

BOTSWANA
NATIONAL SUMMARY REPORT
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SECTION A: PROFILE

(This section contains relevant basic information about your country.
Please complete and check the information already included.)

1. Composition of National Committee (Focal Point):

(Please list the names of the institutions represented and indicate in the brackets the number of members for each group)

<p>Ministries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Office of the President</i> (1) - <i>Works, Transport and Comms</i> (2) - <i>Mineral Resources and Water</i> (1) - <i>Finance & Develop. Planning</i> [3] - <i>Agriculture</i> (1) - <i>Health</i> (1) - <i>Local Govt</i> (1) <p>Academic & Research Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>NONE</i> [] 	<p>Non-Governmental Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Botswana Red Cross Society</i> (1) - [] - [] <p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [] <p>Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - []
<p>Private Sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>NONE</i> [] 	
<p>Public Services (e.g. meteorological, etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Botswana Police</i> (1) - <i>Botswana Defence Force</i> [2] 	<p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - []

2. Internal organization of the National Committee

(Please describe hierarchy, responsibilities, coordination and cooperation mechanisms in natural disaster reduction activities.) National Committee is chaired by Deputy Permanent Secretary, Office of the President. The Secretariat is at Ministry of Finance. Membership consists of Deputy Permanent Secretaries from relevant sectoral Ministries/Departments listed on previous page as well as the Botswana Red Cross Society to represent NGOs. Overall coordination and direction in the operations of the Committee is the responsibility of the Office of the President.

3. Prevailing hazards

Type	Location	Affected Population
Drought ✓	country-wide	600 000 (40%)
Insect infestation ✓	central and some parts of Southern Districts	30 000

(Please attach additional information if necessary)

4. Recent natural disasters

Type	Location	Affected Population	Losses
Drought	country-wide	600 000	Livestock 5% Crops 80%
Floods	some parts	Not know but small	None in terms of human life

5. National socio-economic conditions

- Population: 1 326 796 (1991)
- Gross-DOMESTIC-National Product (GDP): P8,0 billion
- Per-Capita Income: P5 600 ≈ US \$2 500 (1993)

6. Availability of assistance to other countries in the field of natural disaster reduction.

(Please list potential resources, scientific expertise, technology, etc.)

NONE

7. International assistance required for natural disaster reduction

(Please indicate requirements for scientific expertise, technology, resources etc.)

- Technical and Professional expertise
- Machinery for rehabilitation and monitoring, especially for early warning systems
- Financial support to the established programmes and projects

SECTION B: STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES

(This section deals with current or planned strategies and activities.)

1. Steps towards achieving the 3 main Decade targets

- (a) Comprehensive national assessments of risks from natural hazards, with these assessments taken into account in development plans;

We are currently in the process of formulating a disaster policy, to be followed by the drafting of a national disaster management plan. This process will also take into account existing facilities (inventory of existing programmes etc)

- (b) Mitigation plans at national and/or local levels, involving long-term prevention and preparedness and community awareness; and

Isolated local-level preparedness plans probably exist although they are not known to central government in any systematic way.

- (c) Ready access to global, regional, national and local warning systems and broad dissemination of warnings.

Such facility currently exist only in respect of drought management. Regional Groups have been established through the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Overall drought programmes are coordinated by the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning through inter-Ministerial Committees. These Committees, through the Rural Development Council, advise the Cabinet and the President on decisions to be made.

2. Present national plan for natural disaster reduction

a) Time span covered:

NONE

b) Agencies, institutions and organizations involved:

c) Implementing agencies:

d) Funds available for implementation:

3. Legislation introduced and enacted in relation to natural disaster reduction

4. Disaster mitigation activities completed or underway:

a) *Identification of hazard zones: hazard assessment*

Title of project:

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

b) Monitoring, prediction and warning

Title of project:

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

c) *Short-term Protective measures and preparedness*

Title of project:

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

d) *Long-term preventive measures*

Title of project:

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

e) *Land-use and risk management*

Title of project:

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

f) Public education and information

Title of project:

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

5. Plans to fully achieve Decade targets by the end of 1999

(As in 4 above, for each area of activity [i.e., hazard zoning/assessment, monitoring, preparedness, etc] please indicate as applicable, the project title, the participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level, the costs of projects, the sources of funding and the implementing agencies.)

SECTION C: INTERACTIONS

(This section focuses on international involvement in the IDNDR.)

1. Publications on IDNDR-related subjects:

(E.g. manuals, brochures, bulletins and other publications of relevance to IDNDR. Please mention title, author/institution, place and year of publication)

2. IDNDR meetings and conferences held or planned:

(Please indicate, date, location, organizing agency, national and international participation.)

3. Current or planned partnerships and cooperation related to IDNDR with other countries

(Please indicate Governments, National Committees, Institutions or Organizations involved.)

SECTION D: EVALUATION

(This section analyses national progress and outlines possible improvement.)

1. Overall evaluation of national disaster mitigation programmes including, but not limited to, those initiated after IDNDR and achievements up to now

(Please elaborate on whether the targets set by the National Committee, if any, the national disaster mitigation plans or other IDNDR activities have been met. If not, please indicate reasons.)

2. Review of the IDNDR

(Critique of the Decade to date and suggestions for improvement/modifications in the second half.)