



Bukedea District, Uganda

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Priority for Action 1

Ensure that disaster reduction is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation

Core Indicator 1.1

National policy and legal framework for disaster risk reduction exists with decentralized responsibilities and capacities at all levels.

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.

Core Indicator 1.2

Dedicated and adequate resources are available to implement disaster risk reduction plans and activities at all administrative levels.

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.

Core Indicator 1.3

Community participation and decentralization are ensured through the delegation of authority and resources to local levels.

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 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.?

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
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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.?

Core Indicator 1.4

A national multi-sectoral platform for disaster risk reduction is functioning.

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.

Priority for Action 2

Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning

Core Indicator 2.1

National and local risk assessments based on hazard data and vulnerability information are available and include risk.

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 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 assessments 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.?

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. ?

Core Indicator 2.2

Systems are in place to monitor, archive and disseminate data on key hazards and vulnerabilities.

-- No questions related to local context --

Core Indicator 2.3

Early warning systems are in place for all major hazards, with outreach to communities.

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

Core Indicator 2.4

National and local risk assessments take account of regional/trans-boundary risks, with a view to regional cooperation on risk reduction.

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.

Priority for Action 3

Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels

Core Indicator 3.1

Relevant information on disasters is available and accessible at all levels, to all stakeholders (through networks, development of information sharing systems, etc).

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.

Core Indicator 3.2

School curricula, education material and relevant trainings include disaster risk reduction and recovery concepts and practices.

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 agovernment policy

Core Indicator 3.3

Research methods and tools for multi-risk assessments and cost benefit analysis are developed and strengthened.

-- No questions related to local context --

Core Indicator 3.4

Countrywide public awareness strategy exists to stimulate a culture of disaster resilience, with outreach to urban and rural communities.

-- No questions related to local context --

Priority for Action 4

Reduce the underlying risk factors

Core Indicator 4.1

Disaster risk reduction is an integral objective of environment related policies and plans, including for land use, natural resource management and adaptation to climate change.

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

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 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.? ?

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.?

Core Indicator 4.2

Social development policies and plans are being implemented to reduce the vulnerability of populations most at risk.

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.?

Core Indicator 4.3

Economic and productive sectorial policies and plans have been implemented to reduce the vulnerability of economic activities.

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. ?

Core Indicator 4.4

Planning and management of human settlements incorporate disaster risk reduction elements, including enforcement of building codes.

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.?

Core Indicator 4.5

Disaster risk reduction measures are integrated into post disaster recovery and rehabilitation processes.

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

Core Indicator 4.6

Procedures are in place to assess the disaster risk impacts of major development projects, especially infrastructure.

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.?

Priority for Action 5

Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels

Core Indicator 5.1

Strong policy, technical and institutional capacities and mechanisms for disaster risk management, with a disaster risk reduction perspective are in place.

-- No questions related to local context --

Core Indicator 5.2

Disaster preparedness plans and contingency plans are in place at all administrative levels, and regular training drills and rehearsals are held to test and develop disaster response programmes.

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 preparedness plan for all major hazards	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

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

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 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

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?

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?

Core Indicator 5.3

Financial reserves and contingency mechanisms are in place to support effective response and recovery when required.

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.?

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.?

Core Indicator 5.4

Procedures are in place to exchange relevant information during hazard events and disasters, and to undertake post-event reviews.

-- No questions related to local context --