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PRESS RELEASE

To: The Media **From:** Chief Statistician - Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin
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Re: Press Release – Government of Anguilla Announces New Programme to improve the production of Disaster-Related Statistics

The Government of Anguilla announces a new initiative to improve its capacity to plan for and report on post-natural disaster losses.

Having lived through the impacts of Hurricane Irma in 2017, the Government has requested assistance from the European Union funded Technical Assistance Programme for Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (“DRF TA”) in Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories to better assess the social and financial impacts of natural disasters through the creation of a statistical database that will help the Government quantify disaster damages, losses, and financial expenditures.

The lead agency for this initiative is the Anguilla Statistics Department (“ASD”). The DRF TA will assist the ASD in improving its ability to collect, compile, and publish disaster-related statistical information. The work also involves the creation of a disaster-related statistical database. Disaster-related statistics include statistical information used for disaster risk management and post-disaster impact assessments.

The database of these disaster-related statistics will be structured and documented for use in multiple forms and analyses, allowing the Government to make decisions in a timely manner, with the knowledge and trust that the statistics used feature quality data and are consistent across the National Statistical System.

The initiative is in line with the Government’s goal to reduce its fiscal vulnerability and enhance its long-term resilience and capacity to adapt to extreme natural hazards.

With the production and streamlining of disaster-related statistics within the respective domains, the Government of Anguilla, its Ministries, and Departments will have access to reliable statistics that help assess the impact of disasters in the form of quantifiable damages, losses, and financial expenditures. In addition, such data will assist with planning and designing projects to mitigate impacts of future disasters. Quality, trusted disaster-related statistics will strengthen Anguilla’s capacity to analyse risks on a continuous basis and make risk-informed decisions in budgetary and investment planning.

The Government Ministries and Departments, mapping agencies, land management authorities, and meteorological agencies will also have at their disposal disaster-related statistics to improve the work in their respective areas.

This DRF TA is part of the Resilience, Sustainable Energy and Marine Biodiversity Programme (RESEMBID) implemented by the World Bank and the Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction and funded by the European Union.

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