

Concept Note:

Resilience and Recovery: Women Farmers' Pathways Post-Hurricane Beryl

Objective:

This panel discussion aims to spotlight the challenges and opportunities for women farmers in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, particularly focusing on resilience and recovery. The discussion will feature real-life stories, strategies for resilience, and the role of community and international support in overcoming disaster-related challenges. The session aims to inspire action toward building more resilient agricultural communities.

Objectives:

1. **Highlight the Impact of Natural Disasters on Women in Agriculture:** Showcase real-life stories of women affected by Hurricane Beryl, emphasizing the specific challenges they face. This will be anchored by a mini-video captured by Helen's Daughters.
2. **Explore Strategies for Building Resilience:** Discuss practical approaches that women farmers can adopt to recover from natural disasters and build long-term resilience.
3. **Promote Collaboration and Support Networks:** Encourage dialogue on the importance of community support, policy intervention, and regional collaboration to aid recovery and build resilience in the agricultural sector.
4. **Inspire Action:** Use the panel to inspire attendees to take concrete steps toward building resilience within their own communities using lessons learned from Hurricane Beryl.

Panel Structure:

1. Introduction (10 minutes):
2. Presentation of Helen's Daughters Reel (5 minutes):
3. Panel Discussion (1 hour):

The panel will address the following key themes:

- **Immediate and Long-Term Impacts of Hurricane Beryl:** Focus on the specific challenges faced by women in agriculture post-hurricane, including loss of crops, infrastructure damage, and economic hardship.
- **Effective Recovery Strategies for Women Farmers:** Highlight successful recovery strategies, including access to financial support, community-driven initiatives, and government policies that have proven most effective.
- **Building Greater Resilience Among Women Farmers:** Explore approaches to enhancing resilience, such as diversified farming practices, access to technology, training, and strengthening local support networks.

- The Role of Regional and International Organizations in Supporting Recovery: Discuss the importance of collaboration between local communities, governments, and international bodies in creating a robust support system for women farmers.
4. Audience Q&A (40 minutes):
 5. Closing Remarks (5 minutes):

Panelists:

- Ms. Ronita Olliviere, Farmer & Seamoss Procurer, Ocean Remedies, Helen's Daughters Ambassador
- Mrs. Keithlin Caroo-Afrifa, Founder & Executive Director, Helen's Daughters
- Mr. Jonathan Arogeti, Senior Manager, Humanitarian Action with CARE
- Ms. Semesha Corea, Programme Associate, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)
- IICA (TBC)

Moderator:

- Mr. Shafique Sam, Economist, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (TBC)