



# Entebbe, Uganda

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## 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.*

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## **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 laws, guidelines and policies are in place by Central Government but the challenge is with knowledge, organizational structures to give way to Disaster risk management teams, capacity to predict and financing of implementation especially in Entebbe municipality. Therefore, more training is needed in areas of disaster prediction, risk reduction and climate change adaptation.??

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

### Description of Progress & Achievements:

Partnerships do exist more especially with Public Sector and development partners like Civil Aviation Authority Uganda, The UN Base. However, given the limited finances, very little is being done in the area of disaster risk reduction and response.

## **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: 1

#### Description of Progress & Achievements:

The municipal is trying to sensitize the wetlands users on sustainable wetlands utilization, di-silting channels, distributing trees to promote re-afforestation and to organize Youth and women groups to access financing. We are now in the process of establishing Disaster management/Local Environmental Committees and to re-develop the landfill site in Nkumba.

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

#### Description of Progress & Achievements:

??Like all other Local Governments in Uganda, Entebbe Municipality participated in the development of the National Policy for Disaster Preparedness and Management under the Office of the Prime Minister. However, implementation and follow up on the action plans is still unsatisfactory.?

## 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.*

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### **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 still inadequate levels of financing for disaster risk reduction at all levels. Local governments at all levels still find it hard to mobilize resources nationally and internationally and to allocate budgets, local revenue streams. There is still need to ensure that adequate resources are invested into reducing disaster risk rather than just responding to extreme events when they happen.?

### **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: 2

#### Description of Progress & Achievements:

? Due to financial constraints, allocation of resources to disaster risk management is still inadequate. Integration of DRR activities into the local economic and social development plans is still needed. ?

### **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: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Access to formal financial services for the vulnerable communities is still inadequate. However, the municipal council through the Community development and commercial offices do organize marginalized households in groups to access micro credits from micro finance institutions.

**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: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Only post-disaster aid is available in terms of tangible items like food, temporary shelter and medical care to alleviate suffering of affected households in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. ? ?

**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:

Completely non existent

**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:

Non existent

## 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.*

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**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:

No assessment conducted yet

**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:

Risk assessments not yet done by the Municipal Council.?

**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: 4

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?A couple of times (about 4 times in a year) through sensitization meetings on natural resources management, village meetings, Budget outreach meetings and local radio programmes. More information is also availed by the meteorological department which is fortunately located in Entebbe Municipality.?

**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:

Disasters are rarely confined to administrative boundaries. Entebbe being a host of the international airport, in case of emergencies, neighboring local authorities and security groups are always on alert to respond.

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Disaster risk assessments are incorporated in the development plan.? ?



## Essential 4

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

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**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: 2

Housing	No
Communication	No
Transportation	Yes
Energy	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Land use planning and building regulations under Town Planning and Environment management are two of the most important areas which urban areas like Entebbe Municipality use for disaster risk reduction. These regulations are articulated and enforced for all critical infrastructure and housing developments in Entebbe Municipal Council.

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

there is poor assessment of the said facilities due to inadequate funds and personnel ?

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?The Council is ensuring that all infrastructures developments are done according to the National and Municipal physical plans. ?

## Essential 5

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

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**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:

? We are encouraging all schools to provide first aid boxes in case of any disasters like lightening. all new schools and health centers must install lightening arrestors to reduce the effects of lightening .The Council through local leaders are distributing fruit trees to all government schools and health centers ?

**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: 2

Schools	No
Hospitals/ health facilities	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

These facilities are not so satisfactory but adequate because the Municipal Education and Health Services department endeavors so much to ensure that all established social welfare comply with the minimum requirements or standards acceptable by the

Government of Uganda. ??

**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 large extent, municipal council has programs to assess the safety and standards of the education and health facilities in relation to the existing regulations and guidelines. ?

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

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Schools	No
Hospitals/ health facilities	No

**Description of Progress & Achievements:**

The Council has organized for training of teachers in disaster preparedness skills. Sensitization of school children about disasters is also undertaken by head teachers on a regular basis

## 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.*

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### **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: 1

#### Description of Progress & Achievements:

The council is supports the enforcement of building plans, no one can is allowed to build with the town without an approved plan.?

### **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: 1

#### Description of Progress & Achievements:

?A physical planning committee is in place and well facilitated to ensure that building plans are approved by the Council before implementation.?

## Essential 7

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

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

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

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?The awareness-building programs have not been yet conducted but the Council is planning for it.?

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Not done

**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: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

there is emphasis for teachers to mainstream disaster risk reduction and climate change related issues in the school programs.

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

the communities are informed through the local radio and newspapers. ?

## 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.*

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### **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: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?DRR issues are planned and budgeted for but actual implementation is very minimal?

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

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

Description of Progress & Achievements:



?Entebbe Municipal Council do strongly support the natural resources through environment mainstreaming, budgeting for environment department and operationalizing the environment Act and related regulations. Several by laws have been developed to protect wetlands and lake Victoria, e.g. the bylaw against sand mining.?

### **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:**

?Local communities are involved in the planning and implementation of environmental activities. Civil Society organizations have assisted communities to form community groups for sustainable resource use, the youth leaders are being trained by the council to promote proper conservation of natural resources ?

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

#### **Description of Progress & Achievements:**

?Civil Aviation the company in charge of Entebbe Airport does regularly support the environment department especially with afforestation activities. The Golf club of Entebbe is also promoting tree planting in schools and open spaces.?

## Essential 9

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

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### **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:

we have not experienced any huge disaster in Entebbe so planning for local institution to access financial reserves is limited.

### **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: 2

#### Description of Progress & Achievements:

The Council has well developed communication system and infrastructure, therefore in case of disaster, early warning centers and personnel will effectively be availed.??

### **How much do warning systems allow for adequate community participation?**

Level of Progress achieved: 1

#### Description of Progress & Achievements:

There is a local radio operating in Entebbe town therefore this allows for adequate

participation of communities

**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:

Emergency centres have been planned for, but not yet in place.

**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:

A few training drills have been organized for teachers and health staff.

**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: 1

Stockpiles of relief supplies	No
Emergency shelters	No
Safe evacuation routes identified	No

Contingency plan or community disaster preparedness plan for all major hazards No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Not in place

## 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.*

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**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:

Not in place

**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:

No integration

**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: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?The Strategies for post disaster recovery and reconstruction do not exist, the Council has not prioritizes Disaster preparedness due to inadequate funding in that sector.?