



Commonwealth of Dominica

Island Resilience Action Challenge (IRAC) Grid Resilience Cost Gap working group

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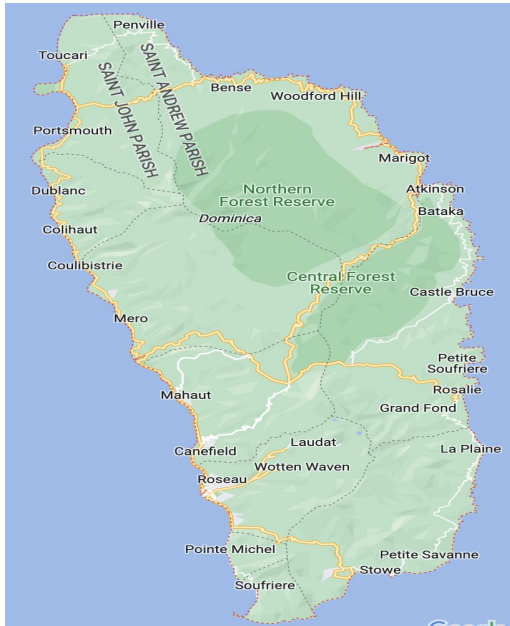
Grid Resilience Cost Gap Team Members

TASK FORCE MEMBERS:



Francine Baron, Commonwealth of Dominica led the Grid Resilience Cost Gap work estimation with her team

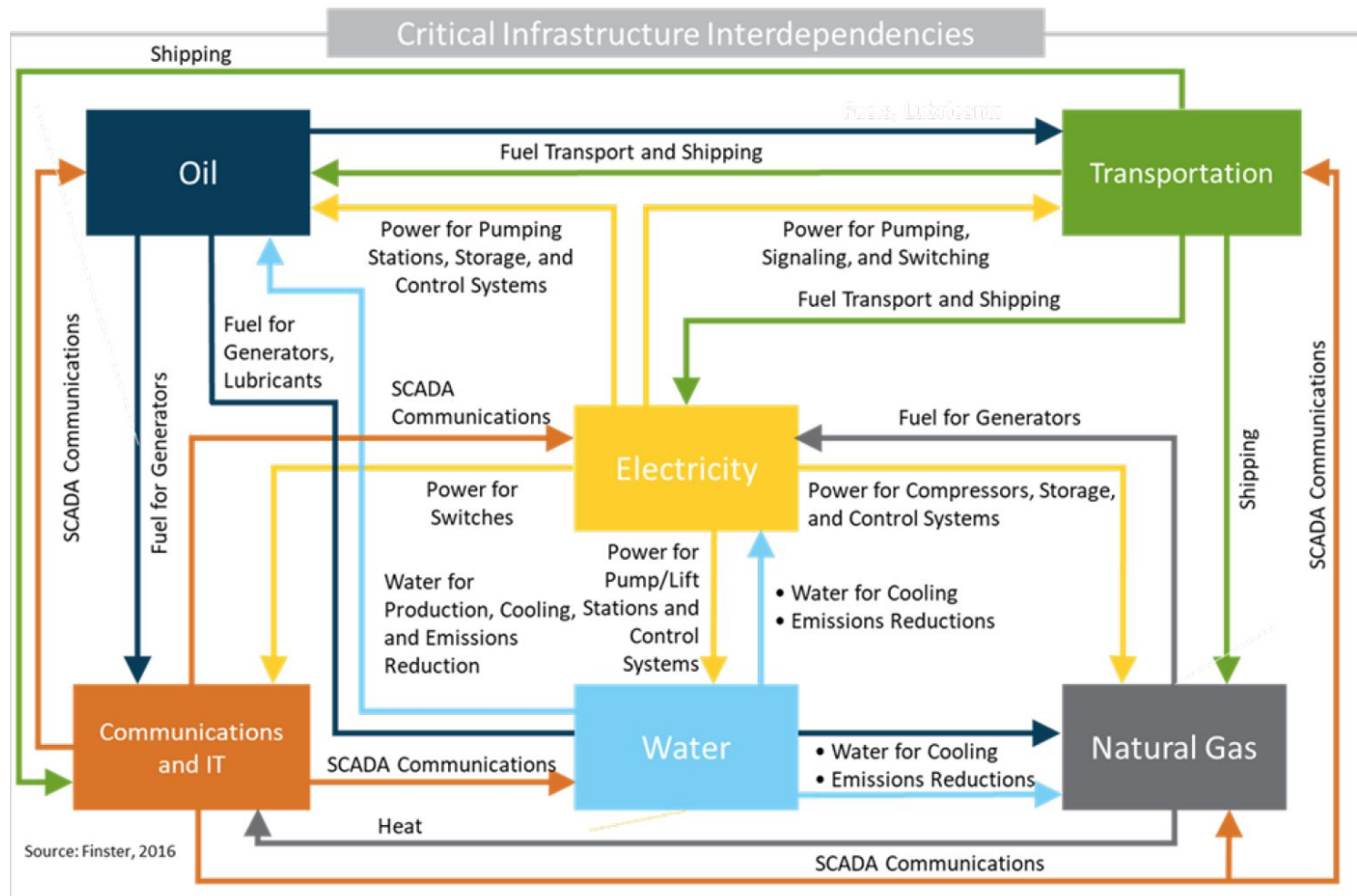
Commonwealth of Dominica-at-a-glance



Key Highlights

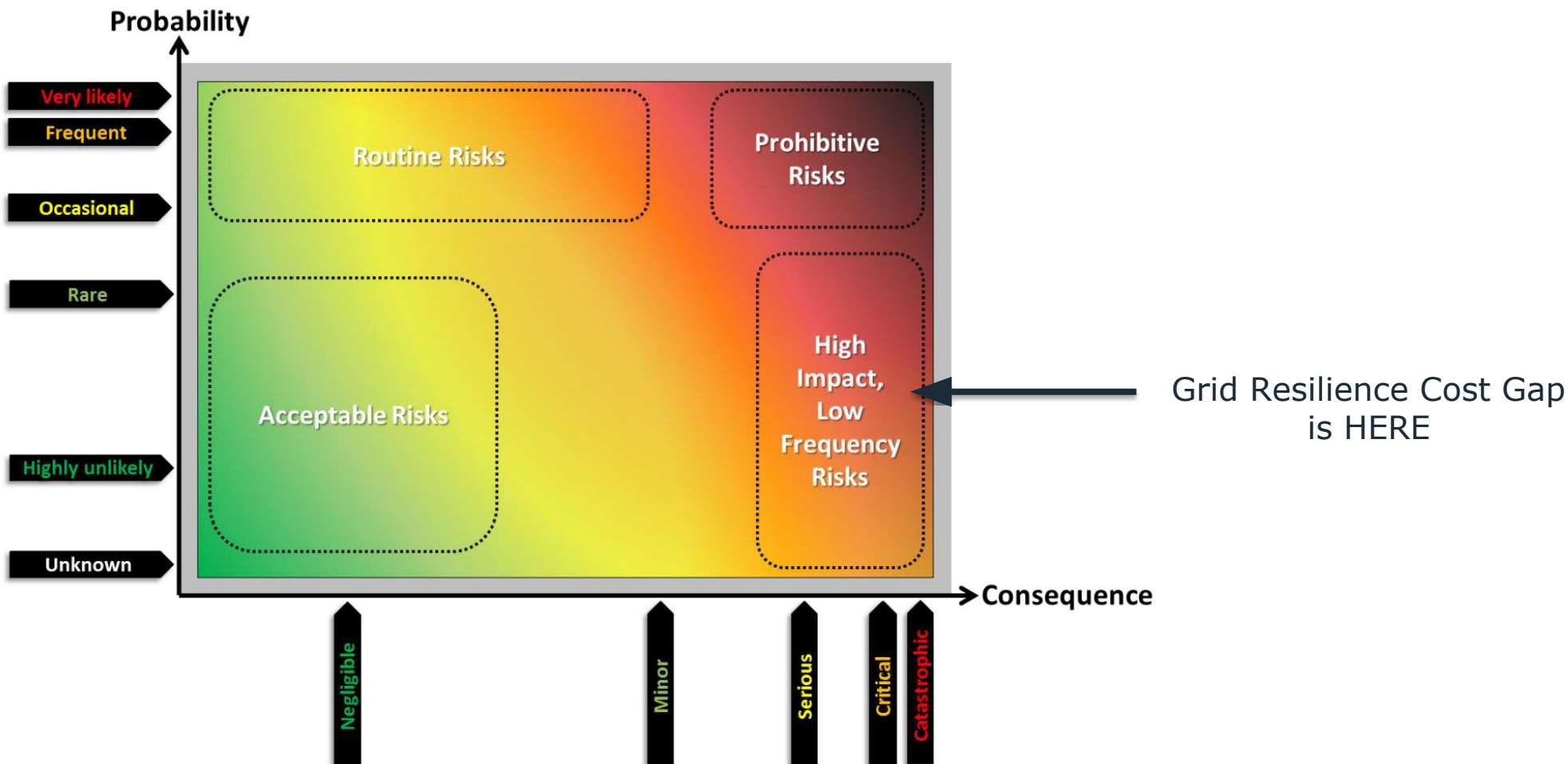
- 750 sq kms; population ~72,000
- High mountain area ~4750 ft tall mountain
- Dense population in limited flat regions
- Large hydrothermal/geothermal generation projects
- Needs new 69kV/33kV transmission line
- Nation vulnerable to hurricanes, heavy rains and floods
- Grid resilience cost gap identified as critical next step in May 2022 CREF event

Grid impacts water and other critical infrastructures



Grid Resilience Risk Framework Methodology

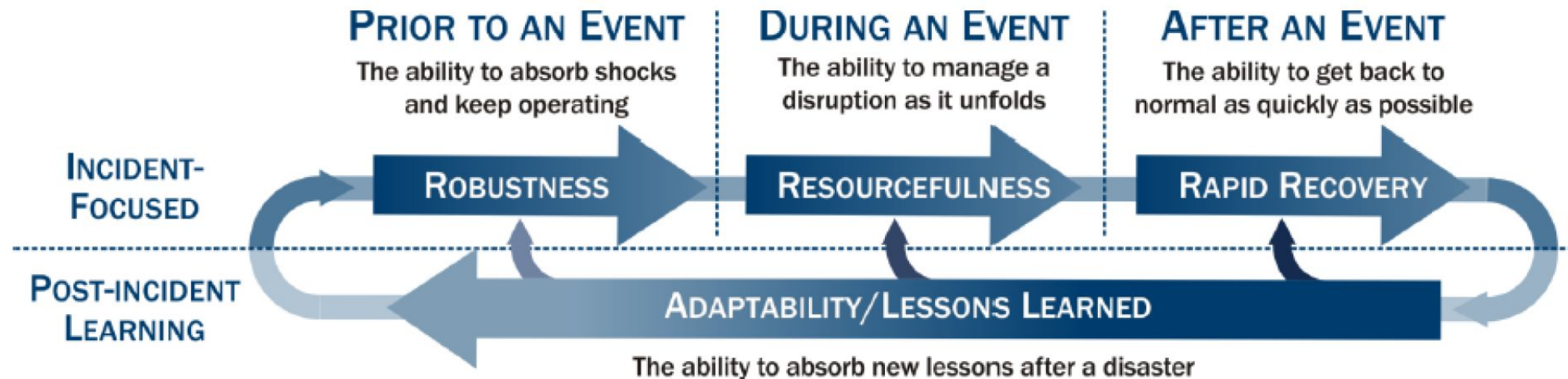
Figure 4. Conceptual Model of the Risk Landscape



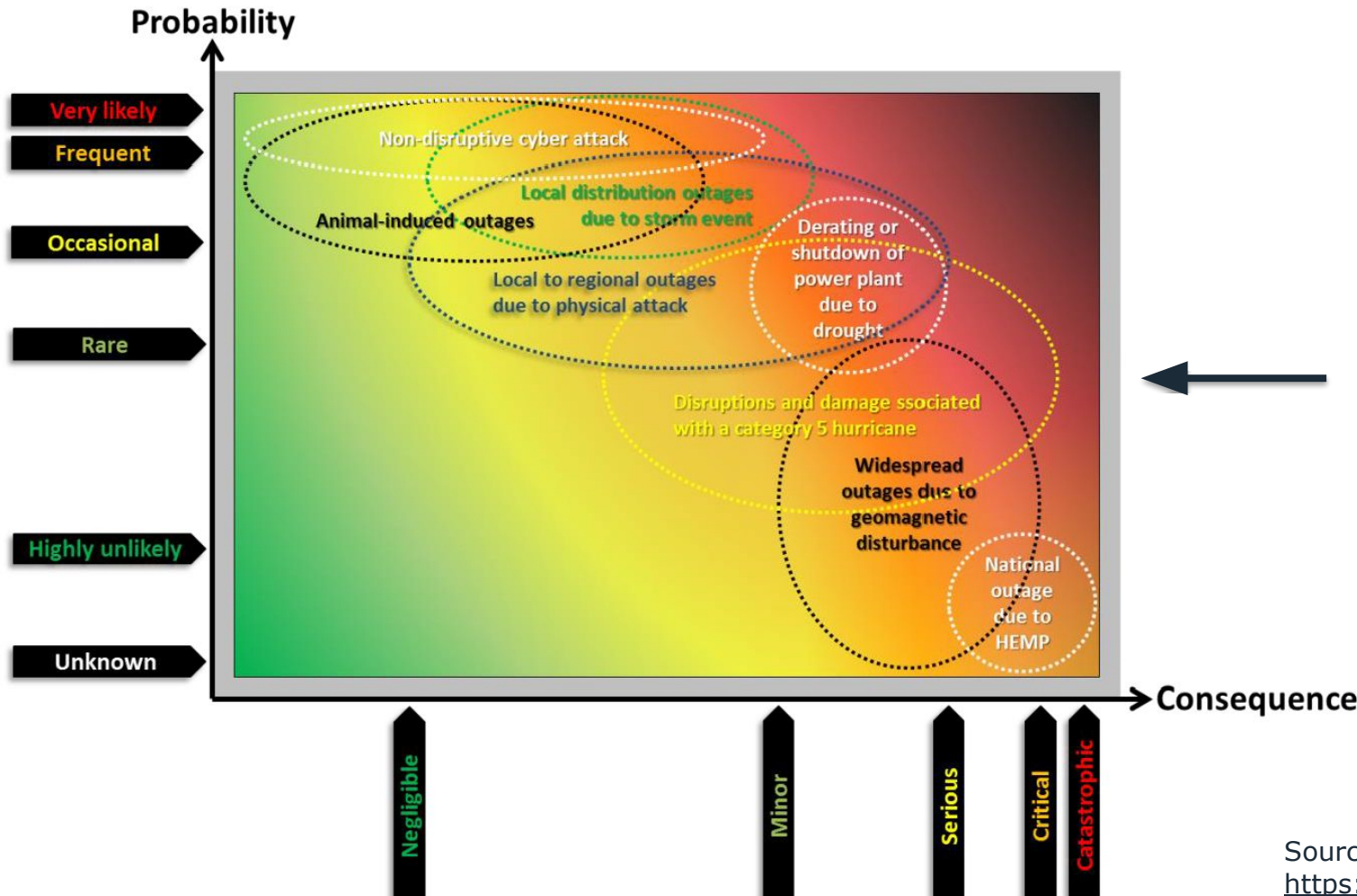
© SENT *Caption: The risk landscape is formed by the interaction between the probability of threats and their consequences.¹⁸ These axes define different classes of risks that reflect different combinations of probability and consequence.*

Grid hardening needed to defend against HILF events

- **Limitations; Not everything in grid resilience can be quantified, predicted or even anticipated**
- Growing awareness of robust new approaches to grid resiliency; Focus on **high Impact low frequency** (HILF) events like Hurricanes



Cat 5 Hurricanes are known danger to Dominica

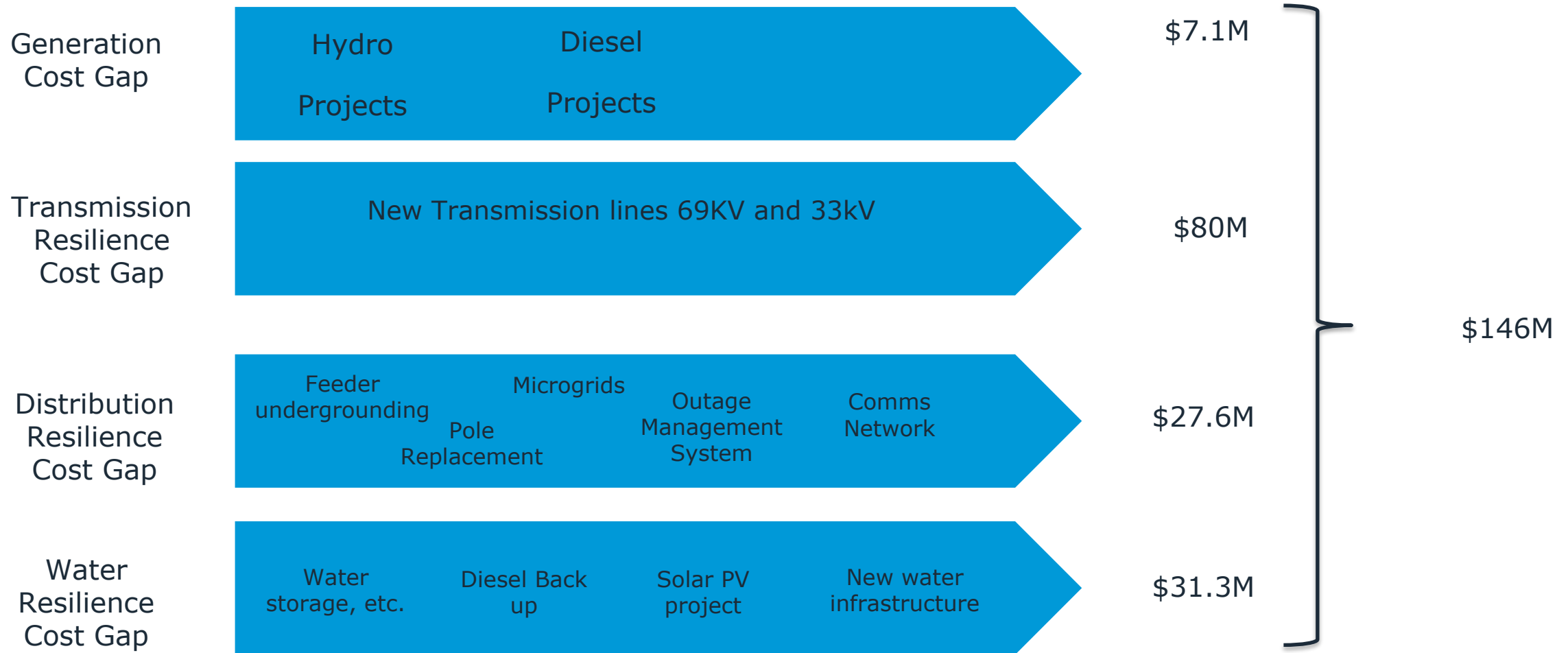


Grid Resilience Risks - Dominica

- ✓ Hurricane/Storms
 - Earthquake
- GDP impacted
- 25th on the list of most vulnerable nations
- 90% of the risk is storms/hurricanes
- Economic impact could be as high as \$1.3B for a Cat 5 storm

Source: <https://climateknowledgeportal.worldbank.org/country/dominica/vulnerability>

Dominica Grid Resiliency Costs



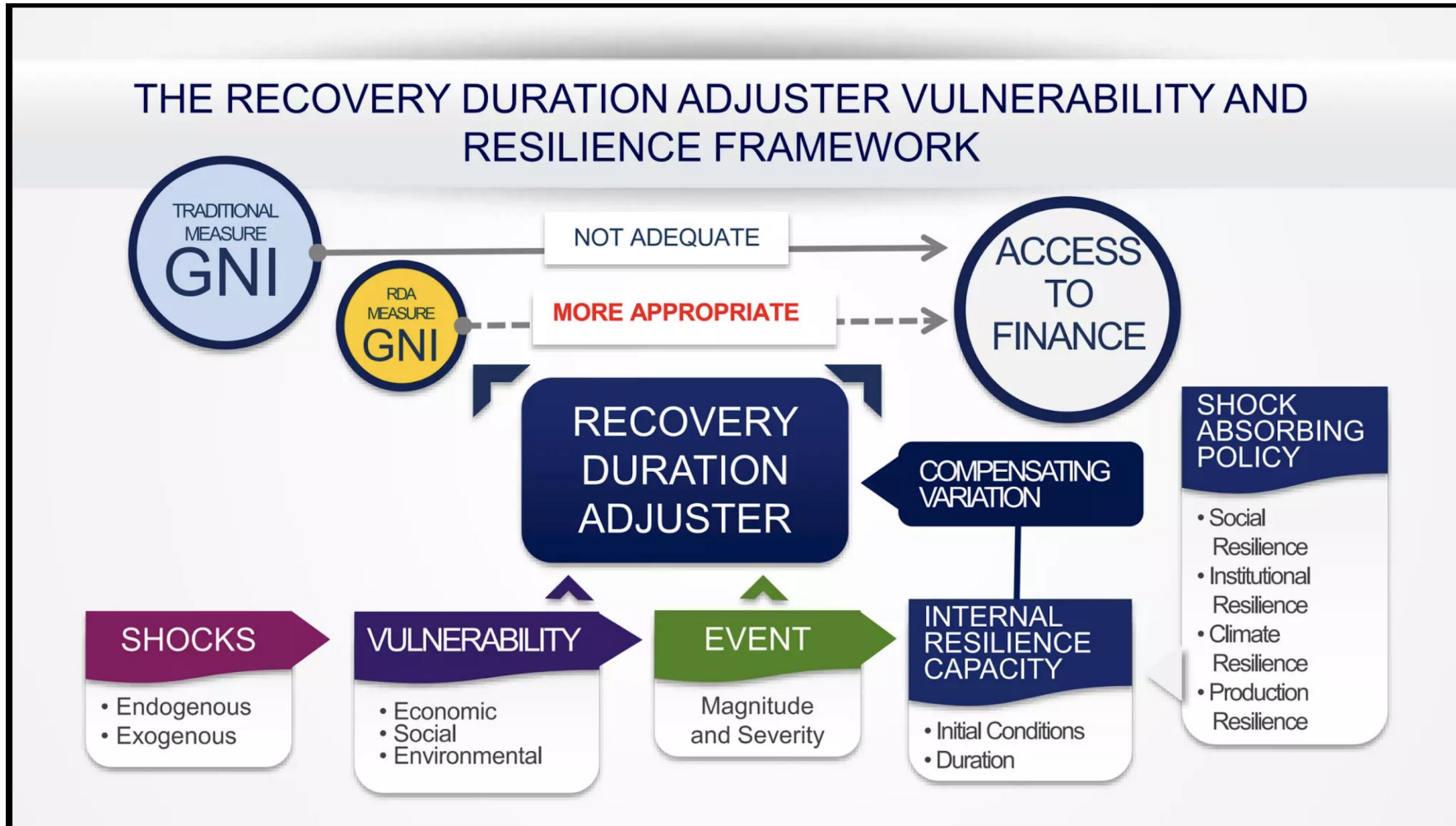
Economic ROI to cover Grid Resilience Cost Gap

- The GDP of the commonwealth of Dominica is estimated \$600M
- A Cat 5 hurricane could put the whole economy at risk; Hurricane Maria impact was **\$1.3B** for Dominica
- The daily GDP impact therefore is **\$3.6M**
- The grid resilience cost gap is **\$146M**
- At 12% borrowing rate, interest payments a year estimated at \$17M or \$48K a day
- At 2% bond rate, interest rate a year is \$2.9M or \$8K a day



Cost of inaction vs affordability of electricity dilemma

Caribbean Development Bank- Recovery Duration Adjuster



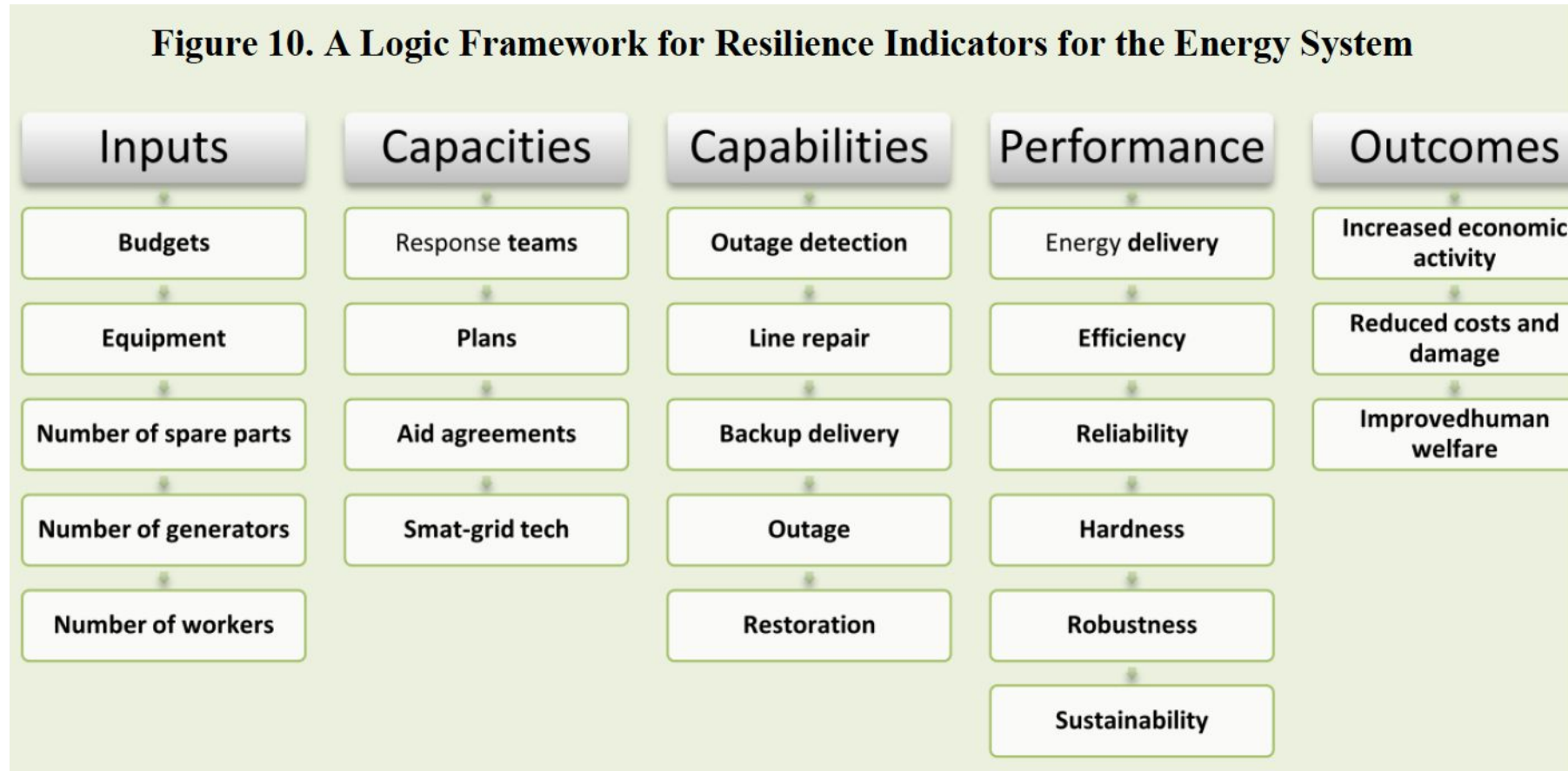
Next Steps

- Present findings at CREF 2023 in Miami
- CREF team to organize facilitated session to engage stakeholders in ideation session
 - trigger innovative ideas to create grass roots awareness of the risks associated with continued vulnerability to hurricanes
 - How to engage external stakeholders to invest in grid resilience
 - Ideas and incentives to overcome the risk of inaction/delay
 - Ideas and incentives to overcome the challenge of affordability
 - What comes next?

Back Up slides



Component of a Grid Resilience Plan



Dominica Grid Resilience Baseline Assessment – 2023

| Threat | Intensity | Probability | System Components | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | | Transmission | Generation | Substation | OH Distribution | UG Distribution | Storage |
| Hurricane | < category 3 | ↑↑ | ○ | ◐ | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ◐ |
| | > category 3 | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Drought | PDSI <3 | | | | | | | |
| | PDSI >3 | | | | | | | |
| Winter Storm | Low icing threat | | | | | | | |
| | High icing | | | | | | | |
| Extreme Heat wave | | ↑ | ○ | ◐ | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ◐ |
| Flood | 1-10 year <ARI | ↑↑ | ○ | ◐ | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ◐ |
| | 1-100 year <ARI | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Wildfire | Low | ↑ | | | | | | |
| | High | | | | | | | |



Poor preparedness



Medium



Robust readiness

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| Sea Level Rise | | ↑ | ○ | ◐ | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ◐ |
| Earthquake | Low (<5.0) | ↑ | ○ | ◐ | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ◐ |
| | High (>7.0) | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Geomagnetic | Low (G1-G2) | | | | | | | |
| | Medium (G5) | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Wildlife/Veg | Low | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Human Threats | Low/High | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Physical | Low/High | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Cyber | Low/High | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Electromagnetic | Low/High | ↑ | | | | | | |
| Equipment Failure | High | ↑ | ○ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ | | |
| COMBINED THREATS | | | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |