



Bukedea District, Uganda

Local progress report on the implementation of the 10 Essentials for Making Cities Resilient (2013-2014)

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Essential 1

Put in place organization and coordination to understand and reduce disaster risk, based on participation of citizen groups and civil society. Build local alliances. Ensure that all departments understand their role to disaster risk reduction and preparedness.

How well are local organizations (including local government) equipped with capacities (knowledge, experience, official mandate) for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

The focal point person for Environment management is in place also assigned duties of secretary to the Disaster committee. ? Disaster committee is in place with capacity built by the District committee. Mentoring and support supervision by the District Environment office has time and again been provided. However financial resources limit carrying out of DRR activities as the local government depends on only Local revenues which in most cases has not been realized as planned for. ?

To what extent do partnerships exist between communities, private sector and local authorities to reduce risk?

Level of Progress achieved: 3

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Awareness and sensitization meetings have been conducted on the causes , its effects and Methods of disaster management. However more partnership is visible only times the disasters strike. For example in 2013, when hailstorms affected peoples crops and structures, communities gave a supportive hand. OPM (Office of the Prime Minister) also comes in to distribute food and planting materials to the affected households. This seems reactionary and not preventive.

How much does the local government support vulnerable local

communities (particularly women, elderly, infirmed, children) to actively participate in risk reduction decision-making, policy making, planning and implementation processes?

Level of Progress achieved: 4

Description of Progress & Achievements:

The Local Government involves all categories of people in communities in its consultative planning and budgeting processes right from the cell/village level. this is where priorities are generated and in a Participatory manner. The needs assessments are carried out and key priorities are taken into consideration based on existing resources. The town council has also been a beneficiary of gov't programs that are intended to benefit especially the vulnerable communities e.g. NUSAF, NAADs, CDD, piped water projects, and road maintenance programs. Programs targeting vulnerable groups like promotion of energy saving stoves and biogas technology have been conduted in partnership with the District and Uganda Domestic Biogas Programme.

To what extent does the local government participate in the national DRR planning?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

The authorities responsible for DRR(OPM) has not been involving the town council in planning for DRR but often provided hand outs when and only the times of disaster. Not even meetings on DRR do we participate in. So there is very small involvement if any.

Essential 2

Assign a budget for disaster risk reduction and provide incentives for homeowners, low-income families, communities, businesses and public sector to invest in reducing the risks they face.

How far does the local government have access to adequate financial resources to carry out risk reduction activities?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?there is limited access to financial resources only through Local revenue. The town council does not access any grants from the central government for related programmes.?The local government only benefits from District activities carried out and managed by the District. The biggest challenge is that council looks at Environment department not as a priority area During distributing resources in planning and budgeting.

To what degree does the local government allocate sufficient financial resources to carry out DRR activities, including effective disaster response and recovery?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?To a small extent resources are allocated for disaster risk reduction related activities for example, Waste management, piped water provision, and road signage. however no specific budget is provided for DRR. ?budget is less than 2% of the total budget.

What is the scope of financial services (e.g. saving and credit schemes, macro and micro-insurance) available to vulnerable and marginalised households for pre- disaster times?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?Village savings and loans schemes are in place initiated by community groups for example Cattle traders association, Savings groups under Build Africa, women "ABATUWA" groups. Post bank provides mobile banking services. the challenge is that minimal credit is provided for as there are no banking institutions in the town council as of now. this has left many travel to Mbale or Kumi districts to access banking services. ?

To what extent are micro finance, cash aid, soft loans, lone guarantees etc available to affected households after disasters to restart livelihoods?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?these are available to a small extent. this done depending on the needs of the affected and available collateral. town council has no control over this.?

How well established are economic incentives for investing in disaster risk reduction for households and businesses (e.g. reduced insurance premiums for households, tax holidays for businesses)?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?Not established?at this level as there are not even recognized businesses dealing with DRR.

To what extent do local business associations, such as chambers of

commerce and similar, support efforts of small enterprises for business continuity during and after disasters?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?The Local Business Associations are too small themselves to be able to support other business enterprises. these always give very small loans that can not fully support the affected households especially due to lack of collateral. ?

Essential 3

Maintain up-to-date data on hazards and vulnerabilities, prepare risk assessments and use these as the basis for urban development plans and decisions. Ensure that this information and the plans for your city's resilience are readily available to the public and fully discussed with them.

To what degree does the local government conducted thorough disaster risk assessments for key vulnerable development sectors in your local authority?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

The Local government carries out project screening to assess the likely project risks especially on roads, water and education on a quarterly basis. However concrete risk assessment has not been carried out that would give a proper Disaster Risk database. A lot of support is required on this. Financial constraints are a major challenge.

To what extent are these risk assessments regularly updated, e.g. annually or on a bi-annual basis?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

his is done on quarterly basis when resources allow.

How regularly does the local government communicate to the community, information on local hazard trends and risk reduction measures (e.g. using a Risk Communications Plan) including early warnings of likely hazard impact?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

this is done through community sensitization meetings, major government programs, burials and churches. Also when the District receives weather updates, its communcated to communities.

How well are local government risk assessments linked to, and supportive of, risk assessments from neighbouring local authorities and state or provincial government risk management plans?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

there is not a strong linkage between our assessments and those of our neighbors due to boundary jurisdictions and autonomy.?However support is there during implementation of interventions.

How well are disaster risk assessments incorporated into all relevant local development planning on a consistent basis?

Level of Progress achieved: 4

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?Results of the Risk assesments are integrated in respective departments where outputs related exist. But not all are implemented especially if very complicated and requiring a lot of resources. In this context such projects carry out EIAs.?

Essential 4

Invest in and maintain critical infrastructure that reduces risk, such as flood drainage, adjusted where needed to cope with climate change.

How far do land use policies and planning regulations for housing and development infrastructure take current and projected disaster risk (including climate related risks) into account?

Level of Progress achieved: 3

Housing	No
Communication	No
Transportation	No
Energy	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

plans approval are done for housing , recommended lighting used in telecom masts for aircraft safety, road signs and humps installed on roads, and EIAs done for petrol stations.

How adequately are critical public facilities and infrastructure located in high risk areas assessed for all hazard risks and safety?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?EIAs are conducted for projects with negative impacts that require detailed studies is carried out.?

How adequate are the measures that are being undertaken to protect critical public facilities and infrastructure from damage during disasters?

Level of Progress achieved: 4

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?measures are very adequately suggested and included in the BOQs. there is a challenge in implementation as less money is put by relevant sector heads. there is need to involve the District Environment officer during planning.?

Essential 5

Assess the safety of all schools and health facilities and upgrade these as necessary.

To what extent have local schools, hospitals and health facilities received special attention for "all hazard" risk assessments in your local authority?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Schools	No
Hospitals/ health facilities	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

to a small extent through Health inspection programs.

How safe are all main schools, hospitals and health facilities from disasters so that they have the ability to remain operational during emergencies?

Level of Progress achieved: 4

Schools	No
Hospitals/ health facilities	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

The locations are very good, have adequate road access network. ?

To what degree do local government or other levels of government have special programs in place to regularly assess schools,

hospitals and health facilities for maintenance, compliance with building codes, general safety, weather-related risks etc.?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Schools	No
Hospitals/ health facilities	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?To a certain extent, education has school inspection activities every quarter, health has in place health management committees that oversee operation and maintenance of health units. the only challenge is non reliability in fund disbursements.?

How far are regular disaster preparedness drills undertaken in schools, hospitals and health facilities?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Schools	No
Hospitals/ health facilities	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?done only in schools(primary) in form of PE?

Essential 6

Apply and enforce realistic, risk compliant building regulations and land use planning principles. Identify safe land for low-income citizens and develop upgrading of informal settlements, wherever feasible.

How well are risk-sensitive land use regulations and building codes, health and safety codes enforced across all development zones and building types?

Level of Progress achieved: 4

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Being a new town council, the physical structural plan has been popularized and is enforced.??

How strong are existing regulations (e.g. land use plans, building codes etc) to support disaster risk reduction in your local authority?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

regulations are good but adoption, response are poor especially on wetlands areas and enforcement is weak.??

Essential 7

Ensure education programmes & training on disaster risk reduction are in place in schools and communities.

How regularly does the local government conduct awareness-building or education programs on DRR and disaster preparedness for local communities?

Level of Progress achieved: 4

Programs include cultural diversity issues	No
Programs are sensitive to gender perspectives	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?on quarterly basis mainly by the district. schools have related subjects in their curriculum.?

To what extent does the local government provide training in risk reduction for local officials and community leaders?

Level of Progress achieved: 4

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?on quarterly basis mainly by the district. also NGOs and CBOs carry out awareness programmes on this area.?

To what degree do local schools and colleges include courses, education or training in disaster risk reduction (including climate related risks) as part of the education curriculum?

Level of Progress achieved: 5

Description of Progress & Achievements:

It is a government policy

How aware are citizens of evacuation plans or drills for evacuations when necessary?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

only get to know when the disaster strikes

Essential 8

Protect ecosystems and natural buffers to mitigate floods, storm surges and other hazards to which your city may be vulnerable. Adapt to climate change by building on good risk reduction practices.

How well integrated are local government DRR policies, strategies and implementation plans with existing environmental development and natural resource management plans?

Level of Progress achieved: 5

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Drawn from the policies that are in place and funding guidelines

To what degree does the local government support the restoration, protection and sustainable management of ecosystems services?

Level of Progress achieved: 4

Forests	Yes
Coastal zones	No
Wetlands	Yes
Water resources	Yes
River basins	No
Fisheries	Yes

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?This is done through sensitization, monitoring and enforcement visits?

How much do civil society organizations and citizens participate in the restoration, protection and sustainable management of ecosystems services?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Involved in planning and prioritization. Reporting of any abuse or degradation.

How much does the private sector participate in the implementation of environmental and ecosystems management plans in your local authority?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Their knowledge on environment management is still limited.?

Essential 9

Install early warning systems and emergency management capacities in your city and hold regular public preparedness drills.

To what degree do local institutions have access to financial reserves to support effective disaster response and early recovery?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Response is mainly by OPM and charity organisations like Red cross. The town council depends on meager local revenue.?

To what extent are early warning centres established, adequately staffed (or on-call personnel) and well resourced (power back ups, equipment redundancy etc) at all times?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?Not in place. Communities depend on indigenous warning systems ?

How much do warning systems allow for adequate community participation?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

not in place

To what extent does the local government have an emergency operations centre (EOC) and/or an emergency communication system?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Not in place and yet critical

How regularly are training drills and rehearsal carried out with the participation of relevant government, non-governmental, local leaders and volunteers?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Trained Redcross teams are involved during such times.

How available are key resources for effective response, such as emergency supplies, emergency shelters, identified evacuation routes and contingency plans at all times?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Stockpiles of relief supplies	No
Emergency shelters	Yes
Safe evacuation routes identified	No
Contingency plan or community disaster	No

preparedness plan for all major hazards

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Provided by OPM and Red Cross. The town council does not have a budget.?

Essential 10

After any disaster, ensure that the needs of the survivors are placed at the centre of reconstruction with support for them and their community organizations to design and help implement responses, including rebuilding homes and livelihoods.

How much access does the local government have to resources and expertise to assist victims of psycho-social (psychological, emotional) impacts of disasters?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?Counselling and guidance staff are available only in Health centre IV but for disease related cases and not Disaster stress.?

How well are disaster risk reduction measures integrated into post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation activities (i.e. build back better, livelihoods rehabilitation)?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Limited by resources

To what degree does the Contingency Plan (or similar plan) include an outline strategy for post disaster recovery and reconstruction, including needs assessments and livelihoods rehabilitation?

Level of Progress achieved: 3

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Very good plans at District but factored as un funded priorities?