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Peravia

Dominican Republic National Disaster Preparedness
Baseline Assessment
Province Profile

Findings: Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (RVA)

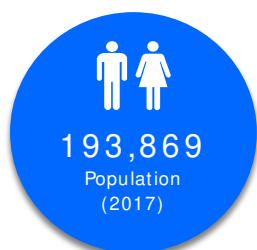
Province: Peravia

Province Capital: Baní



Area: 875 km²

Peravia is located in the south of the Dominican Republic, forming part of the Valdesia Region. Agriculture in the province is very diverse, with the main products being bananas, coffee, tomatoes, onions, rice and mango.



Municipality	Population
Baní	165,446
Nizao	28,423



Multi-Hazard Risk Rank:
Low (23 of 32)

Lack of Resilience Rank:
High (14 of 32)

RVA Component Scores

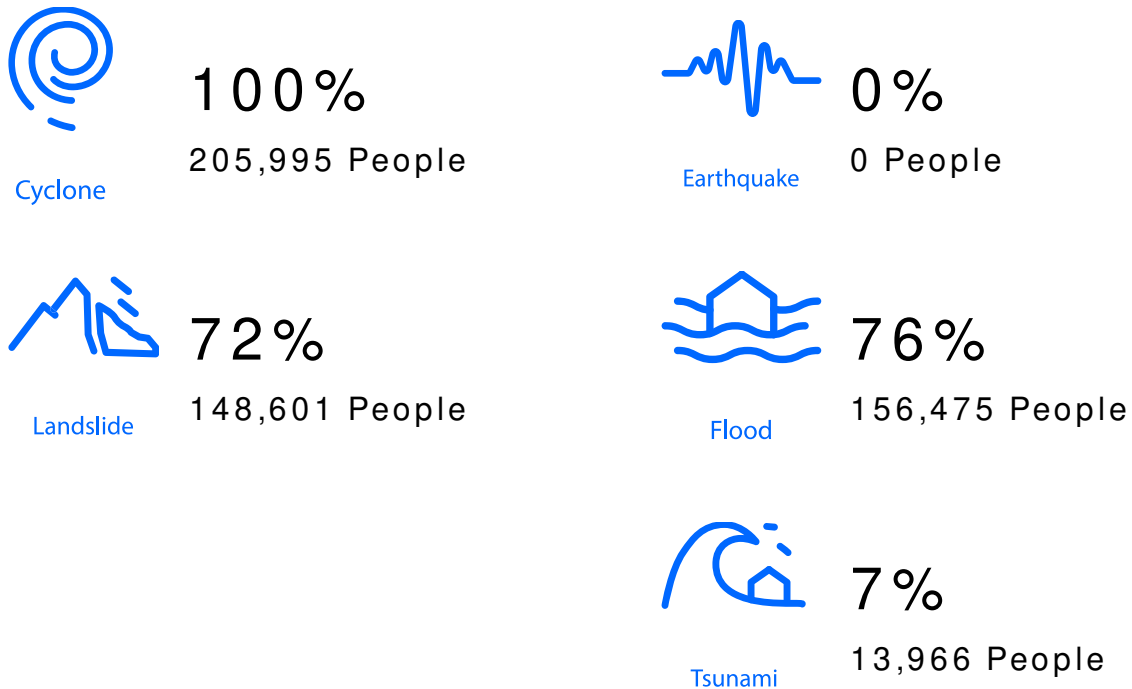
Table 1. Province Scores and Ranks (compared across Provinces) for each Index

Multi-Hazard Risk		Lack of Resilience		Multi-Hazard Exposure		Vulnerability		Coping Capacity	
Low		High		Low		High		Medium	
Score	Rank (of 32)	Score	Rank (of 32)	Score	Rank (of 32)	Score	Rank (of 32)	Score	Rank (of 32)
0.490	23	0.506	14	0.459	21	0.473	14	0.462	18

Multi-Hazard Exposure (MHE)

Multi-Hazard Exposure¹ Rank: 21 of 32 Provinces (Score: 0.459)

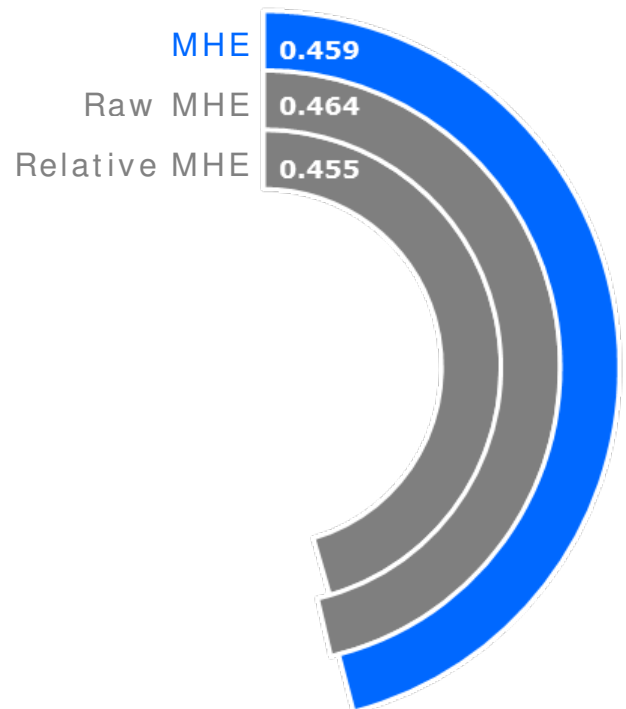
Table 2. Estimated ambient population² exposed to each hazard



Case Study: Potable Water in Peravia

In January 2017, the Peravia Multiple Aqueduct Project was completed by ACCIONA Aqua in the province of Peravia. With the opening of the aqueduct, more than 138,000 people were able to be supplied with potable water in the southern Dominican Republic. This infrastructure development was a significant accomplishment for an area that struggled with access to quality water resources for more than four decades. The project is operating at full capacity and includes a Potable Water Treatment Station, with the potential to reach over 300,000 people in the near future.

"ACCIONA improves potable water supplies in the Dominican Republic with the opening of the Peravia aqueduct" - ACCIONA Agua, 03 January 2017



¹ Multi-Hazard Exposure: Average exposure of the population to hazards.

² Ambient Population: 24-hour average estimate of the population in each province. Ambient population typically differs from census population.

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Vulnerability (V)

Vulnerability³ Rank: 14 of 32 Provinces (Score: 0.473) Vulnerability in Peravia is influenced by Gender Inequality, Population Pressures, and Environmental Stress. The bar chart on the right indicates the socioeconomic themes contributing to the Province's overall Vulnerability score.

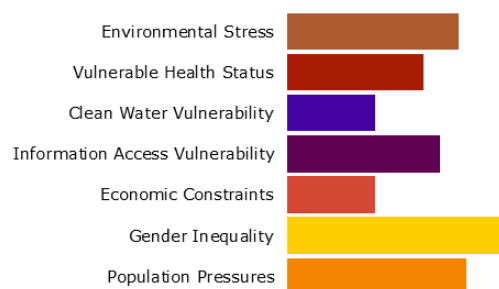









Table 3. Component Scores for each Vulnerability Sub-component

	Environmental Stress	96.6% Province Susceptible to Drought	4.0% Average Annual Forest Change				
	Vulnerable Health Status	18.1 Infant Mortality Rate	73.4 Maternal Mortality Rate	10.4 Chronic Malnutrition	9.1% Population Disabled		
	Clean Water Vulnerability	17.7% Households without Access to Improved Water	6.0% Households without Access to Flush Toilets				
	Information Access Vulnerability	14.7% Illiteracy	79.9% Primary School Enrollment	92.4% Households without Internet	18.2% Households without TV	51.1% Households without Radio	5.7 Average years of Schooling
	Economic Constraints	59.3 Economic Dependency Ratio	47.3% Population in Poverty	25.0% CEP Beneficiaries			
	Gender Inequality	34.9% Female Seats in Government	1.1 Female to Male Years of Schooling	0.50 Female to Male Labor Ratio			
	Population Pressures	0.68% Average Annual Population Change	4.8% Average Annual Urban Population Change				

³ Vulnerability: The socioeconomic conditions that are associated with the susceptibility to disruptions in a country's normal functions.

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Coping Capacity (CC)

Coping Capacity⁴ Rank: 18 of 32 Provinces (Score: 0.462) The thematic areas with the weakest relative scores are Environmental Capacity and Governance. The bar chart on the right indicates the socioeconomic themes contributing to the province's overall Coping Capacity score.

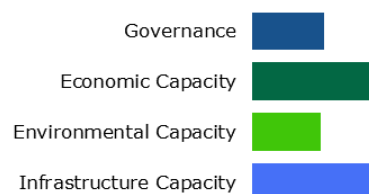









Table 4. Component Scores for each Coping Capacity Sub-component

	Economic Capacity	0.92 Debt to Service Ratio	93.1% Employment Rate (Male)	RD\$ 22,498 Average Annual Income per Capita			
	Governance	70.1% Registered Voter Participation (2016 Election)	26.8 Homicide Rate per 100k persons	74.3% Households with Garbage Collection			
	Environmental Capacity	20.8% Protected or Reforested Land					
	Infrastructure Capacity						
	Health Care Capacity		11.7 Hospital Beds per 10,000 Persons	13.4 Nurses per 10,000 Persons	12.9 Physicians per 10,000 Persons	2.5 km Average Distance to Nearest Hospital	0.81 Vaccination Index ⁵
	Communications Capacity		22.1% Households with Access to Fixed Phone Line	74.4% Households with Access to Mobile Phone			
	Transportation Capacity		15.4 km Average Distance to Nearest Port or Airport	0.63 km Total Length of Road per km ² (area)			

⁴ Coping Capacity: The systems, means, and abilities of a country to absorb and respond to events that could potentially disrupt normal function.

⁵ Vaccination Coverage Index: Coverage of DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus), Polio, Tuberculosis, and Measles vaccinations. Index values range from 0 to 1, with 1 indicating higher coverage.

Lack of Resilience (LR)

Lack of Resilience⁶ Rank: 14 of 32 Provinces (Score: 0.506)

Peravia's score and ranking are due to moderate Vulnerability combined with moderate Coping Capacity scores. Peravia ranks 14th in Vulnerability and 18th in Coping Capacity.

Table 5. The 3 Thematic areas with the Weakest Relative Scores



Population Pressures



Environmental Capacity



Governance

Multi-Hazard Risk (MHR)

Multi-Hazard Risk⁷ Rank: 23 of 32 Provinces (Score: 0.490)

Peravia's score and ranking are due to low Multi-Hazard Exposure combined with moderate Vulnerability and Coping Capacity.

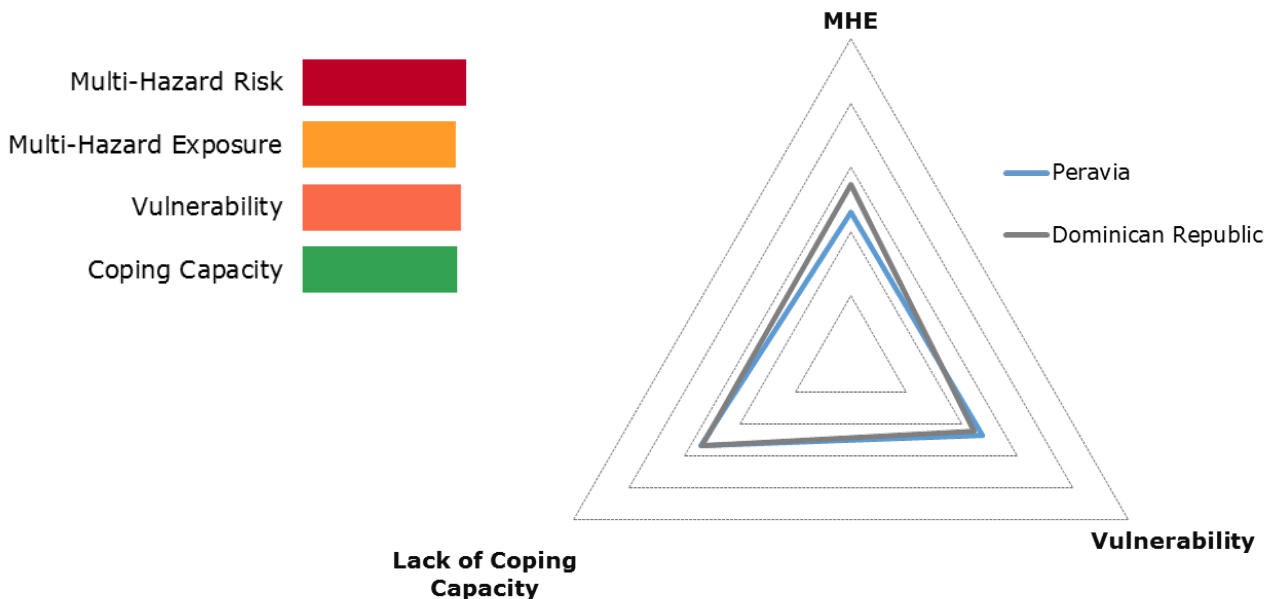


Figure 1. Province Multi-Hazard Risk Component Scores Compared to Overall Average Country Scores

⁶ Lack of Resilience: The susceptibility to impact from the short-term inability to absorb, respond to, and recover from disruptions to a country's normal function. This index provides a hazard-independent look at current socio-economic conditions.

⁷ Multi-Hazard Risk: The likelihood of losses or disruptions to a country's normal function due to interaction between multi-hazard exposure, socioeconomic vulnerability, and coping capacity.

Successes



Low economic constraints

Ranked 23 of 32 provinces, low economic constraints indicate that Peravia may be able to invest in additional mitigation and preparedness measures at the local and community level.



High overall infrastructure capacity

Ranked 6 of 32 provinces, well developed infrastructure – communication, health care, transportation - facilitates the exchange of information, and physical distribution of goods and services to the population.

Recommendations

01

Increase environmental programs

Invest in programs to provide protection for the environment, including protected lands and reforestation projects, to increase the ability of the environment to recover after a disaster.

02

Reduce population pressure

Rapid population changes are difficult to plan for, and can destabilize social, economic, and environmental systems. Analyze trends in the province to determine potential population changes and increase the update frequency of plans and SOPS to accommodate the changes.

03

Increase governance

High crime rates result in low governance scores. Youth-education programs, increased law enforcement, and personal safety-education messages can decrease crime and increase coping capacity.