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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 law, Guidelines and polices are in place but the challenge is with financing the implementation of policies especially in Mbarara municipality. ?

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

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?We are at the preliminary level of engaging the community and the private sector eg, Nile Breweries Limited (a subsidiary of SABMiller) who have set a new beer processing plant in Mbarara. We (Municipal team) meet monthly with the NBL corporate team to discuss the issue of pollution of the River Rwizi and other potential hazard issues eg, water pollution, water usage (efficiency), road infrastructure, waste management, green house gas emissions.?

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:

Risk reduction financing is still overshadowed by environment management financing in the municipality. There are actually areas with in the municipality which is prone to landslides but there is no commitment towards working on it.

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:

We have committed funds to de-silt drainage channels (atleast \$20,000 per annum); for waste management (atleast USD10,000 per month).

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: 3

Description of Progress & Achievements:



The Municipal Council work with local communities in low-lying wetland areas to maintain the drainage channels and implementation of the anti-Malarial health campaigns. We also award grant money to youth groups for environment conservation activities like tree planting in open spaces. We also employ some of the locals in our compost project as casual workers at the landfill sites.

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:

very minimal

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

Level of Progress achieved: 3

Programs include cultural diversity issues	Yes
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Programs are sensitive to gender perspectives	Yes
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Description of Progress & Achievements:

There are radio programmes conducted by the Municipal authorities covering arrange of issues including DRR which unfortunately is given less attention.

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: 3

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Mbarara Municipality participated in the development of the national guidelines and policy related to DRR at national level.

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:

to a small extent i.e annually.

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:

Annually the municipal authorities tests and condemns buildings that are deemed inhabitable or risky. ? ?

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:

?DRR is integrated into the Municipal Development Plan, the Strategic plan and the Municipal budget. ?

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: 4

Schools	Yes
Hospitals/ health facilities	Yes

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?As a policy all schools have standard procedures on how to handle particularly fire outbreak and lightning; even the health facilities. ?

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	Yes
Hospitals/ health facilities	Yes

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?all the schools and hospitals are evenly distributed in the three wards of the municipality. They are equipped with water, electricity, lightening conductors and other measures to handle risky hazards. Incase of an emergency those that would survive any disaster, they are equipped to provide supplementary services incase of a disaster. ?

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:

Nothing in place

How much do warning systems allow for adequate community participation?

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

minimal warning systems are 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: 3

Description of Progress & Achievements:

We have an initiative that comprises all the districts of Greater Mbarara (7 in number) on the conservation of the River Rwizi catchment area.

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: 4

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?We have monthly radio programmes with 3 radio stations in the town (Vision radio, Great African radio and Radio West). Recently, we started an initiative that sensitizes people about not discharging waste water from their bathroom and toilets into the swamps and wetlands untreated. ?

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: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Schools train in DRR only to students studying geography as a subject.? ?

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: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

DRR policies are part of the municipal environment strategy although noticeably, they are not emphasized.?

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: 4

Housing	Yes
Communication	No
Transportation	Yes
Energy	No

Description of Progress & Achievements:

We have a structural plan that guides infrastructure development and housing in the municipality; it puts into account issues to do with Storm water flow. We also have a Physical Planning committee that guides, inspects and monitors housing development

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:

The municipal physical planning committee sits every Wednesday of the week to review development proposals in conformity with the municipal structural plan and other laws. It comprises of the Town Clerk, Municipal physical planner, staff surveyor, Municipal medical officer, health inspector, environment officer, and the municipal engineer with his team.

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: 3

Description of Progress & Achievements:

the regulations are there although it is important to note that there is political interference during implementation ? ?

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

Level of Progress achieved: 4

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

Description of Progress & Achievements:

The municipal law enforcement team is in place to protect the wetlands, spring wells and river Rwizi.?

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:

Few citizens participate in the conservation of river Rwizi and majority of them encroached the river for housing and farming activities.?

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

Level of Progress achieved: 3

Description of Progress & Achievements:

The private sector especially the business community have attempted to supplement

the municipality in ecosystem management although the destruction is over and above the efforts to conserve the ecosystem? ?

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: 3

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?We give SACCOs (savings and credit cooperatives) grants of USD1000 for small groups.?

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:

We usually assign some provisions in case of disaster especially when farmers lose their gardens during extended droughts or hailstorms.

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:

?Mbarara has not yet been prone to big disasters like other regions of the country so most local stakeholders have not yet appreciated the importance of 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:

Although Mbarara Municipality has not yet experienced any disaster of considerable magnitude, the Mbarara Local investor's club is likely to give a supporting hand in case of any need given their contributions towards health facilities.??

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:

?We assess the housing structures regularly in the slum areas as part of routine inspection of neighborhoods.?

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

disasters?

Level of Progress achieved: 2

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?Since we have not yet got a disaster shock, many people are still complacent and our housing inspection measures might not be adequate.?

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:

It's hard to determine given the fact that the authority has never experienced any disaster of serious magnitude ?

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	Yes
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Hospitals/ health facilities

Yes

Description of Progress & Achievements:

There are annual assessments for the School and Health centers by the respective ministries of Education and Health.

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:

very minimal training drills like how to operate fire extinguishers are in done once a year. ? ?

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	Yes
Emergency shelters	Yes
Safe evacuation routes identified	Yes
Contingency plan or community disaster preparedness plan for all major hazards	Yes

Description of Progress & Achievements:

nothing 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:

The Municipal council has neither emergency operations centre nor emergency communication system other than the private mobile phones owned by the staff.

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Description of Progress & Achievements:

Not much.

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:

It is hard to determine given the fact that Mbarara Municipal Council has never experienced any disaster of serious magnitude

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

Level of Progress achieved: 1

Schools	Yes
Hospitals/ health facilities	Yes

Description of Progress & Achievements:

?Rarely do we conduct such drills but only at the level of fire extinguishers working with Uganda Police. ?

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:

Not at all

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:

It's hard to determine given the fact that the authority has never experienced any disaster of serious magnitude

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 --