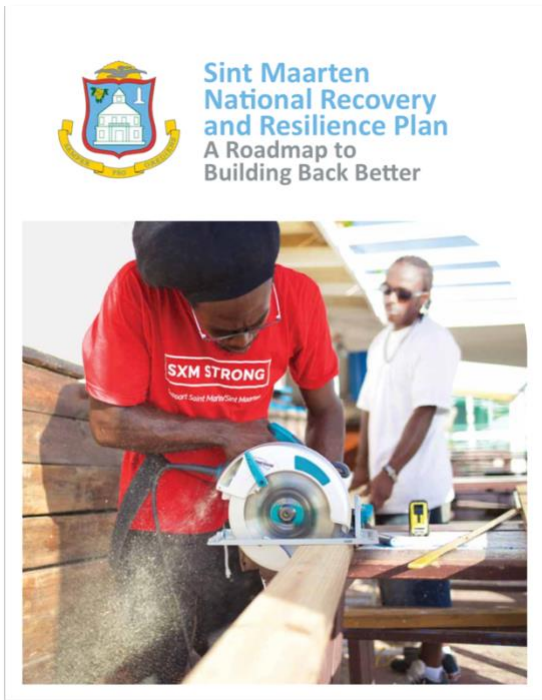


Parliament unanimously supports National Recovery & Resilience Plan



PHILIPSBURG - On Monday, August 27th the Parliament of Sint Maarten approved the National Recovery & Resiliency Plan (NRRP) as well as the Temporary Ordinance on the National Recovery Program Bureau. “I am very pleased that these important documents were passed unanimously today. I would like to express my gratitude to all MPs and especially the members of the opposition for showing unity on these matters”, Prime Minister Romeo-Marlin stated after the Public Meeting. “Parliament’s endorsement demonstrates that we are moving in the right direction in terms of Sint Maarten’s recovery. It will take time, more funds and the continued patience of our people, but the Government of Sint Maarten is very committed to accelerate the different recovery and resilience projects”.

As the roadmap for the recovery process, the NRRP will play an important role in the planning and preparation of future projects. The NRRP was prepared by more than 170

national and international experts. They collected, validated and analyzed data on the damages, losses and needs of Sint Maarten in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

With the approval of the Temporary Ordinance, the Government’s implementation capacity Trust Fund projects will be strengthened. The National Recovery Program Bureau will operate alongside the existing government organization and will be responsible for the implementation of the projects that will be financed by the Trust Fund.