
COVID-19
RESPONSE

Objectives

- To address the emergency needs of Borrowing Member Countries
- To enable recovery and resilience



Support exceeded US\$190 million

Almost **\$132 mn** for budget support for BMCs to tackle the fallout from the pandemic and other shocks.

Almost **\$67 mn** in emergency loans to **7 Caribbean countries** (May 2020)



\$65 mn in policy-based loans to **3 countries**

- to facilitate COVID-19 response
- to support economic recovery and resilience building in sectors hardest hit by the pandemic.



\$50 mn loan agreement with the **Inter-American Development Bank** to support continued **COVID-19 response** in the **Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Member States** in 2021.

Support for Social Services

Health

\$3 mn grant for personal protective equipment (PPE) purchased **623,000 items** (gowns, goggles, gloves and masks) to protect healthcare workers in **14 countries**.



Education



Grenada – **\$4.2 mn** from previous loan repurposed for **15,000 laptops** to improve online education for primary and secondary school children

Guyana – **\$310,000** from previous loan repurposed to purchase **laptops, tablets, projectors, cloud storage** for online technical and vocational teaching



The **University of the West Indies** – **\$200,000 grant** for **computing devices** for **disadvantaged students across 5 campuses** and free internet for **70 students** for 1 semester

Saint Lucia – **\$59,000** repurposed from a previous loan for **130 tablets** for **special needs students**



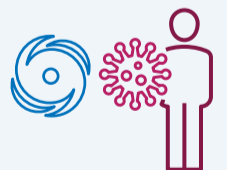
Partnerships

CARICOM Secretariat and IIEP/UNESCO – to develop a framework for the safe re-opening of schools



Caribbean Association of National Training Authorities – to develop guidelines for the safe operation of **classrooms, labs and workshops** for technical and vocational training

Pan American Health Organisation – **“Stronger Together 2020”** awareness initiative to promote positive coping strategies for Covid-19 and the hurricane season



Support for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs)

Collaboration with **Caribbean Export Development Agency** – **\$600,000 emergency response grant** to assist export-oriented MSMEs



CDB’s Cultural and Creative Industries Innovation Fund – **\$100,000 grant** funding for **7 cultural projects** to mitigate loss of income



\$ = US dollars