

# Good Practices on Public – Private Engagement

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## The Role of the Private Sector in Monitoring, Observing and Predicting Hazards

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# MEASURING THE WORLD'S WATER CYCLE AND SURFACE WEATHER

THROUGH A RANGE OF BRANDS TO OFFER COMPLETE HYDROLOGIC AND METEOROLOGIC SOLUTIONS THAT SERVE TO MONITOR AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIVES



## Solutions for Hydrology, Meteorology, and Solar Energy



Analytics software for real-time, accurate surface and groundwater data



Solar radiation and atmospheric properties for meteorology and solar energy



Ambient weather monitoring for meteorology and weather critical operations



Hydro-meteorology monitoring, data collection and management for water, weather, and renewable energy



Hydrology monitoring and data management for surface and groundwater



Plant disease monitoring and agricultural meteorology for smart farming and irrigation management



Environmental water quality monitoring for surface and groundwater



Software for real-time weather forecasting in aviation weather and flight planning

**Our Purpose:** Innovate modern solutions that enable *confident decision-making despite increasingly volatile and intense weather*



# WHAT ARE OUR GLOBAL SOCIETAL CHALLENGES?



## Extreme Weather



Drought



Flood



Tsunami



Heatwave



Wildfires

## Water Scarcity



Water Resources



Irrigation



Saltwater Intrusion



Water Quality



Surface Water Quantity

## Macro Challenges



Climate Change



Food Security



Renewable Energy



Environmental Protection



Population Increase



# PEOPLE CENTERED EARLY WARNING SYSTEM



## Disaster risk knowledge

Systematically collect data and undertake risk assessments

- Are the hazards and the vulnerabilities well known by the communities?
- What are the patterns and trends in these factors?
- Are risk maps and data widely available?



## Detection, observations, monitoring, analysis and forecasting of hazards

Develop hazard monitoring and early warning services

- Are the right parameters being monitored?
- Is there a sound scientific basis for making forecasts?
- Can accurate and timely warnings be generated?



## Preparedness and response capabilities

Build national and community response capabilities

- Are response plans up to date and tested?
- Are local capacities and knowledge made use of?
- Are people prepared and ready to react to warnings?

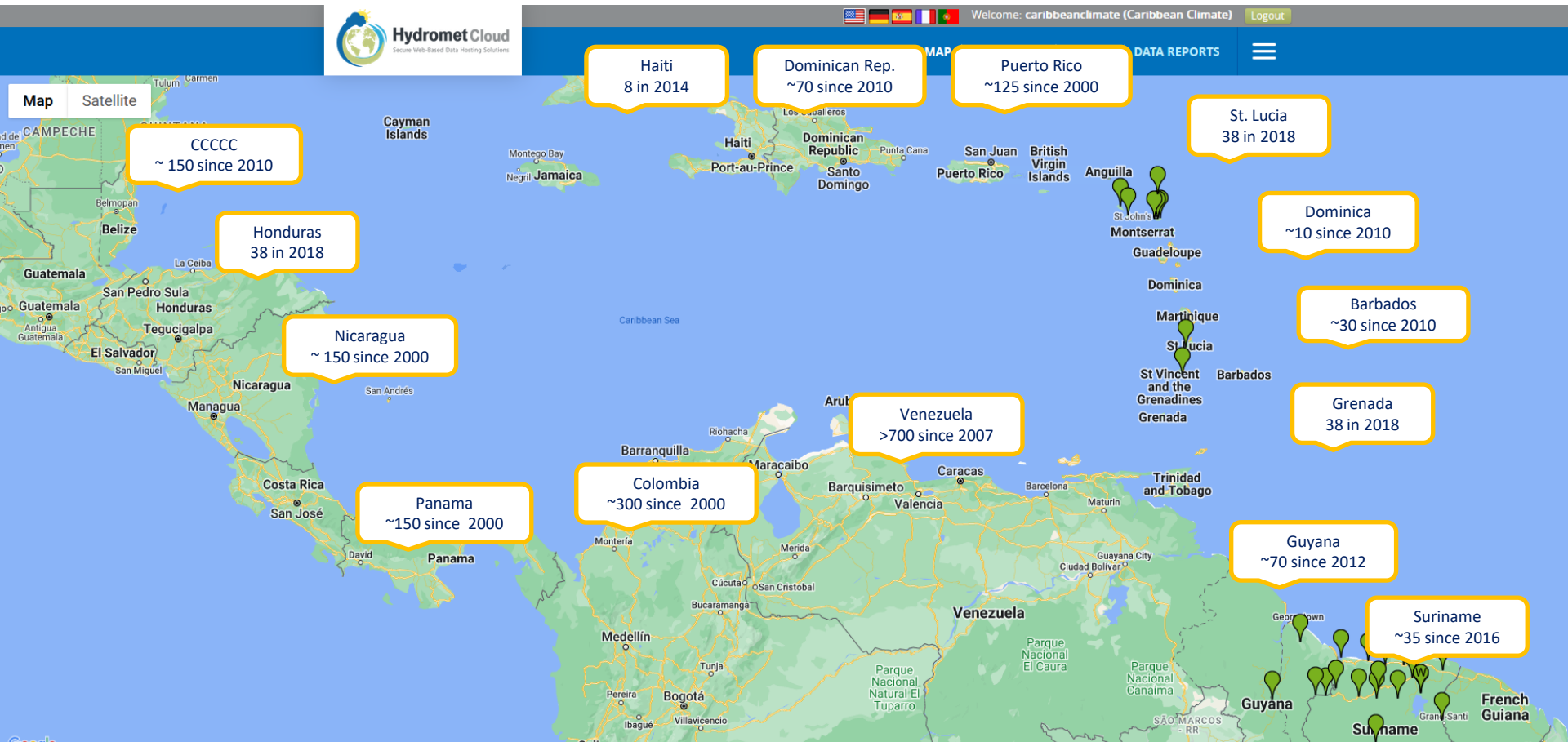


## Warning dissemination and communication

Communicate risk information and early warnings

- Do warnings reach all of those at risk?
- Are the risks and warnings understood?
- Is the warning information clear and usable?

# OTT Hydromet Footprint in the Caribbean





# Flood Warning System

Riviere Grise & Riviere Blanche - Haiti

## Funded by USAID

After the 7.0 magnitude earthquake

## Project Components

- 4 Automatic Water Level Stations
- 4 Siren Stations
- 2 Control Centers with Customized GUI

## Engineering Services & Support

- System Design and Configuration
- Customized Software GUI for Siren Controls
- Site Survey and Site Preparation
- On-Site Installation w/ Local Partner
- OEM Training for Hardware and Software
- After Sales Support and Warranty



Radar Sensor



Siren Station



In-Country Software Training

# Puerto Rico Tsunami Warning System



Funded by University of Puerto Rico and FEMA  
After Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami

**Project Components**  
NOAA/NOS Tide Stations  
XConnect Data Center

**Tsunami Messages**  
Tsunami Watch  
Tsunami Warning  
All Clear / Cancellation of Tsunami Watch or Warning



# Donation of Two Automatic Weather Stations

**In Collaboration with CIMH**

**End User: British Virgin Islands Airport Authority**

After the 2017 Category 5 Hurricane Irma

## **Project Components**

Supply of Two Synoptic Automatic Weather Stations

## **Engineering Services & Support**

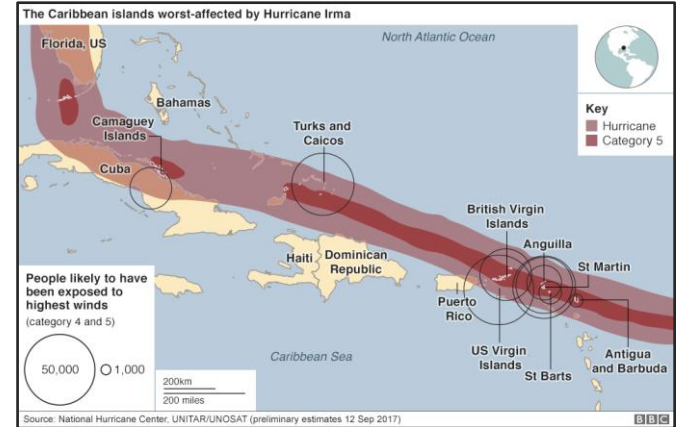
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## **CIMH Support**

Site Survey and Site Preparation

On-Site Installation with Local Partner





# Capacity Building Activities

## Advanced Users Symposium

- ☐ Yearly Event open to Customers Worldwide

## Regional Training

- ☐ Component of Regional Projects
- ☐ Attended by Technical Staff of Regional NHMS

**Soon to be shared, regional survey to identify critical needs on training and capacity building for RA III & RA IV**



# Public-Private Engagement

## Advocacy in Global, Regional & National Fora

To find ways for the private sector to meaningfully contribute to improving availability, access & dissemination of accurate and timely weather, water and climate data

### ACTIVITIES

#### Speaking Engagements at Meetings & Conferences

- ❑ Advocate for private sector engagement for project development
- ❑ Support creating space for public-private transparent discussions to better understand both perspectives and expectations

#### HMEI Governing Council

- ❑ Councilor for WMO Commissions Collaboration – strengthen collaboration & promote trust between hydromet companies and the wider WMO community in support of Member States

#### Global Hydrometry Support Facility (WMO HydroHub)

- ❑ Advisory Council Member – Private Sector Representative – provide advise on strengthening national water monitoring capabilities & promote HydroHub Initiative

## Promote PPEs at (sub) regional & national levels

To work towards building trust through better understanding of the specific needs of the hydro-met institutions and identify strengths and experience that OTT can bring to the table

### ACTIVITIES

#### Climate Funding Institutions & Aid Agencies

- ❑ Understand donor expectations, Co-develop & align on what good PPEs look like
- ❑ Pilot innovative ways to collaborate to have evidence for new policies

#### UN Agencies & Development Banks

- ❑ Explore innovative ways to collaborate to ensure sustainability of observation networks and increased capacity & expertise in developing countries

#### Regional & National Institutions

- ❑ Actively engage with Regional Climate Centers, National Hydromet Services and other end-users to better understand needs and find fit for purpose solutions

# Public - Private Engagement

## Urban Flood Warning Station

Turn-key solution for a real-time flood warning network



Stand up a network that fits your needs

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Parameters	water level water temperature
Parameters (optional)	visual imagery precipitation air temperature barometric pressure relative humidity
Power Management	Solar panel and rechargeable battery provide full system autonomy
Communication	Two-way 4G LTE cellular communication with alarming capabilities
Additional Interfaces	SDI-12, RS-485, RS-232, Analog
Temperature Range	-40° F to +158° F
NEMA Enclosure Size	7.3 in x 9.5 in x 5.2 in
NEMA Enclosure IP Rating	IP66

*Availability and technical specifications subject to change.*

Quickly notify stakeholders of an event

## Customized Solutions.

1. For Urban Flood WSs, we engaged with local authorities within US to design an easy to deploy solution, also complying with minimum tech reqs
2. Initiating trials in 2023 in US

## Station Components



Datalogger



Water Level Sensor



Power Source

## Optional Upgrades



Station Camera



Radar Level Sensor

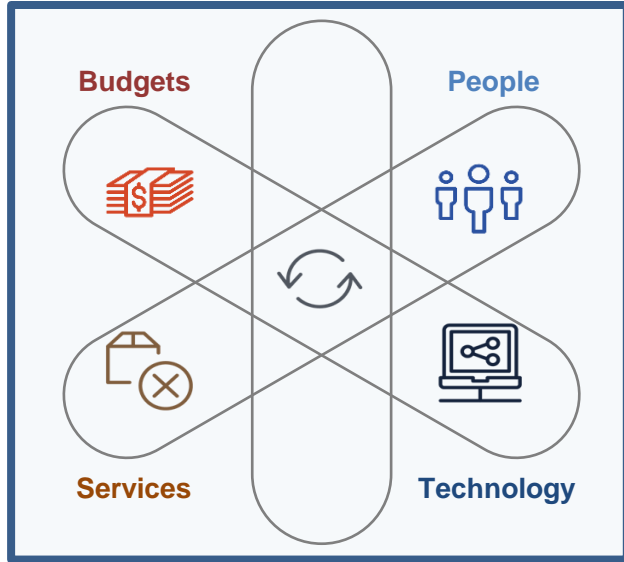


Tipping Bucket



Weather Station

# Challenges



## BUDGETS

- Limited government budgets
- Dependence on sporadic donor funding

## PEOPLE

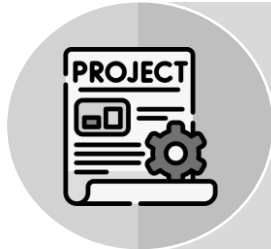
- Limited technical skills & resources
- Lack of professional, empowered staff

## SERVICES

- Limited ability to deliver services to decision makers & end-users
- Lack of credibility

## TECHNOLOGY

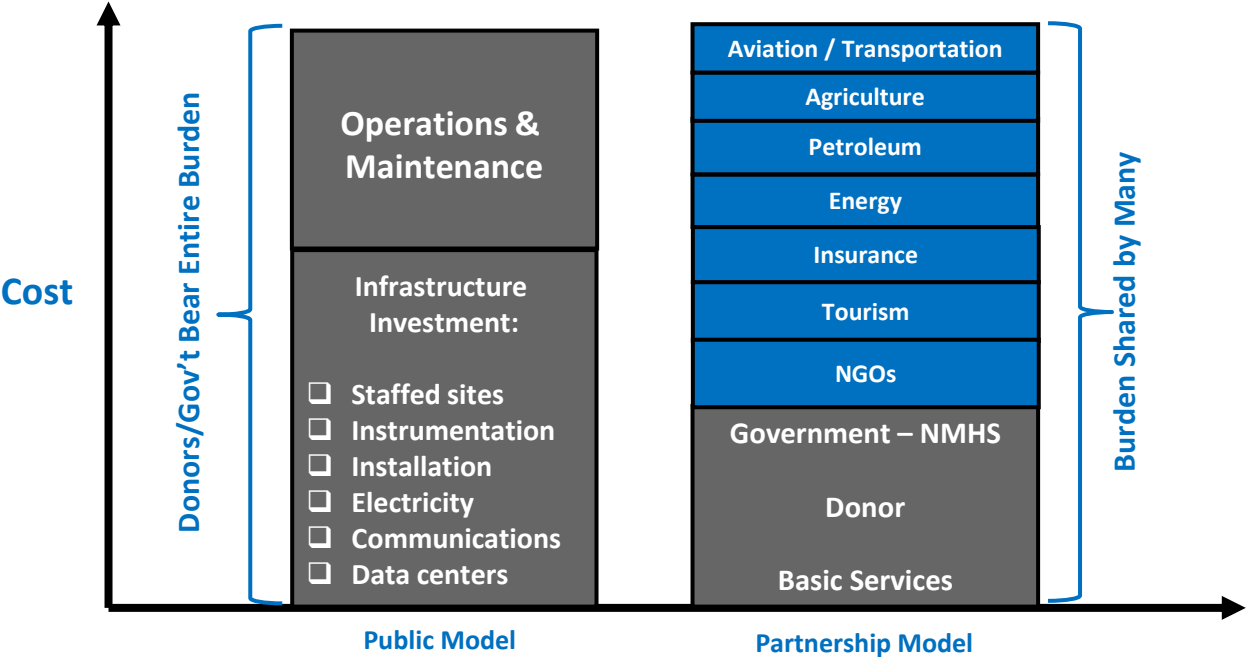
- Technology mismatch with capacity
- Basic operational constraints



- Timelines too short
- CAPEX funding does not support operations
- Absorption capacity not always considered
- Procurement timelines & specifications lead to poorly specified systems that do not meet needs
- No Sustainment Strategy

# PPP enables sustainable delivery of hydromet services

## Total Operating Cost of Weather Observing Networks



# Call to action



- Keep opening the communication lines
- Jointly explore how we can collaborate
- Engagements either bilaterally or with the support of WMO, UNDP, UNDRR, World Bank or any other relevant institution



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