This collection of practice notes aims to help civil society organisations and communities to better monitor, influence and secure commitment to the Hyogo Framework for Action at the local level by:

- documenting and analysing the different approaches and tools to community-led policy monitoring that will be needed to implement the Hyogo Framework for Action
- making specific recommendations for achieving effective and successful policy monitoring and mainstreaming DRR at a local level, based on lessons learned from existing policy-monitoring initiatives and case studies.

These practice notes are complemented by and may be read in conjunction with the recently published toolkit, *Monitoring Government Policies*,[1] which provides extensive information on how to monitor and influence government policies.

Overview of the practice notes

Note 1: Scaling up community-based disaster risk reduction – the key role of local government
An introductory note that highlights the importance of local governance for successful disaster risk reduction and introduces the key concepts used in the practice notes.

Note 2: Community-led policy-monitoring: key lessons and principles
This defines the key principles and lessons of community-led policy monitoring. The accompanying Note 2A outlines the particular strengths and remaining challenges for Christian Aid partners.

Note 3: Monitoring policies to reduce the risk of disasters
This highlights the link between poverty and the vulnerability to disasters, and gives an overview of what community-led policy-monitoring for disaster risk reduction can and hopes to achieve.

Note 4: Community-led policy-monitoring and disaster risk reduction: a tool for implementing the Hyogo Framework for action
This introduces the Hyogo Framework for Action and provides an overview of the main steps in monitoring progress against commitments made.

Notes 5-9: HFA priorities
Notes 5-9 introduce the five HFA priority areas and lay out the main gaps in current progress, suggest potential solutions, describe steps for action and possible indicators of success.

Note 10: Summary and outlook
The final note provides a summary of final recommendations for local organisations and donor agencies, and provides examples of possible activities to get started.

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1. CAFOD, Christian Aid and Trocaire, *Monitoring Government Policies. A Toolkit for Civil Society Organisations in Africa* 2006. Although the toolkit has been developed specifically for civil society organisations in Africa, many of its guidelines and tools are applicable to local advocacy work across the globe. See: www.internationalbudget.org/MonitorGovPol.pdf

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