Strengthening Preparedness and Response Capacity

Adapting Global Models to the East African Context
IFRC Disaster Preparedness

• Advocacy for National Government Policy and Preparedness
  – International Disaster Response Law (IDRL)
  – Supporting development of disaster management policy and planning

• Institutional Preparedness
  – Contingency Planning
  – Pre-positioning stocks
  – Establishing response teams at all levels (regional, national and branch)
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- Community Preparedness
  - EWS
  - Community preparedness and response planning
  - Establishing teams of trained responders (first aid, relief etc)
Challenges

1. Strengthening Preparedness at all levels

- Global
- Regional
- National
- Community
Challenges

2. Adapting the Model to EA Realities

• Preparedness and Response model is designed for rapid onset disasters (quick relief orientated response)
• How to adapt to predominantly slow onset and food insecurity disaster pattern?
Solution:
Integrated risk reduction, preparedness and response capacity at community level

• Wide network of volunteers in all high risk areas
• Not just on standby for response but engaged in range of disaster preparedness and risk reduction activities
  – Monitoring and EWS
  – Drought mitigation & CC adaptation
  – Risk reduction & food security
  – Community contingency planning & early action
• Backed up by national and regional capacity
Questions?