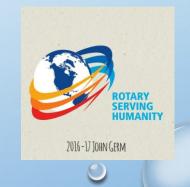
### WATER FOR BARBUDA SCHOOLS



DISTRICT 7030 CONFERENCE

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

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#### WATER FOR BARBUDA SCHOOLS

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# Caribbean360

## Antigua drought leaves main reservoir with six weeks water supply CARIBBEAN360 FEBRUARY 26, 2014

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Wednesday February 26, 2014, CMC – The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) has embarked on a water rationing programme after indicating that the main reservoir has approximately six weeks of water supply left.

APUA said that decreasing surface water reserves has forced it to reduce the volume of water distributed to consumers and warned that the service would be "depressed islandwide from 10pm-4 am (local time) daily until water conditions improve".





## No end in sight to A&B's water erisis<sup>7</sup>, <sup>2015</sup> Tameika Malone</sup>

Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) said it could be months before residents start to have water running from their taps on a regular basis, and an official said Antigua & Barbuda will continue to be gripped by a water crisis if there is not a significant amount of rainfall soon.

APUA Production Engineer Ian Lewis said the country's main surface water source, Potworks Dam, is at about one-third of its capacity, and that the situation is compounded because the annual dry period runs from January to June



# Caribbean swelters under worst drought in five years

Associated Press in San Juan Wednesday 24 June 2015

Forecasters expect quieter hurricane season this year which means less rain to help refill dry reservoirs and water withering crops

The worst drought in five years is creeping across the Caribbean. From <u>Puerto Rico</u> to Cuba to St Lucia, crops are withering, reservoirs are drying up and cattle are dying while forecasters worry that the situation could only grow worse in the coming months.



#### THE PROBLEM

- LOW RAINFALL (< 40 INCHES PER YEAR)
- APUA CANNOT SUPPLY WATER CONSISTENTLY
- RESERVOIRS AND DAMS OFTEN EMPTY
- OVER 70% OF WATER SUPPLY FROM SEAWATER DESALINATION
- WATER RATIONING IN THE DRY
  SEASONS (DECEMBER TO MARCH AND
  MAY TO JULY)





#### THE PROBLEM

- RAINWATER HARVESTING PRACTICED FOR CENTURIES
- SOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE
  STORAGE CISTERNS BUT MISSING
  EAVESTROUGHS AND PUMP SYSTEMS
  TO DISTRIBUTE THE WATER
- PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY CAN BE OFF FOR OVER A WEEK IN DRY SEASONS





#### THE PROBLEM

- PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY CAN BE OFF FOR OVER A WEEK IN DRY SEASONS
- SCHOOLS SOMETIMES HAD TO CLOSE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH REASONS







#### PROJECT BACKGROUND

- WATER AND SANITATION IS ONE OF SIX RI FOCUS AREAS
- PROJECT EXECUTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND
- BACK-UP WATER SYSTEMS INSTALLED IN:
  - 4 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ANTIGUA
  - SALVATION ARMY HOME FOR ABUSED AND ABANDONED GIRLS
  - PRIMARY SCHOOL AND DAYCARE IN BARBUDA
- BACK-UP WATER SYSTEMS PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED IN 3 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 2010







REPAIRING EAVESTROUGHS

WATER STORAGE TANKS

**PUMP SYSTEMS** 

T.N. Kirnon Primary School (2010)



Urlings Primary School (2010)



Freetown Primary School (2016)



Seaview Farm Primary School (2016)



Freemans Village Primary School (2016)



Bethesda Primary School (2016)



#### BACK-UP WATER SYSTEM FOR GIRLS HOME





#### ABOUT BARBUDA

- LOCATED 27 MILES NORTH OF ANTIGUA
  - AREA: 62 SQ MILES (160 SQ KM)
    - POPULATION: 1,600
  - HIGHEST ELEVATION: 124 FT (38 M)
    - ONLY TOWN: CODRINGTON
  - CODRINGTON LAGOON 16.5 MILES
    LONG AND SITE OF ONE OF LARGEST
    FRIGATE BIRD SANCTUARIES







#### PROJECT SPECIFICS

- MAINS SUPPLY FROM APUA
  INTERMITTENT AND OFTEN
  BRACKISH
- EXISTING RAINWATER CISTERNS
  WERE IN POOR STATE OF REPAIR
  WITH NO OPERABLE WATER PUMPS





#### PROJECT SPECIFICS

- PRIMARY SCHOOL: 230 STUDENTS

- PRESCHOOL: 50 STUDENTS

- DAYCARE: 26 INFANTS



#### **BUCKETS FOR COLLECTING WATER**





DAYCARE WATER CISTERN

#### PROJECT SPECIFICS







**EXISTING WELL ACROSS STREET** 

SOLAR POWERED WELL PUMP

**REVERSE OSMOSIS SYSTEM** 







#### PROJECT SPECIFICS



**RAINWATER CISTERNS** 



WATER FILLING CISTERNS



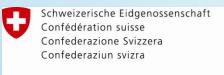
NEW PUMP SYSTEM



BARBUDA WATER PROJECT SITE LAYOUT



#### PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING



**Embassy of Switzerland in the Dominican Republic** 

US\$8,083 Project Funding



Project Management & Coordination



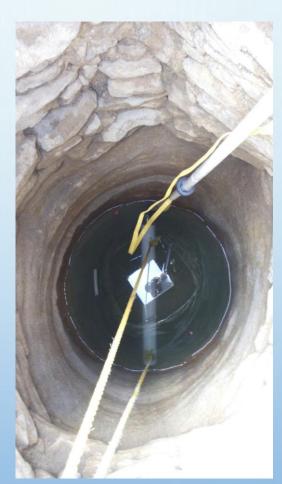
US\$11,120 Proof of Concept Funding





#### ONGOING SUPPORT

- CODRINGTON LAGOON NATIONAL
  PARK RANGERS TRAINED IN
  OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
  - ONGOING TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND SUPPLIES TO BE PROVIDED BY INSTALLER
- SYSTEM OPERATING RELIABLY SINCE SEPTEMBER 2016







#### THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION