

# Kenya

## National progress report on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action

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## Strategic goals 1

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### Area 1

*The more effective integration of disaster risk considerations into sustainable development policies, planning and programming at all levels, with a special emphasis on disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness and vulnerability reduction.*

**Strategic Goal Statement:**

mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction Programmes into sustainable development and planning.

### Area 2

*The development and strengthening of institutions, mechanisms and capacities at all levels, in particular at the community level, that can systematically contribute to building resilience to hazards.*

**Strategic Goal Statement:**

To put Disaster Management Policy in place.

### Area 3

*The systematic incorporation of risk reduction approaches into the design and implementation of emergency preparedness, response and recovery programmes in the reconstruction of affected communities.*

**Strategic Goal Statement:**

Involve all the stakeholders and especially at community level in emergency preparedness.

## Priority for action 1

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

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### Core indicator 1

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

Disaster Management Policy has been submitted to the cabinet

**Context & Constraints:**

The 9th Parliament elapsed without its approval. Technically therefore it has to be re-submitted to the 10th parliament for approval.

### Core indicator 2

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

National Focal Points have suggested budgetary allocations for DRR activities.

**Context & Constraints:**

So far no budgetary allocations has been provided for DRR activities for Line Ministries.

**Core indicator 3**

*Community Participation and decentralisation is ensured through the delegation of authority and resources to local levels*

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

But resources to the local levels has not been forthcoming.

**Context & Constraints:**

No funds to involve the locals.

**Core indicator 4**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

Has constituted the 5 Hyogo Framework for action Thematic Groups Operationalised them.

**Context & Constraints:**

Lack of funds to carry out the work plans for each of the Thematic Groups.

**Priority for action 2**

*Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning*

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**Core indicator 1**

*National and local risk assessments based on hazard data and vulnerability information are available and include risk assessments for key sectors.*

**Level of Progress achieved:**

1: Minor progress with few signs of forward action in plans or policy

**Description:**

Vulnerability information has been mapped.

**Context & Constraints:**

It is an exercise that needs experts and funds.

**Core indicator 2**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

1: Minor progress with few signs of forward action in plans or policy

**Description:**

Information dissemination is easy.

**Context & Constraints:**

But lack of awareness campaign make locals ignorant on key hazards surrounding them.

**Core indicator 3**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

5: Comprehensive achievement with sustained commitment and capacities at all levels

**Description:**

The Kenya Meteorological Department gives warning to weather related hazards. Kenya Food Security Monitoring System, Geology Department and Nairobi University monitors' earthquake and stress on the ground, floods being monitored by Western Kenya Flood Mitigation Project (WKFMP).

**Context & Constraints:**

Funds to finance local Radio stations for information dissemination and Earlywarning.

**Core indicator 4**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

Risks include; competing for pastures and grazing land.

**Context & Constraints:**

Lack of adequate rainfall and the locals way of life of keeping large herds of cattle.

**Priority for action 3**

### **Core indicator 1**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

But this information has not been accessed by all.

**Context & Constraints:**

Technological Infrastructure at the community level is still poor.

### **Core indicator 2**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

1: Minor progress with few signs of forward action in plans or policy

**Description:**

So far this has not been achieved.

**Context & Constraints:**

The major constrain being that the school curricula is presently congested.

### **Core indicator 3**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

1: Minor progress with few signs of forward action in plans or policy

**Description:**

Actualization of the programme has not started.

**Context & Constraints:**

So far no funds to actualize the operations.

### **Core indicator 4**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial

resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

There is need to involve the local communities.

**Context & Constraints:**

Lack of funds to reach the local communities.

## Priority for action 4

*Reduce the underlying risk factors*

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### Core indicator 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.*

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

Local Focal Points have been created in all the Line Ministries.

**Context & Constraints:**

Lack of funds.

### Core indicator 2

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

But they are at different levels.

**Context & Constraints:**

The pace is slow though.

### Core indicator 3

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

Kenya has reported economic gains.

**Context & Constraints:**

But post 2007 election results reversed most of the gains.

**Core indicator 4**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

1: Minor progress with few signs of forward action in plans or policy

**Description:**

Enforcement of building codes is poor which unethical activities being rampant.

**Context & Constraints:**

Professionals' etiquettes are weak, no political goodwill to reinforce the existing laws.

**Core indicator 5**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

The Government created Ministry of State for Special Programmes with a DRR department, Ministry of Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands has also been created.

**Context & Constraints:**

Lack of enough personnel and capacity building.

**Core indicator 6**

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

**Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

But the impact assessment on Disaster Risk is poor.

**Context & Constraints:**

Infrastructure here is poor.

**Priority for action 5**

*Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels*

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## Core indicator 1

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

### **Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

### **Description:**

Technical and Institutional capacities are in place but need to be strengthened.

### **Context & Constraints:**

There is need for a National Institution for Disaster Risk Management.

## Core indicator 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.*

### **Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

### **Description:**

But regular drills and rehearsal are poor.

### **Context & Constraints:**

Drills seem to be expensive , require funds and heavy equipments.

## Core indicator 3

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

### **Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

### **Description:**

The fund is still small.

### **Context & Constraints:**

So far no major support to the fund.

## Core indicator 4

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

### **Level of Progress achieved:**

4: Substantial achievement attained but with recognized limitations in key aspects, such as financial resources and/ or operational capacities

**Description:**

The National Disaster Operation Centre is in place.

**Context & Constraints:**

But still requires strengthening especially with communication equipments.

## Drivers of Progress

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### a) Multi-hazard integrated approach to disaster risk reduction and development

**Levels of Reliance:**

Partial/ some reliance: Full acknowledgement of the issue; strategy/ framework for action developed to address it; application still not fully implemented across policy and practice; complete buy in not achieved from key stakeholders.

**Do studies/ reports/ atlases on multi-hazard analyses exist in the country/ for the sub region?:**

No

**Description (Please provide evidence of where, how and who):**

Reports and studies exists but no atlases, but Disaster Risk Reduction Department should take lead.

### b) Gender perspectives on risk reduction and recovery adopted and institutionalized

**Levels of Reliance:**

Partial/ some reliance: Full acknowledgement of the issue; strategy/ framework for action developed to address it; application still not fully implemented across policy and practice; complete buy in not achieved from key stakeholders.

**Description (Please provide evidence of where, how and who):**

Ministry of Gender and Sports was created. Currently a lady Minister heads both Gender Ministry and Ministry of State for Special Programmes.

### c) Capacities for risk reduction and recovery identified and strengthened

**Levels of Reliance:**

Partial/ some reliance: Full acknowledgement of the issue; strategy/ framework for action developed to address it; application still not fully implemented across policy and practice; complete buy in not achieved from key stakeholders.

**Description (Please provide evidence of where, how and who):**

There is need to train more DRR staff in Ministry of State for Special Programmes and the National Platform by UNISDR and Government.

### d) Human security and social equity approaches integrated into disaster risk reduction and recovery activities

**Levels of Reliance:**

Partial/ some reliance: Full acknowledgement of the issue; strategy/ framework for action developed to address it; application still not fully implemented across policy and practice; complete buy in not achieved from key stakeholders.

**Description (Please provide evidence of where, how and who):**

There is suspicion among different communities living together, and there exists a big social disparity

between the have's and have nots, and the gap is widening. And this is a disturbing trend promoting the emergence of slums in towns in Kenya.

### **e) Engagement and partnerships with non-governmental actors; civil society, private sector, amongst others, have been fostered at all levels**

#### **Levels of Reliance:**

Significant and ongoing reliance: significant ongoing efforts to actualize commitments with coherent strategy in place; identified and engaged stakeholders.

#### **Description (Please provide evidence of where, how and who):**

At the National Focal Point through the meetings held and chaired by the Permanent Secretary Ministry of State for Special Programmes.

### **f) Contextual Drivers of Progress**

#### **Levels of Reliance:**

Significant and ongoing reliance: significant ongoing efforts to actualize commitments with coherent strategy in place; identified and engaged stakeholders.

#### **Description (Please provide evidence of where, how and who):**

DRR activities has been mainstreamed especially success stories Ministry of Health, Ministry of Housing and Ministry of Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid lands.

## **Future outlook**

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### **Area 1**

*The more effective integration of disaster risk considerations into sustainable development policies, planning and programming at all levels, with a special emphasis on disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness and vulnerability reduction.*

#### **Overall Challenges:**

Lack of sufficient budgetary allocations.

#### **Future Outlook Statement:**

Budgetary allocations should be improved.

### **Area 2**

*The development and strengthening of institutions, mechanisms and capacities at all levels, in particular at the community level, that can systematically contribute to building resilience to hazards.*

#### **Overall Challenges:**

Lack of funds for awareness creation and involvement.

#### **Future Outlook Statement:**

Funds should be availed to help the involvement for locals.

### **Area 3**

*The systematic incorporation of risk reduction approaches into the design and implementation of*

*emergency preparedness, response and recovery programmes in the reconstruction of affected communities.*

**Overall Challenges:**

Lack of insurance policies and restitution programmes.

**Future Outlook Statement:**

Government insurance policies and restitution programmes should be in place.