PLANNING PREVENTIVE RESETTLEMENT IN CAP-HAÏTIEN, HAÏTI

SESSION 263 - INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT: RESPONSES TO EXTREME WEATHER AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

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Presentation Overview

- Flood management context in Cap-Haitien
- Urban slum clearance in Bassin Rhodo outlet
- Concluding comments
Cap-Haitien: Flood management context in Cap-Haitien

Cap-Haitien – View from the air
Cap-Haitien: Flood management context in Cap-Haitien

Cap-Haitien – Flood prone areas increasing due to sedimentation, urban encroachment and climate change
Cap-Haitien: Flood management context in Cap-Haitien

Cap-Haitien – Mangroves increasingly threatened by urban encroachment
Cap-Haitien: Flood management context

High flood risk zones (in red): Bassin Rhodo and outlet to the sea and Ravines Belle Hôtesse and Zétriers
Cap-Haitien: Municipal Development and Urban Resilience Project
The initial plan:

The Bank is looking to conduct an urban slum clearance operation for flood prevention in a FCV country in the Caribbean. The initial plan is to resettle households in a 15-meter wide band on either side of a channel leading to the sea in order to allow for dredging of a channel with a width increased from 30 to 60 m.

A Social risk assessment is carried out discreetly in the zone by CECI, a locally-based NGO with headquarters in Montreal.
Revised plan after Preliminary social risk assessment: The plan is to resettle households in a 15-meter wide band on the left side of the channel where social feasibility is greater, and to acquire an additional 10-meter wide band for conditional in situ resettlement. Resettlement on right side of channel is to be limited to 5 meters due to social challenges.
Cap-Haitien: Urban slum clearance in Bassin Rhodo outlet

Other options:

1) Use site of abandoned CARE warehouse on right side of canal (new option)

2) Relocate close to airport (7 km away)

3) Relocate close to new industrial park at Limonade (20 km away)
Cap-Haitien: Urban slum clearance in Bassin Rhodo outlet

Cap-Haitien – View of outlet from the sea
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Cap-Haitien – View of outlet
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Planned profile of canal after the works
Concluding comments

- Urban slum clearance in Bassin Rhodo outlet is supported by local authorities and populations
- Resettlement surveys have been completed
- Resettlement planning still underway – requires further consultations and studies
- Preventive resettlement for disaster risk management in an FCV context is challenging and requires time and substantial resources
- Lessons learned from this project will likely inform other similar operations.
Thank you