



 UNOPS

**UNOPS  
IN THE  
CARIBBEAN**

ENGLISH & DUTCH  
SPEAKING COUNTRIES

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is an operational body of the United Nations, supporting the successful implementation of its partners' peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects around the world.

UNOPS has a presence in 23 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. It concentrates its efforts in areas where we have a clear mandate and expertise:



**SUSTAINABLE  
PROCUREMENT**



**SUSTAINABLE  
INFRASTRUCTURE**



**PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT**

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help people build better lives and countries achieve peace and sustainable development.

## AREAS OF WORK

- Resilient Planning and Infrastructure
- Road Infrastructure
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
- Procurement and Health Infrastructure
- Public Buildings

## MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS OF UNOPS IN THE CARIBBEAN

- Management of Sustainable Infrastructure Projects
- Provision of Technical Assistance (TA) in relation to climate resilient
- Infrastructure planning and implementation

## SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)

UNOPS support Small Island Developing States (SID) in the Caribbean has aligned well with the central needs of these vulnerable islands and continental territories, all of which are facing existential challenges from climate change, disaster vulnerability and economic openness with the highest debt burdens of any sub-region.

UNOPS helps ensure availability and sustainable management of resources by paying special attention to women's participation in the process.

# CARIBBEAN OVERVIEW PORTAFOLIO

**USD36M**  
of engagements

**23** projects

**14** countries

## Antigua and Barbuda:

- Technical Assistance related to Waste Water Treatment

## Saint Lucia:

- Infrastructure planning Unit
- Support to Dev. Control Authority
- Water Project
- St. Jude Hospital

## Belize:

- Sports Complex
- COVID-19 Procurement

## Jamaica:

- Technical Assistance to Hospital Refurbishment
- Road Construction

## Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

- Bridge Reconstruction

## Haiti:

- Provision of materials and equipment for oxygen therapy as part of the response to COVID-19
- Sustainability of Three Community Reference Hospitals (HCR) Program
- Support to the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) as part of the response to COVID-19
- Rural Roads Rehabilitation and Maintenance Programme in the South-East, Nippes and South Departments of Haiti
- UN Electric Project

## Dominica:

- Primary School Reconstruction

## Trinidad and Tobago:

- COVID-19 Procurement

### Grenada:

- Construction of House of Parliament
- Technical assistance to Western Road Corridor Project

### Curaçao:

- Infrastructure Resilience Programme

### Barbados:

- Energy Project

### Guyana:

- COVID-19 Procurement

### Suriname:

- COVID-19 Procurement



## UNOPS VALUE ADDED

- Capacity to understand the needs of the Ministries and provide technical assistance while ensuring capacity building.
- Experience in planning resilient infrastructure.
- Capacity to mobilize expertise in a relatively short time frame based on existing full time presence on several islands, helping Ministries manage complex projects or sudden increases in workload following storms/hurricanes.
- Capacity to reduce public spending through improved procurement processes that also help increase the number and capacity of the suppliers (of works, services and goods).
- Experience in High visibility Integrated Community based infrastructure projects (roads, housing, etc).
- Experience in the Health and Infrastructure Sector: infrastructure works and procurement of medicines and medical equipment.

## UNOPS IN THE WORLD

UNOPS is working to address the impacts of climate change, access and management of uncontaminated freshwater in SIDS such as: Comoros, Cabo Verde, Mauritius, Maldives, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Seychelles.



## COVID-19 PROCUREMENT

Since March 2021 and with USD 1 million in funding from the Japan Grant Aid Contribution, UNOPS is providing support to the governments Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Belize through the procurement of critical and urgently needed medical equipment and supplies to ensure local hospitals can provide life-saving treatment to COVID-19 infected patients.

## SAINT LUCIA



The communities of Dennery North, a town on the east coast of Saint Lucia, have been affected by poor quality water, impacting residents' health and living conditions. To improve water quality, UNOPS implemented Phase One of the Dennery North Water Supply Project on behalf of the Government of Saint Lucia, with funding from the Government of Mexico. The project, implemented in collaboration with the Water and Sewerage Company of Saint Lucia will benefit approximately 8,000 people. The major infrastructural components included the construction of a raw water intake, transmission pipelines, a water treatment plant, pumping stations and distribution systems.

## ST JUDE HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION



This project focused on the reconstruction of the Ambulance and Security Building and a Morgue with renewable energy perimeter lighting of the St Jude Hospital. It was completed with the handover of the facilities to the Government of Saint Lucia in July 2017.

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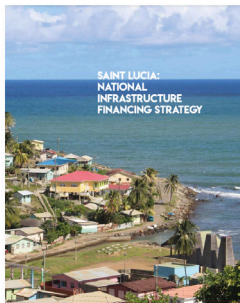
## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY (DCA)



UNOPS worked with the Government of St. Lucia in developing the capacity and capability of the DCA to provide a “one stop shop” service to developers and investors thereby facilitating responsible development in an efficient and effective manner.

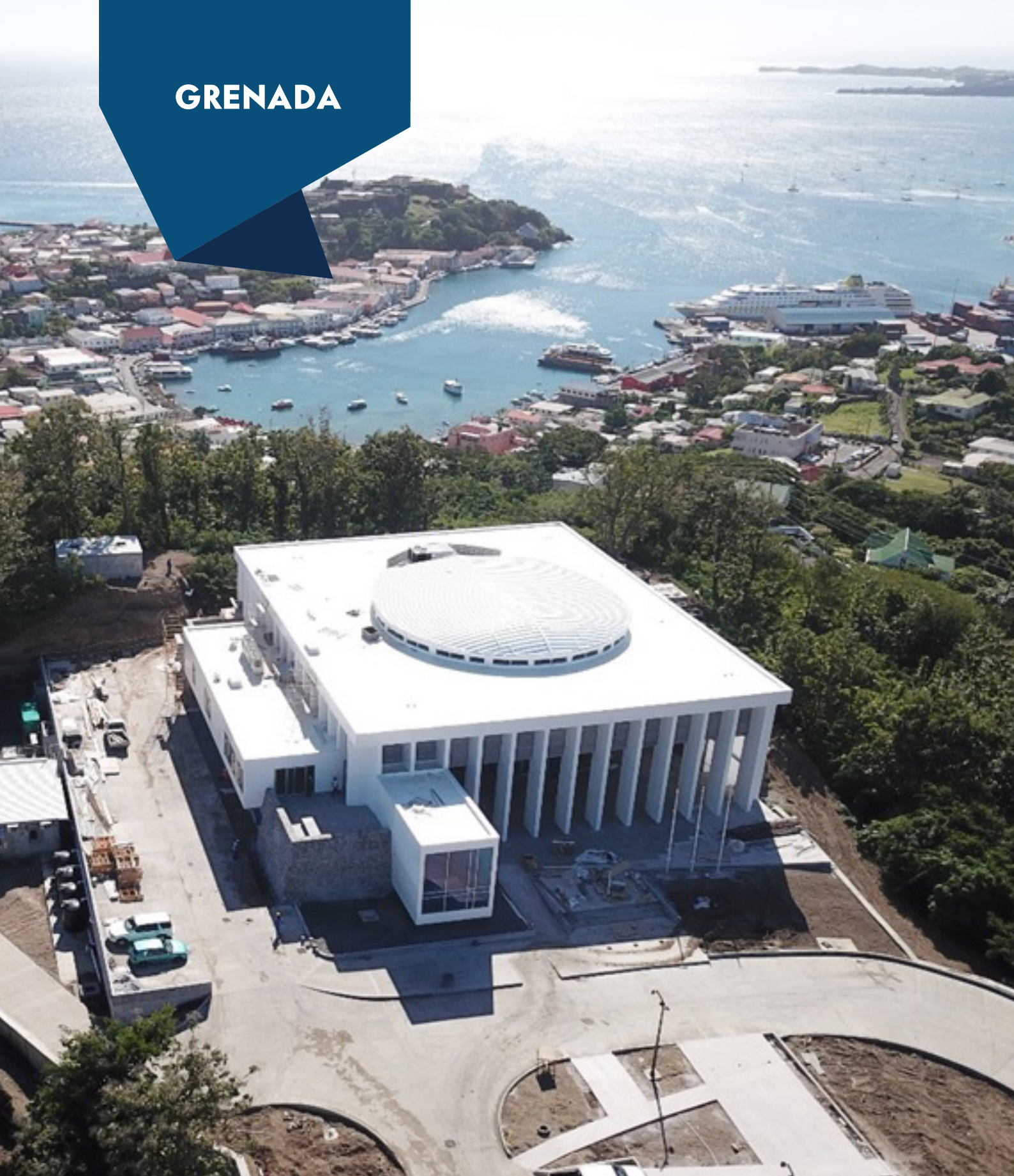
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## NATIONAL INTEGRATED PLANNING AND PROGRAMME UNIT (2017-2021)



With funding from the Government of Saint Lucia, UNOPS, in cooperation with the University of Oxford, provided technical assistance to help establish a National Integrated Planning and Programme Unit within Saint Lucia’s Department of Finance. This unit has helped improve national capacity for long-term infrastructure planning and decision-making, through the use of two Evidence-Based Infrastructure modelling tools in the assessment of the country’s current infrastructure assets and the demands of the main economic sectors. This project also helped strengthen Saint Lucia’s resilience to climate change and extreme weather events through the upgrading of the island’s approaches to governance, planning, regulation, development and the maintenance of infrastructure assets.

# GRENADA





## HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT BUILDING (GHOP)

UNOPS provided technical support to the Government in efforts for the construction of a new Parliament building in St Georges, Grenada. The former building was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.



The new Parliament Building, inaugurated in June 2018, was constructed to the highest international standards. The structure is climate resilient and will help mitigate impacts from future climatic events. The building comprises a main parliament chamber, press and conference rooms, administrative offices, and other amenities including a souvenir shop and a public cafe. It hosts the Senate and the House of Representatives, helping exercise democracy throughout the country.

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## GRENADA WESTERN CORRIDOR PROJECT



In December of 2017, UNOPS started the Grenada Western Corridor Project helping the Government upgrade 25 km of road along the Western Corridor of Grenada and to implement measures of slope stabilization, drainage and road signage to ensure resilience.



# CURAÇAO



## RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

UNOPS is providing assistance to the Ministry of Traffic, Transport and Urban Planning of Curaçao in relation to resilient infrastructure development planning.



Based on collaborative work with the Government of Curaçao led by Oxford University, ITRC - Mistral and UNOPS, a partnership has formed which enables support and guidance to allow long-term planning on national infrastructure.

The Evidence Based Infrastructure Framework will further support the development of infrastructure that is resilient to future challenges and will reinforce strategic evidence-based decision making for investments in infrastructure.

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## TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING ASSISTANCE (2016-2019)

Following the 2015 Conference of the Parties (COP) 21, Curaçao's Ministry of Traffic, Transport and Urban Planning requested the assistance of UNOPS to help improve the country's infrastructure management, strengthen its climate resilience, and work towards a lower dependence on fossil fuels. Using UNOPS' Evidence-Based Infrastructure Framework, the organization analysed the country's infrastructure systems utilising a long-term planning model and a geospatial database. These were both later handed over to local authorities for further development and future use. The holistic analysis of the Framework supported informed decision-making in the allocation of resources for Curaçao's short-, medium- and long-term infrastructure needs. As part of the study, UNOPS helped collect road traffic data, which highlighted traffic patterns, as well as some of the challenges associated with the main transportation routes in and out of the central region of the island. These results have informed further planning, delivery and management of the country's transportation infrastructure.



# ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT OF ANTIGUA**

UNOPS conducted a technical review of the wastewater discharge system for St John's Antigua. There was no municipal sewage collection system in place to direct wastewater to a center treatment or disposal site.

Minor design reviews lead to other assistance requirements to apply for Green Climate Funding for programme transformation of water sectors: reducing distribution losses, renovating dams, water storage, increasing desalination capacity, and some demand side management.



# SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



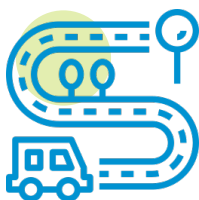
## RECONSTRUCTION OF CUMBERLAND BRIDGE

This project restored bridges that were damaged by the passage of a tropical weather system in 2013. The efforts focused on the mitigation against the impact of future heavy rainfall events through the protection of river banks.

Along with the renovation of the bridges, UNOPS provided communities with economic opportunities, flood protection, and enhanced governmental procedures.



## **RIVERTON ROAD CONSTRUCTION, RIVERTON CITY**



UNOPS supported the construction of approximately 2 km of concrete roads through Riverton City to the Riverton City Landfill. It was completed with the handover of the road to the Government of Jamaica in October 2016. This project benefited thousands of families in the city.

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**



Objectives:

- Decontamination and Rehabilitation of the Cornwall Regional Hospital
- Assessment of five Health Facilities
- Review of technical documentation related to the design of the Western Regional Children's Hospital



## **MARION JONES SPORTS COMPLEX**

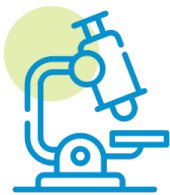
Belize participates in national and high level competitions in Volleyball and basketball. This complex provides a place for recreation and practice of these sports.

The lighting of the Complex has been completed and the system is fully operational in 2017. The construction of the Sports Facility has been completed and its process of implementation is in the defect period of notification.





## **CARPHA OFFICE AND LABORATORY & PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY**



UNOPS prepared the preliminary design studies related to the new Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and TTPH facilities on behalf of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.



## **UNOPS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGs**

The efforts of UNOPS in Latin America and the Caribbean are oriented to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda.



## ENERGY PROJECT

Since November 2020, with USD 550,000 in funding from the India-United Nations Development Partnership Fund managed by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), UNOPS is providing transactional support to a project that helps the Government of Barbados support local businesses and enables them to become suppliers for the oil and gas and other energy sectors. Through this project, UNOPS assists the UN Office for South-South Cooperation to monitor and ensure the quality of the implementation of the technical advisory services provided by the Commonwealth Secretariat to the Government of Barbados.

# DOMINICA



## MAHAUT PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT

The overall objective of the Project is to provide project management assistance and to support the Government of Dominica in their efforts to rebuild the country by reconstructing the Mahaut Primary School, in this instance. Noting the complexity involved in post-disaster project planning and execution, UNOPS and its partner UNICEFUSA are key to performing all the activities necessary to assess, design and rebuild the school to local, regional and international standards and codes. The funding provided amounts to USD 686,000, and includes procurement process for school supplies (furnitures, office supplies, kitchenwares).

# HAITI



## **PROVISION OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR OXYGEN THERAPY AS PART OF THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

With USD 3.5 million in funding from the World Bank, UNOPS has been at the forefront of the COVID-19 response in Haiti, acquiring, delivering and installing equipment for oxygen therapy (mainly more than 700 mobile oxygen concentrators); training departmental and central biomedical technicians in integrated maintenance and repair of equipment, and providing preventive maintenance of equipment to ensure the operation of the fleet during the duration of the project.

At the policy level, UNOPS and the WHO co-designed the national response oxygen therapy strategy, defining a hybrid approach between oxygen production plants and oxygen concentrators.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY OF THREE COMMUNITY REFERENCE HOSPITALS (HCR) PROGRAM**

With USD 12.9 million in funding from the government of Brazil, UNOPS is implementing the Sustainability of Three Community Reference Hospitals (HCR) Program that aims to support the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) with the provision of maintenance support and supplies at these hospitals. UNOPS is constructing annexes to these hospitals to house and expand the delivery of essential services.

## **SUPPORT TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POPULATION (MSPP) AS PART OF THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19**



With USD 5.9 million in funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), UNOPS is providing support to the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) as part of the response to COVID-19; supporting human resources involved in the COVID-19 response, procurement of medical equipment and infrastructure rehabilitation.

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## **RURAL ROADS REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME IN THE SOUTH-EAST, NIPPES AND SOUTH DEPARTEMENTS OF HAITI**



With USD 25 million in funding from the World Bank, UNOPS is implementing the PARR Program, a rural road mobility, rehabilitation and program in the South-East, Nippes and South Departments of Haiti. This project addresses socio-economic inequality affecting rural populations and improves the food security of five departments by rehabilitating 200 km of rural roads linking isolated communities with markets and large towns, and generating short-term employment through labor intensive road works. As part of this project, UNOPS is providing program management, procurement and advisory services to the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications (MTPTC) to improve planning and execution of a portfolio of donor-funded development -- primarily infrastructure -- investments.



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## **UN ELECTRIC PROJECT**

With USD 3.8 million in funding from the Government of Norway, and in partnership with UNEP, UNOPS is implementing the UN Electric Project to support the construction, operation and maintenance of a sustainable, solar-power focused, micro-grid in the South of Haiti.



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