

# DON'T WAIT, INITIATE: FINANCING TOMORROW'S SAFETY TODAY

SINT MAARTEN TRUST FUND RESULTS & KNOWLEDGE FAIR 2026



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# What if?

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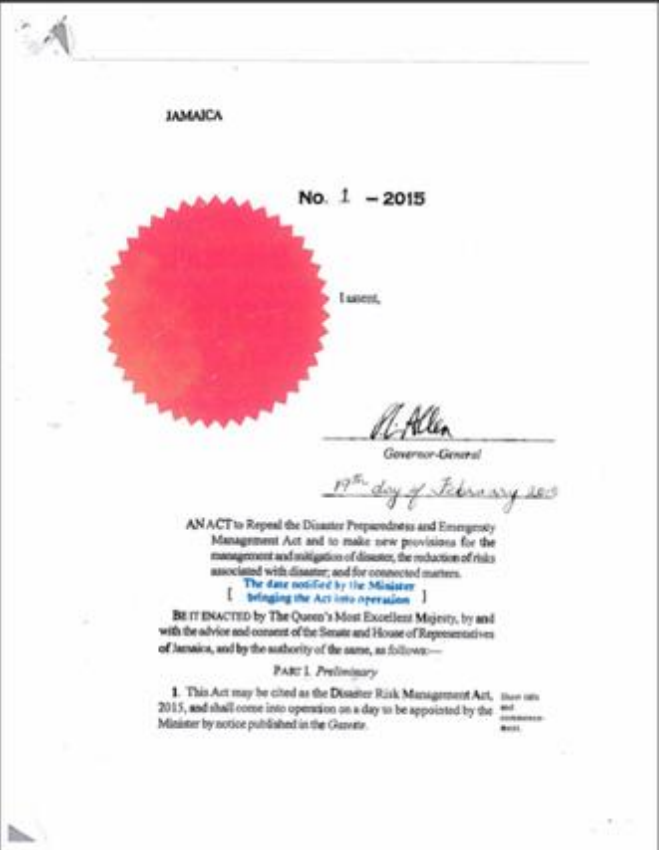
Would Sint Maarten have been prepared?

<https://storms.ngs.noaa.gov/storms/melissa/index.html#4.24/11.05/-80.63>

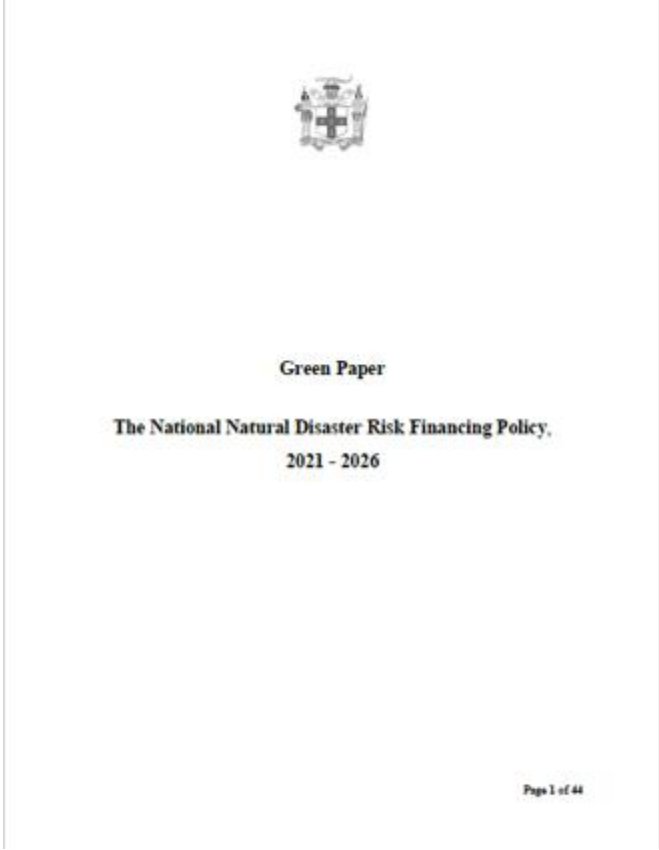
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# Had Jamaica prepared a Disaster Risk Finance (DRF) Strategy in advance?

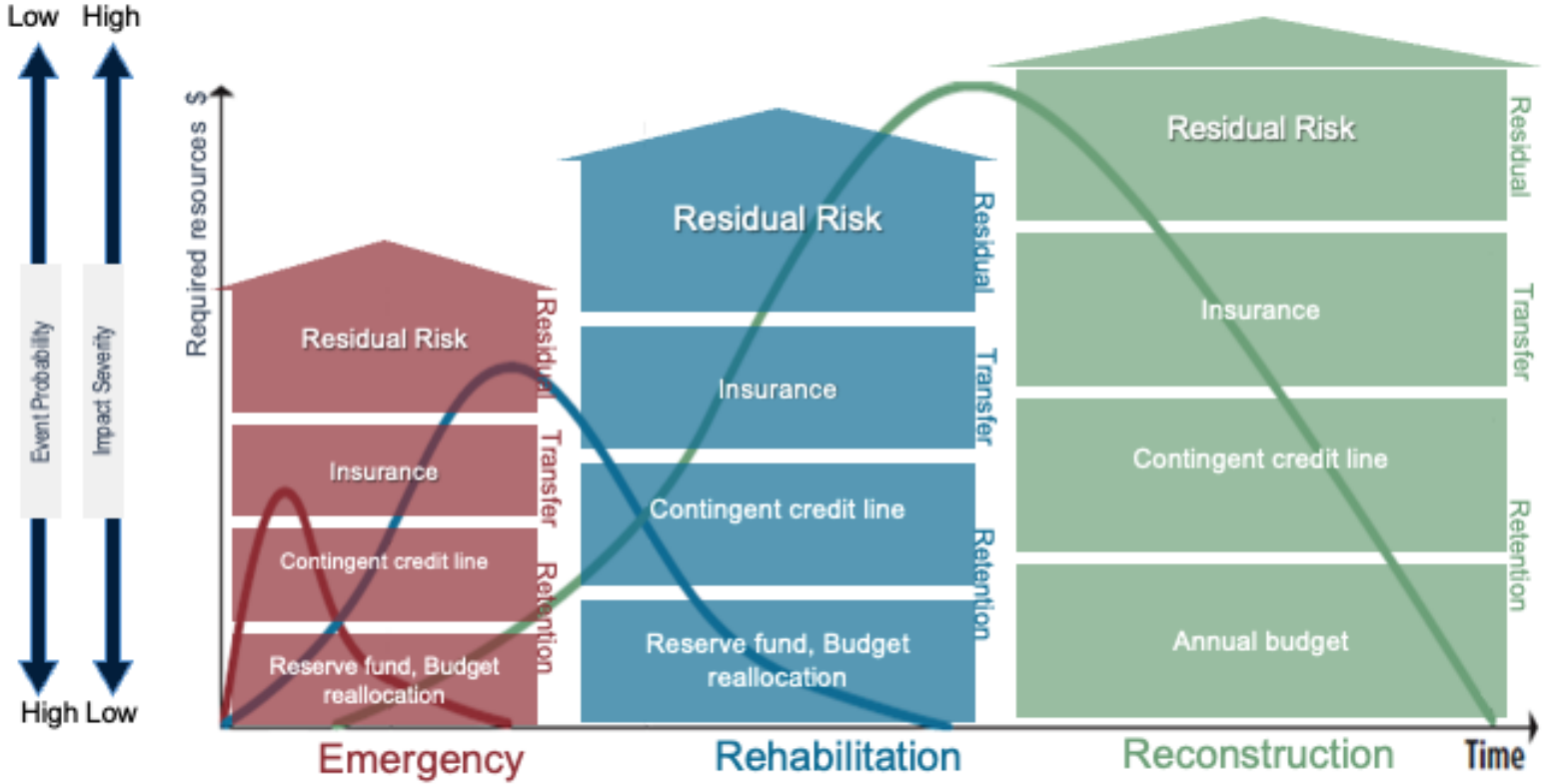
DRM ACT (2015)



DRF National Policy (2021)



# Did Jamaica have access to one or more financial instruments?



Source: Adapted from WB (2024)

# Immediate liquidity: emergency and rehabilitation



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# Reconstruction



# Is your family prepared?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtvQaJx71E0>

Income reduction

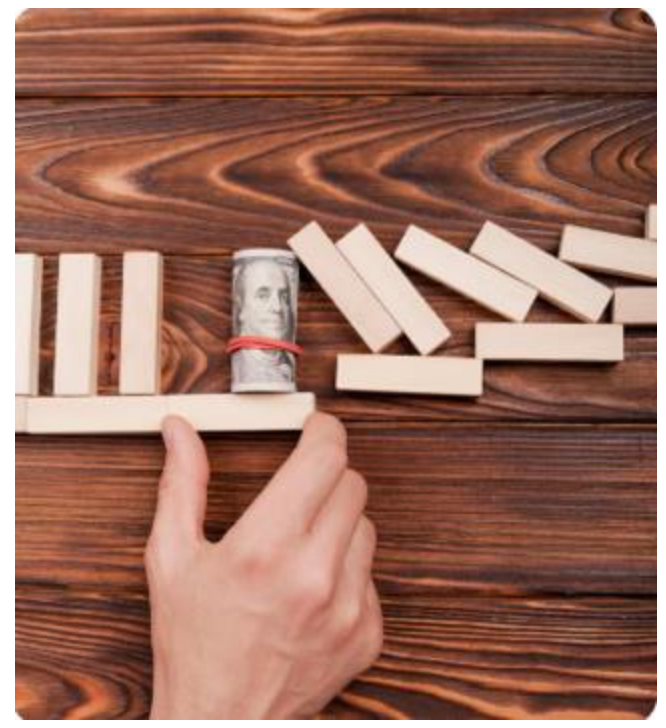


Spent increase



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Investment postponed



# How can a country access resources?



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**It is important for governments to prepare ex ante**

**Governments need to develop a layered DRF strategy**



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# What does the country need to have in place to implement a DRF strategy?

# THANK YOU

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