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### THE SMART FORMULA

#### **SAFE**

**RESILIENT** 

- Strengthen building and infrastructure; improve operational aspects
- Minimize downtime

#### **GREEN**

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

- >> Implement green technologies
- >> Plan and execute preventative maintenance

**MAINTAINED**SUSTAINABLE

SMART HOSPITAL

- >> Improve healthcare services
- Reduce operational and rebuilding costs



### Smart Tools available online







PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE MANUAL



FOR SMALL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Non-medical equipment)

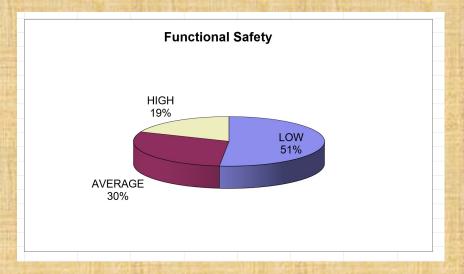
MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL PLUMBING BUILDING

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- Hospital Safety Index vulnerability assessments inform the scope of retrofit
- Green checklist opportunities for generating savings and reducing carbon
- Technical Guidance documents including
  - Preventive Maintenance Manual
  - CAT 5 resistant roofs
  - Model Policy and Case studies





## PAHO implemented the Smart Concept during the period 2015 to 2023 in seven countries and various types of health facilities







## **Medical Stores**building

Not retrofitted – Dominica Retrofitted in Grenada Serves the entire country

## **Comfort Bay Senior Citizens' Home**

Retrofitted - St Lucia For the elderly

#### **Palm View Centre**

Retrofitted – Belize For the mentally challenged

#### **Smart Project results and achievements**

## OPT1: Assessments & Training

- Over 400 health

   facilities assessed
   (large database to guide future investments)
- Technical guidelines
   & case studies
   online
- Focus on maintenance
- Contingency plans

### OPT2: Design & Retrofitting

- 55 facilities retrofitted by 31 Dec. 2022 (110% of original target)
- 6 full designs facilities handed over to the Ministries of Health

#### OPT3: PR / Advocacy

- Smart concept
   expanded &
   adopted by other
   sectors (education,
   tourism, shelters)
- Active outreach & engagement directly within the communities (billboards, banners, videos)



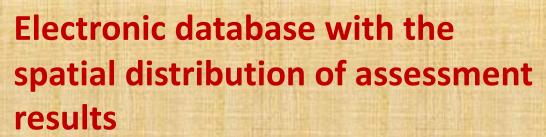


# Current activities creating climate resilient and low carbon health systems

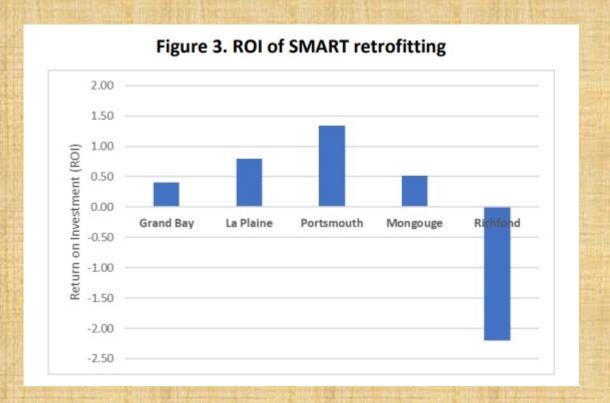
- Engagement of national partners and increasing knowledge of the smart concept.
  - Adaptation Planning
  - Risk assessment with the STAR tool
  - Updating Contingency Plans
- Application of smart concept in other countries and sectors, by other donors
- New facilities that are built to the Smart concept
- Sharing lessons learned in response to interest from the private sector
- Maintaining the investments made in retrofitting

## New tools and best practice for vulnerability assessments





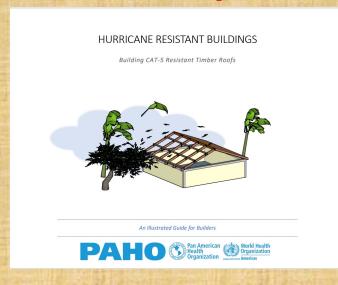
The SMART App by PAHO



# Vulnerability assessment must result in a cost effective outcome

The REST tool by Florida International University

# New tools and best practice for retrofitting and adaptation to climate change







New tools are tailored to the characteristics and available resources in the Caribbean Health Systems.

**Check Consultants** encourage the adoption of best practice on a routine basis

Resilience building must encompass a multi-hazard approach including extreme weather events.

#### Constructing climate resilient and low-carbon health facilities that address the needs of vulnerable populations



**Bexon Wellness Centre** 

St Lucia

### SMART HOSPITAL PROJECT IN ST. LUCIA Providing safer, greener health facilities to deliver care in disasters



- 3 facilities: full Smart retrofit
- facility: full Smart design only
- **12 facilities:** Smart upgrades

Catchment population 178,696

Vulnerable groups:



#### **Annual savings**

Water: 122,544 gallons /

Electricity: 114,264.92 kWh /



13 generators installed (total KvA 269)

47.000 gallons of potable water storage provided

39,000 gallons of rainwater storage provided

148 females trained

71 males trained

220 hurricane shutters installed

375 meters of underground cabling













## Inclusive training, and capacity building that focuses on participation by the learners



**Maintenance training by PAHO Smart Project** 

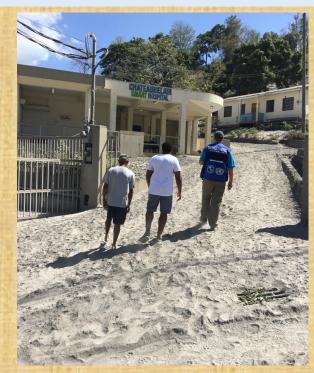


**Generator training by MD Electrics** 



Fire Safety training by St Lucia Fire Service

A climate resilient facility reduces the negative effects on people's health caused by emergencies and disasters, reduces the damage to health infrastructure, and the disruption of health services.



La Soufriere Volcanic
Eruption
Saint Vincent



Paramakatoi Smart Health Centre Guyana











Safety

Sustainability

Inclusiveness

Adaptability

Flexibility

**Hospital Resilience** 





# The sneeze guard at La Croix Wellness Centre is an example of improving safety, sustainability, and adapting to Covid-19





### Thank you!



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