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**Presentation to the Inter Governmental Panel
on Climate Change.**

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Mission And Objective



- **Mission:** To create an effective framework through which disasters preparedness & MGT is entrenched in all aspects development processes, focussing on saving lives, livelihoods & resources
- **Goal:** To establish institutions & mechanisms that will reduce the vulnerability of the people & their property to disasters

Guiding Principles of DDP&M.



- Any policy sets guiding principles upon which implementation is premised, for this policy they include in summary:
 - Using a multi sectoral approach
 - Community participation in DRR
 - Public awareness
 - Use of adequate expertise & technology
 - Vulnerability analysis
 - Observance of human rights
 - Consideration of climate change
 - Maintaining partnerships & coordination in DRR

Key coordination structures



National:

- OPM is the Central Coordinating Ministry on Disasters.
- Inter- Agency Technical Working Group (Disaster Risk Reduction Platform) chaired by CDPM on behalf of PS.

NB. Parliament has a role to play in implementing the policy. We have a Parliamentary Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Local:

- District Disaster Policy Committee (DDPC)
- District- District Disaster Committees (DDMCs)
- Sub-county- S/C Disaster mgt committee (SDMCs)
- Village Disaster Mgt committees (VDMC)

Progress of DDP&M



- Policies such as the IDP, DPM and draft Peace Policy.
- Monthly meeting of the DRR and Peace platform.
- Cabinet S/C on emergencies under the Rt. Hon. 2nd Dep. PM; essential towards relocation of communities at high risk in Elgon sub region.
- Archiving Disaster data through the Des Inventor.
- Capacity Building; BCP training for key sectors such as Education, Health, Water etc.

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- Provision of Relief and Non Food Items to affected communities, in addition to Food security assessments.
- DDMC and Contingency Planning Training for some districts.

What is being Implemented



- Further DDMC and Contingency Planning training.
- Multi hazard risk and vulnerability mapping of the different regions.
- Resettlement of Bennet Community and communities at risk of landslides in Elgon.
- Emergency Simulation training on Floods and refugees planned for this year.
- Early Warning Systems especially for floods together with MET & UCC. Survey being done in Butaleja.
- NECOC is being equipped with the DRM comprehensive hardware and software such as Arc GIS, Modelling softwares on climate related risks such as floods etc.
- Country Programming Paper to end Drought Resilience in partnership with MAAIF is underway.
- International DRR and Peace Day Celebrations are being planned.

Challenges



- Limited level of mainstreaming of DRR into the respective sector plans and budgets at all levels.
- Inadequate understanding of the approach to disasters. i.e. prevention, mitigation and prevention (proactive) should be the focus as opposed to response (reactionary).
- Inadequate resources.
- Lack of a contingency fund.
- Inadequate early warning systems. Sometimes the information is not accurate; it comes very late to allow early planning/preparedness.



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