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The Regional Disability Index and Strengthening Resilience of Persons with Disabilities in the Anglophone Caribbean

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Morris undertakes this study to assess the actions taken to improve resiliency to climate change for disabled persons in the Caribbean. Using a Regional Disability Index, the study assesses the performance of 10 Caribbean countries in efforts to match the commitments made in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

The Index gathers qualitative data on efforts to implement programmes and policies for persons with disabilities. This research focusses on several areas of policy and governance regarding those with disabilities, including legislative protection, education, employment, awareness-raising and access to information.

CESaRE has identified critical areas for consideration stemming from the author's work:

1. Inconsistent Implementation

Across the Caribbean, efforts to improve the quality of life for disabled persons have been limited. Most of the English-speaking Caribbean perform poorly according to the index utilised.

2. Exceptions

Despite the limited work done collectively, some countries stand out in their efforts. St Vincent and the Grenadines is cited by the authors as a leader in disability rights in accordance with the CRPD.

This work by Morris suggests that in all variables considered, the states examined are still lacking in programmes to address challenges of disabled persons. Improvement in the lives of the disabled is necessary for them to have resilience to the multitude of challenges brought on by a changing climate.



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