Institutional mechanisms, frameworks:

Progress, Challenges and Opportunities

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The UNDAF in Kenya

- Main planning tool defining UN programming
- Commonly aligned as closely as possible to articulated national priorities
- UNDAF 2004-2008 had disaster management as a strategic area of cooperation. While commendable support was given for emergency response and relief, progress in the reduction of vulnerabilities or improvements in community resilience was less evident.
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- Elaboration was done in 2007, completed shortly before elections.
- Only oblique reference made to the management of disasters, none to DRR.
- Expression of satisfaction that this ‘gap’ area to be addressed by UN and international community.
Massive shift in context due to the post elections crisis highlighting the risks and structural vulnerabilities in Kenya, particularly for conflict mitigation, post-conflict recovery.

Recent food crisis point to limitations inherent in predictive models and analytical tools for food insecurity (rely mainly on weather, ignoring the interplay between structural and institutional weaknesses and the natural hazards).
The UNCT has reviewed and revised its UNDAF and reaffirmed the high priority placed on DRR.

**Outcome area 2.2:**

- Measurably reduced risks and consequences of conflict and natural disasters
  - Strengthened policy frameworks and institutional capacities for DRR
  - Conflicts mitigated and peaceful co-existence made possible
  - Natural disasters are effectively and sustainably managed
  - Forced migration and internal displacement are addressed in line with international standards and humanitarian principles
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PROGRESS:

• Formation of ‘One UN’ team on Disaster Risk Reduction

• Implementation of joint programming:
  - Peace & Development Team; EHRP; Host community project; etc
  - Support to newly established Provincial Platform for DRR
  - Support to District Peace Committees and District Disaster Committees
  - Support to policy development and implementation

• UN joint programme under consideration
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CHALLENGES:

- Dialogue and understanding around risk reduction is still in early stages in the UN, with GoK and with international partners
- Lingering gap between humanitarian and development actors and communities of practice
- Funding ‘transition’ elements
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OPPORTUNITIES:

• Lessons learned from the management of the post-elections crisis:
  – More robust national and sub-national coordination
  – More seamless impetus for rational and organized collaboration across sectors, mandates, etc
  – Greater level of available information and knowledge on capacities and vulnerabilities throughout the country

• Slow onset crisis allows for earlier and more appropriate actions to be instituted

• Strong partnerships developed with GoK at national and sub-national levels
THANK YOU!