

# Creating a Safer, Stronger Future Together

THE SINT MAARTEN  
RECONSTRUCTION, RECOVERY  
AND RESILIENCE TRUST FUND



In April 2018, the Trust Fund launched as a partnership between the Government of the Netherlands, the Government of Sint Maarten, and the World Bank to support the island's recovery and help the country rebuild stronger and more sustainably.

The Trust Fund is providing critical financial resources and technical assistance to support recovery and foster resilience—economic, infrastructure, health, environmental, and social—to ensure the people of Sint Maarten are better prepared for whatever challenges lay ahead.

THE US\$519 MILLION SINT MAARTEN TRUST FUND HAS DIRECTLY **BENEFITED OVER 15,000 PEOPLE**, WITH SMALL BUSINESSES, WOMEN, YOUTH, AND THE DISADVANTAGED RECEIVING CRITICAL SUPPORT



## REBUILDING COMMUNITIES

Safer homes and schools  
Upgraded hospital  
Resilient, modern airport



## EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Better early education  
Improved social services  
Small business support



## PROTECTING OUR FUTURE

Better disaster preparedness and response  
Improved public services  
Healthier environment

[sintmaartenrecovery.org](http://sintmaartenrecovery.org)

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No one can prepare you to be your own boss... Having someone there to guide you, give coaching sessions, and help you with any questions you may have has made the process a lot easier.”

— **STEPHANE FERRON**, Founder, Sproute BV mushroom business



What I appreciated was the hurricane shutters and sturdiness of the hurricane doors [on the repaired schools]. The idea is to protect the children during heavy rains and preserve school property...”

— **ORALIE BOIRARD**, Manager, Division for Educational Innovation

## Collaboration is the key

At the heart of the Trust Fund is community engagement and ownership. The Government of the Netherlands and the World Bank support the Sint Maarten government and private sector on recovery and resilience efforts, working to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of institutions for long-lasting impact.

Most Trust Fund activities are executed or managed by the government and its designated implementation entities: National Recovery Program Bureau, Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company N.V., VNG International, St. Maarten Medical Centre, and UNICEF the Netherlands.

## Projects across every sector

### Health

- Hospital Resiliency and Preparedness
- Mental Health Services

### Economic

- Enterprise Support
- Emergency Income Support and Training *(completed)*

### Education

- Fostering Resilient Learning
- Child Resilience and Protection *(completed)*

### Infrastructure

- Digital Government
- Emergency Recovery
- Airport Terminal Reconstruction *(completed)*
- Roof Repair *(completed)*

### Environmental

- Emergency Debris Management
- Wastewater Management

### Social

- Civil Society Partnership Facility *(completed)*



**300+ small businesses** received US\$19.3 million in financing—  
**124 were owned or managed by women**



Airport passenger capacity is back to **2.5 million annually**, driving growth and jobs



**92 community-driven sub-projects** contributed to better health practices, youth engagement, education, access to services, and employment



Hospital upgrades led to **88% fewer overseas medical referrals** for patients needing specialized care



**512 homes and 19 schools** repaired and made more climate-resilient