MICROINSURANCE IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Discussion Points

Natural Disasters Impact Costs 2. Mitigation 3. Microinsurance in the Caribbean Products Development

4. Future



THE CARIBBEAN



Caribbean Culture



Natural Disasters

Hurricanes

- FloodingLandslides
- Earthquakes
- Drought
- **Bush Fires**



Damages

Financial Impact

Category Five – Hurricane Maria – Estimated costs between US\$27 billion and \$43 billion

Hurricane Dorian – Estimated costs US\$1.5 billion and US\$3.0 billion

Income

Example: Tourism: In 2018, loss of income estimated US\$741 million following the passing of hurricanes Irma and Maria

Mitigation





Preparedness

Social Media Media Bulletins (radio and television

Construction

Improvement in infrastructure Material



Education



Insurance





Government Min**fifiziaítiíve**nce World Bank Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) (19 countries, Payouts since 2007) **Types of Product** Livelihood Protection Policy



Types of Products Parametric Insurance







Insurance Companies Farmers Fisher folk Agriculture

Microinsurance in the Caribbean



Legislation

No formal legislation to supervise the soliciting of this form of insurance business

Insurance Regulators have partnered with overseas organizations to start the process to develop legislation.

Accessibility

Easy access to insurance

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Financial Literacy

Recognize the need for education

Partnerships with regulators for development of financial literacy



Challenges



Infrastructure



Reinsurance



Research Studies Experience studies Loss ratios Pricing

Public Misunderstanding

The Way Forward

Partnerships

Regulators Insurance Companies World Bank

