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The Canadian High Commission in Kingston. (File photo)

KINGSTON, Jamaica – The Government of Canada is spending more than CA\$95,000 to assist Jamaica in implementing disaster risk reduction projects.

The Canadian High Commission of Jamaica said in a release that CA\$15,000 will be provided to the Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation and the remaining CA\$80,000 to Abacus for Communities.

Together, these projects are expected to reach over 20,000 beneficiaries. They will strengthen the capacity of communities across Jamaica to mitigate the effects of and better respond to disaster events, the commission added.

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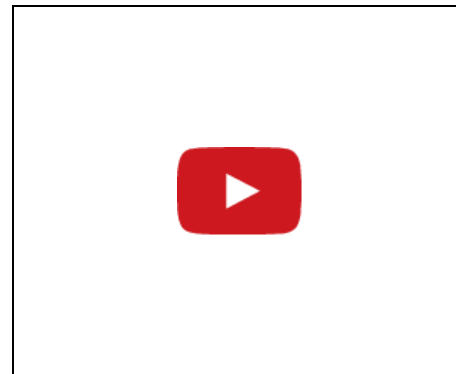
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Foundation and will help communities in southern Clarendon and St Catherine to reduce their vulnerability to storm surges.

The project will support the planting of 2,050 mangrove seedlings and train 10 community members and conservation officers on mangrove husbandry and protection.

Abacus for Communities will implement the Community Emergency Communications for Natural Disaster and Climate Change Adaptation in Jamaica project. This initiative will establish a community emergency telecommunications system, and train and equip 360 volunteers to operate the system in disaster events, the high commission explained.

Abacus for Communities and the Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation secured support for these projects through the Canada Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Fund, part of Canada's CA\$600-million Caribbean Regional Programme.

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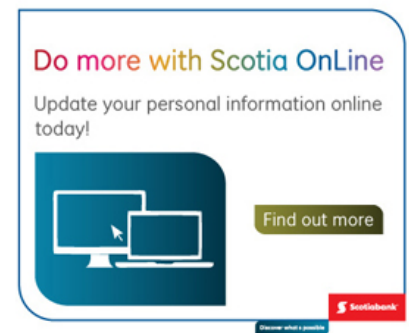
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