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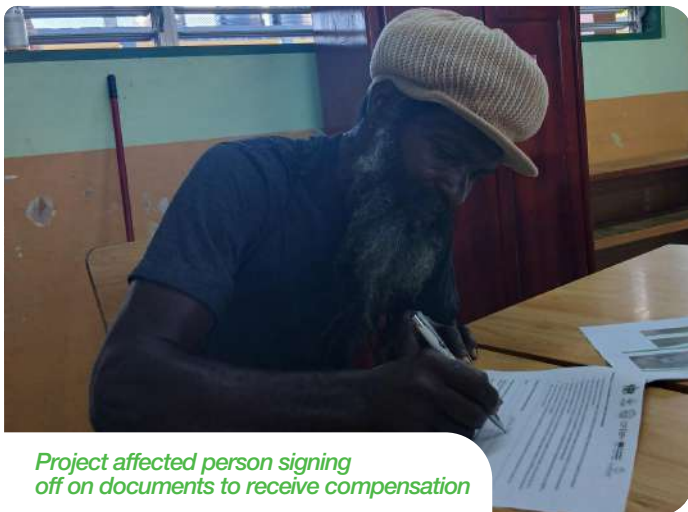
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Social Development & Safeguards

Compensation Payments Have Begun for Project Affected Persons

By the end of March, the Government of St Lucia (GOSL) had paid compensation to 11 out of 17 economically displaced farming households affected by land clearance for the Renewable Energy Sector Development Project (RESDP). These households farm a variety of crops in the communities of Belvedere and Belle Plaine, Soufriere; and Park Estate, Saltibus. Compensation to the other six (6) households will take place during the month of April 2026.



Project affected person signing off on documents to receive compensation

The occupied lands will be used by the GOSL to facilitate well pad development and road expansion in Belvedere; well pad development, road expansion and materials storage in Belle Plaine; and material storage in Park Estate. A total of approximately 12 acres of land is required for the project. Of this amount, 2.40 acres will be acquired through the Land Registration Act, 2.30 acres purchased through private treaty; 2.8 acres leased and the government will transfer 4.45 acres of Crown Land for project use. The project's occupation of these lands will result in the involuntary resettlement of 17 farming households.



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In order to ensure that the quality and standard of living of these affected farming households is not compromised, they are being compensated for their assets valued at the cutoff date of September 30, 2024, paid for two-years lost income and provided with farm restoration support to assist in restoring their farms after project completion. These farming households will be allowed to return to their previous farmlands after completion of the project in mid-2028.

Besides the above 17 farming households, another 104 households will be economically affected by the project. These households are owners of the lands which will be acquired by the GOSL for the project but who do not farm or reside on the land. Because these are family lands and the heirs do not yet have legal title, administrators are presently being appointed for these respective families to facilitate payment of compensation amounts for their lands.

Compensation amounts calculated at replacement cost with interest at 6% per annum will be placed in escrow for each property. This will be undertaken immediately after the Department of Infrastructure, Ports and Transport (DIPT) has received Cabinet approval for the acquisitions. This approval is presently being sought. On appointment of administrators, final compensation amount will be negotiated by each family administrator with the GOSL's Authorised Officer. Thereafter, the agreed amount will be paid to the relevant family administrator from the escrow account for distribution to the heirs of the registered but deceased landowner.

Environmental Safeguards

World Bank Approves Terms of Reference for Conduct of Bird Surveys at Drilling Sites

In order to reduce the risk of negative impacts on nesting birds within the project sites and to ensure that the work proceeds in line with the Wildlife Protection Act of 1980 (as amended) bird surveys will be conducted. The specific objectives of the survey are to:

- Gather data to confirm that civil works activities do not adversely affect bird activity during the active work period.
- Recommend corrective measures if birds' habits (nesting and breeding) or habitats are adversely affected by civil works.

To facilitate the conduct of this activity, Terms of Reference (TOR) for the studies was developed by the Project Implementation Unit and forwarded to the World Bank (WB) for its review and approval.

Recently, the WB approved the TOR for these bird surveys at the three drilling sites: Saltibus, Belle Plaine, and Fond St. Jacques; and the storage site in Parc Estate, Saltibus. This clears the way for procurement of a consultant to conduct the surveys. Procurement activities are expected to commence soon and construction and installation works as soon as the preparatory activities have been completed.

Agreements Reached with Six Landowners for Installation of Seismic Monitoring Stations on their Lands

In view of houseowner concerns about the possibility of structural damage to their homes and auxiliary structures from geothermal-related civil and drilling works, the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) contracted the services of the UWI Seismic Research Centre (SRC) to monitor surface vibration during civil works, drilling operations and well testing.

During its reconnaissance earlier this year, SRC identified seven (7) locations which met their requirements for installing the relevant seismic monitoring equipment.

In February and March, the PIU successfully negotiated with six of the seven landowners for construction and temporary installation of seismic stations on their lands. Efforts are presently being made to identify the heirs of the seventh landowner.



ESO discussing with landowner representative the establishment of a Seismic station in Fond St. Jacques

In order to legally engage and formalize the relationship with these landowners and the GOSL a Service Agreement is required. The PIU has prepared and submitted a draft of same to the Attorney General's Chambers for review and approval.

While efforts are afoot to secure land for installing the seismic stations, SRC has ordered the equipment and made payment to the manufacturer for manufacture of the seismic monitoring equipment required for the network/system.

Technical Coordination

Modernizing Saint Lucia's Energy Future – Our National Geothermal Bill Update

As part of the RESDP, the GOSL is making significant strides in modernizing the national legal and regulatory framework for clean energy. A key highlight of this initiative is the update of our draft Geothermal Resource Development Bill (2012), which aims to create a stable, home-grown energy foundation to reduce reliance on expensive imported fuels and lower electricity costs for all Saint Lucians.

This updated legislation will be designed to ensure national energy security by establishing clear rules for resource ownership and investment.

Saint Lucia Advances Geothermal Energy Future with Key Stakeholder Consultations for Geothermal Legislation

The GOSL, through the DIPT successfully concluded a critical series of stakeholder consultations aimed at shaping the nation's Geothermal Resource Development Bill. These meetings, held in February 2026 marked a significant milestone for the RESDP.

The consultative process was led by the hired consultant team, PI-AJA - a joint venture between Partnership International, Inc. and Arthur John Armstrong, PC. The experts conducted in-person sessions at the DIPT's Conference Room in late February to provide project updates and gather initial feedback on the proposed policy framework.



PI-AJA consultant team presenting to Castries institutional stakeholders

Crucially, the Bill integrates rigorous environmental and social safeguards to protect the island's natural heritage, including the Pitons Management Area, and ensures that local communities directly benefit from geothermal development such as the introduction of "direct-use" applications like agro-processing and wellness tourism in addition to renewable energy for electricity.

To support this transition, the OECS GEOBUILD have contracted consultants Partnership International, Inc. and Arthur John Armstrong, P.C. (PI-AJA) to serve as an advisory team. This advisory team is working closely with national stakeholders to develop drafting instructions for the Bill.

This was followed by a comprehensive Policy Validation Workshop on March 23, 2026, to refine the legislative structure before finalizing the drafting instructions package.

The proposed Geothermal Resource Development Bill will create a transparent and stable environment for investment in home-grown, clean energy. Key pillars of the legislation discussed during the PI-AJA presentations include:

- **Clear Regulatory Rules:** Establishing definitive guidelines for resource ownership and licensing.
- **Investment Support:** Creating a legal framework that encourages sustainable investment in bankable geothermal exploration.

- **Safety and Environment:** Implementing robust environmental and social safeguards to protect local communities and Saint Lucia's natural heritage.

The feedback received from stakeholders is being directly incorporated into the final policy recommendations to ensure the legislation is both practical and inclusive.

By harnessing geothermal potential, Saint Lucia aims to reduce its dependence on imported fossil fuels and transition toward a more resilient, self-sufficient energy grid.



PI-AJA consultant team and RESDP Technical Officer at a legacy drill site

Tender Relaunch Delays Renewable Energy Sector Development Project Timeline

In order to undertake exploratory drilling in the communities, existing roads have to be expanded and improved, well pads constructed and water supply systems installed. The tender for these civil works was launched by DIPT in May of 2025. This tender process was terminated in January 2026 at the last stage of the evaluation process, i.e. evaluation of the financial proposal, primarily due to an abnormally high tender price.

As a countermeasure against receipt of abnormally high tender prices and to encourage wider participation in the process, the Civil Works package was reorganised into three (3) Lots: Lot 1: Access Roads to Project Sites; Lot 2: Well Pads and Storage Site and Lot 3: Water Supply Systems and relaunched in February of 2026. The deadline for submission of bids was set for March 25, 2026.

This relaunch has impacted the implementation schedule of the RESDP with a delay of approximately nine (9) months. To reduce the impact on the project's overall timeline, i.e. the critical path, the RESDP has programmed for Civil Works and Drilling activities to be implemented concurrently at different sites.

RESDP Facilitates Stakeholder Consultation Meetings in February

During the month of February, a series of community consultation meetings facilitated by the RESDP were held in the drilling communities of Saltibus, Belle Plaine, and Fond St. Jacques and institutional consultation meetings in Castries and Soufriere. These engagements formed part of the project's ongoing commitment to transparency, inclusive participation and community engagement, as preparations for civil works and exploratory drilling progress.

The primary purpose of the consultations was to provide stakeholders with updates on the project's overall progress and to discuss the policy direction for the development of a Geothermal Bill. During the project progress section, consultants from the PIU provided presentations on key financial, social, environmental, technical and procurement matters. Of note was the presentation on involuntary resettlement – compensation and upcoming house construction.



Participants at the consultation meeting held in Fond St. Jacques

Participants were encouraged to ask questions, all of which were addressed during the consultations, fostering an open dialogue between the project team and the communities. Participants were also urged to remain actively engaged and to utilize the established GRM to submit any further concerns or recommendations.

The consultations provided an important platform for project affected and other interested parties to raise issues related to land access, compensation, resettlement activities, environmental protection, and livelihood considerations and to contribute to the development of drafting instructions for the Geothermal Bill.

These semi-annual consultations continue to strengthen collaboration between the RESDP and key stakeholders, and promote community participation.



Shurman Francis, Energy Officer of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Ports Services engaging children at RESDP Kids Corner

RESDP Launches First-Ever Kids Corner at Community Consultations

At February's community consultation meetings held in Soufriere, Belvedere, and Belle Plaine, RESDP introduced its first-ever Kids Corner, and in so doing created a vibrant and engaging space dedicated to youth learning and participation.

The initiative provided young participants with an opportunity to explore the exciting world of renewable energy through fun and interactive activities. Designed to simplify complex concepts, the sessions helped children understand the key differences

between renewable and non-renewable energy sources, while encouraging curiosity and critical thinking about the environment.

Shurman Francis, Energy Officer of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Ports Services and Energy, facilitated the sessions. He engaged the children using hands-on exercises and discussions, making learning both enjoyable and impactful. The Kids Corner quickly became a highlight of the consultations, drawing enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from children.

This initiative underscores RESDP's commitment to community engagement and education, recognizing that sustainable development begins with our young minds.

GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM PERFORMANCE REPORTING

GRM Performance Update: January to March 2026

During this reporting period, one grievance was formally submitted through the project's GRM and one was brought forward from last year.

At present, the previously outstanding grievance has been resolved and officially closed. While a response to the new grievance is under preparation and review. The PIU looks forward to a timely resolution of the pending matter.

All persons affected by the project are encouraged to utilize the GRM to submit grievances. The PIU remains committed to addressing community concerns in a timely and transparent manner, ensuring that all submissions are appropriately reviewed and resolved as the project progresses. Grievances may be recorded via the RESDP's Google Form (<https://forms.gle/GMVWNrRefZGbdxf>) and through the multiple uptake channels outlined below.

TO SUBMIT A GRIEVANCE DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FEEDBACK LOGGING FORM AT:

- 1 Saltibus Post Office,
- 2 Fond St. Jacques Technology Access Centre,
- 3 Region 6 Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Office,
- 4 Piton Management Area Office,
- 5 Contractors' offices,
- 6 Energy and Public Utilities Division of the Department of Infrastructure, Ports and Transport, Castries.

2 COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ONLINE FORM ON

www.sluresdp.com

3 EMAIL

grievances.resdp@govt.lc
You can download a PDF copy of the Feedback Logging Form from the RESDP website, complete it and e-mail it to us.

4 SOCIAL MEDIA

[resdpsaintlucia](https://www.facebook.com/resdpsaintlucia)
[sluresdp](https://www.instagram.com/sluresdp)

5 IN PERSON

Speak to our project or contractor staff

6 LETTER

Deliver to our address:
Project Implementation Unit (PIU),
Renewable Energy Sector
Development Project (RESDP),
Energy and Public Utilities Division,
Sir Stanislaus James Building,
Waterfront, Castries

7 CALL

[1 \(758\) 732-0030](tel:17587320030)

Are you an individual, community group or an authorised representative of the community of Belle Plaine, Fond St. Jacques or Saltibus with a grievance relating to geothermal drilling operations of the Renewable Energy Sector Development Project?

GET IT
ADDRESSED
THROUGH OUR

GRM

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CREATE YOUR FUTURE



How a STEM Scholarship is Strengthening Saint Lucia's Energy Workforce

When Saint Lucia set out to expand its renewable energy sector, the challenge went beyond infrastructure and technology. A reliable, resilient energy system also requires people: trained technicians, engineers, and specialists who can build, maintain, and operate it.

For decades, that workforce has been overwhelmingly male.

Today, targeted efforts are beginning to widen access to these roles.

Shurpal Dorville, 36, is now employed as an electrical technician in the electrical department of the Government of Saint Lucia. Her role places her inside the country's public energy system, contributing directly to its operations and long-term resilience.

"What this job means to me personally is that I was able to achieve this longstanding goal of working in a field that I was always passionate about," she says. "And for my family, they're proud that I was able to accomplish it. I am the first female in my family in this role."

Her journey reflects a broader effort under the [Saint Lucia Renewable Sector Development Project, supported by The WB](#), which recognizes that a successful energy transition depends as much on human capital as it does on physical assets.

Entering a field where women are underrepresented

Before entering the energy sector, Shurpal worked as a regional claims clerk at a local retail company.

"I chose to pursue a career in STEM because while working at the retail company, I just believed my passions were not there and I always wanted to become an electrician, and then the opportunity came up," she explains.

Making that shift was not easy. Like many women entering technical professions, Shurpal encountered cultural expectations and workplace norms that continue to shape who is seen as belonging in STEM, particularly in the energy sector.



Shurpal Dorville, 36, is now employed as an electrical technician in the electrical department of the Government of Saint Lucia.

“Before receiving the scholarship, going into that field, I wasn’t taken seriously as a female because it’s male-dominated,” she says. “That was one of the main challenges, trying to prove myself as a female.”

Globally, women account for only about 35 percent of students enrolled in STEM fields in higher education, a gap that continues into the labor market. In energy and engineering roles, the imbalance is often even more pronounced.

Building skills for the renewable energy sector

Under the Saint Lucia Renewable Sector Development Project, investments in renewable energy are paired with investments in skills—most notably through scholarships that support women’s access to technical education.

Since 2022, the project has awarded 39 scholarships to women pursuing technical and engineering programs at Sir Arthur Lewis Community College. The scholarships are financed by the Canada Clean Energy and Forests Climate Facility and specifically target women to help address the gender gap in technical education and jobs in the energy sector. Each scholarship covers two years of study and includes a uniform allowance, a laptop, transportation assistance, a school supplies allowance, and a toolkit.

“The scholarship supported me financially,” Shurpal says. “They also supported me mentally because I didn’t have to focus on additional costs, so I would just focus on my studies.”

A key feature of the program is its emphasis on hands-on experience. Through a three-month apprenticeship in the energy sector, participants are able to move from classroom learning into real-world work.

“I am now employed as an electrical technician in the electrical department of the Government of Saint Lucia, and all this happened because of the three-month apprenticeship that I received,” Shurpal says.

“Since obtaining this position, my income has now stabilized, and I now experience greater financial freedom,” she adds.

Shurpal is not alone. Five other women who participated in the program have transitioned into full-time roles following their apprenticeships, pointing to the program’s early success in turning training into employment. For the energy sector, these outcomes contribute to a stronger and more inclusive technical workforce, one better equipped to support renewable energy systems over time.

The WB, together with the countries, is expanding STEM scholarship and apprenticeship programs in the energy sector through the [Caribbean Resilient Renewable Energy Infrastructure Investment Facility](#). Initial phase includes Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and more countries and resources being added for subsequent phases.

Evidence shows that workforce diversity has economic benefits. Globally, companies with higher gender diversity are more likely to outperform their peers, and closing gender gaps in labor force participation could increase global GDP by as much as 25 percent. For Shurpal, the impact is deeply personal, but she hopes her experience will encourage others.

“To the women in Saint Lucia who are considering a career or careers in STEM, I would encourage you to go for your passion,” she says. “The STEM and energy sector are always evolving and there’s always meaningful space for women to grow and succeed. Do not allow stereotypes to discourage you.”

As Saint Lucia builds a cleaner and more resilient energy future, stories like Shurpal’s show that investing in people, especially women, strengthens the skilled workforce needed to power the country forward.

Source: World Bank. (2026, March 6). How a STEM scholarship is strengthening Saint Lucia’s energy workforce. Retrieved from <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2026/03/06/how-a-stem-scholarship-is-strengthening-saint-lucia-s-energy-workforce>



PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CURRENT ACTIVITIES (Selection Process Ongoing):

ACTIVITY NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY PROCUREMENT REFERENCE	ACTIVITY LAUNCHED DATE	DEADLINE
Civil Works including Construction of Drill Pads for Exploration Drilling (Lot 1, 2 & 3)	Request for Bids Selection method to engage Contractors to prepare three drilling sites and construction of drill pads.	LC-MIPPDUR-533276-CW-RFB	February 9, 2026	April 8, 2026
Drafting Instructions for Legislation to Support Energy Efficiency Regulation	Engagement of a Consultant to prepare the Drafting Instructions and to consolidate existing policies, for submission to legal counsel for the establishment of the legislative and regulatory framework	LC-MIPPDUR-467302-CW-RFQ	March 19, 2026	April 17, 2026

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITY NAME & DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY PROCUREMENT REFERENCE	PROPOSED LAUNCHED DATE	DEADLINE
Integrated Drilling Services– Request for Bids Selection method is to be utilized to engage a Contractor to drilling of 3 exploratory wells.	LC-MIPPDUR-255364-CW-RFB	April 28, 2026	July 8, 2026
Nesting Bird Survey and Tree Clearing – A limited open market approach will be utilized for the selection of an individual Consultant to conduct nesting bird survey and tree clearing activities.	LC-MIPPDUR-467295-NC-RFQ	April 15, 2026	April 30, 2026

CONTRACTED ACTIVITIES:

Activity Reference No. / Description	Category	Selection Method	Activity Launched Date	Contract Award Date	Awarded Contractor/Consultant
LC-MIPPDUR-467302-CW -RFQ-No.2 House Construction for Project Affected Persons – Lot 2	Works	RFQ	August 22, 2025	March 17, 2026	Beyond Premium Construction Inc.
LC-MIPPDUR-467302-CW -RFQ-No.1 House Construction for Project Affected Persons – Lot 1	Works	RFQ	August 22, 2025	March 17, 2026	Innov8 Inc.
LC-MIPPDUR-495033-CS -CDS-01 Crop Valuation	Consulting Service	IC	June 12, 2025	June 27, 2025	Anthony Bonaparte
LC-MIPPDUR-393404-NC -DIR-01 Installation and Monitoring of Seismic Monitoring Stations	Non - Consulting Service	DS	March 27, 2024	July 9, 2025	University of the West Indies Seismic Research Center
LC-MIPPDUR-467287-CS -INDV-01 Administrative Assistant	Consulting Service	IC	February 21, 2025	April 29, 2025	Lindell Serieux
LC-MIPPDUR-467304-CS -INDV-01 Procurement Analysis	Consulting Service	DS	February 24, 2024	March 20, 2025	Kirdisia Philgence
LC-MIPPDUR-448986-CS -INDV-01 Technical Assistant Officer	Consulting Service	IC	October 24, 2024	March 4, 2025	Arthur Antoine
LC-MIPPDUR-398814-CS -INDV-01 Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Officer	Consulting Service	IC	July 11, 2024	February 11, 2025	Shuman Francis
LC-MIPPDUR-426956-CS -INDV-01 Building Condition Survey	Consulting Service	IC	August 14, 2024	December 12, 2024	Jean Mederick
LC-MIPPDUR-393409-CS -CDS-01 Review of ESIA /ESMP/RAP	Consulting Service	DIR	February 19, 2024	July 31, 2024	Panorama Environmental Inc.

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LC-MIPPDUR-356481-CS -INDV-01 RAP Implementation Consultant	Consulting Service	IC	February 7, 2024	May 6, 2024	Ezra Jn Baptiste
LC-MIPPDUR-356475-CS -INDV-01 Demarcation of the Pitons Management Area and the Green Buffer Zone	Consulting Service	IC	June 1, 2023	August 23, 2023	Paul Boland
LC-MIPPDUR-255352-CS -QCBS EMC and Ancillary Services (including well testing & geoscientific services)	Consulting Service	QCBS	May 12, 2022	June 21, 2023	ELC Electroconsult S.p.A. Italy
LC-MIPPDUR-329187-CS -CQS Selection of Consultant to Provide Service of a Public Information and Communications Campaign	Consulting Service	CQS	December 20, 2022	May 17, 2023	Accela Marketing Company Ltd.
LC-MIPPDUR-0012022- RFQ-G Supply of Laptops and Carrying Cases, Monitors, Connectivity and Virtual Meeting Equipment	Goods	RFQ	August 23, 2022	October 19, 2022	Computer and Business Services Ltd.

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