

A stylized illustration of several women of different ethnicities and ages, shown in profile or three-quarter view. They are wearing various headwraps, jewelry, and clothing. The background features large, overlapping diagonal stripes in red and teal.

South-South Series: Empowering and Growing Women-led Business

Session 10: Food security in the
face of climate disasters: women
entrepreneurs leading solutions

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Women-led businesses, food security and climate resilience

Business continuity and an enabling environment
for women entrepreneurs

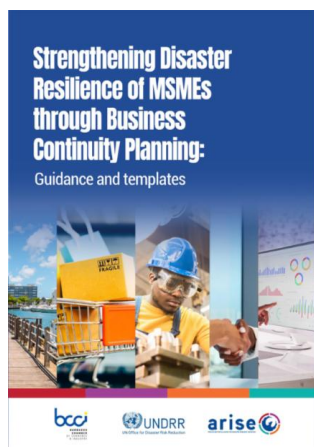
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Food security depends on businesses staying connected

- 01 **Production** Inputs, water and the people who grow food
- 02 **Processing + storage** Safe water, electricity and refrigeration
- 03 **Transport + markets** Roads, suppliers, buyers and payment options

A break in one business can affect food supply and household income

Practical resources for business resilience



BCP guide + five sector templates

Tourism, retail and commerce, manufacturing, financial services and professional services



Family-friendly checklist

Staff preparedness, family safety, flexible work and crisis support



Resilience Maturity Assessment (ReMA)

Assess resilience across six pillars, identify gaps and prioritize improvements

Assess gaps. Plan by sector. Include families. Test the arrangements.

Caribbean experience: coaching supports practical planning

45

MSMEs engaged

18 + 1

plans completed + existing plan updated

16 coaches trained

53% of plans: women-owned or led businesses

Barbados programme monitoring. Planning outputs across sectors.
Food-security and disaster-loss outcomes were not measured here.

An enabling environment for women-led food businesses

- 01 **Finance** Preparedness funding and accessible recovery support
- 02 **Markets + capabilities** Buyer links, financial literacy and digital options
- 03 **Shared services** Cold storage, reliable water and backup energy
- 04 **Voice in coordination** Women's networks + chambers + disaster authorities

Design access around care responsibilities, disability and connectivity

A practical 90-day starting point

Days 1–30

Use ReMA to explore gaps and dependencies

Days 31–60

Use sector BCP tools and the family checklist

Days 61–90

Test arrangements and review progress

Measure actions tested, workable backups and recovery after disruption

Practical resources

UNDRR / ARISE BSO Toolkit: sector BCPs, family checklist and ReMA
OAS WEE Clearinghouse: wee-msme-clearinghouse.com



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