



The Disaster Risk Management Programme (DRM)



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DRM OVERVIEW

The IGAD Disaster Risk Management (DRM) programme was launched in 2004. Since then, it has contributed to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the IGAD region through the development of national policies and strategies, providing a regional platform to discuss the DRM Agendas and developing capacity of Member States to prepare and respond to disasters.

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Policy, strategy and coordination

The DRM programme aims at developing regional and national disasters preparedness and response capacity. It supports the elaboration of policies, legislation and agreements for disasters management. It strengthens regional collaboration, educates for disaster management and mobilizes resources. Among others, it has developed the regional framework for integrating DRM and Climate Change Adaptation in the IGAD region and a regional framework for Flood Risk Management with a special focus on flood early warning systems.



Implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

The programme is an active member of global and continental Disaster Risk Management platforms and works very closely with UNDRR, the African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other DRM platforms to implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.





Risk assessment and mapping

Two regional atlases were produced in close consultation with Member States. The Climate Risk and Food Security Atlas (2017) and the Regional Atlas of major hazards (2013), which identified drought, floods, the Tsetse fly, the desert locust and earthquakes as main disasters in the region.



Climate Smart Agriculture in Dadaab, Kenya

The DRM program has partnered with the Kenya Red Cross Society in a pilot project to promote climate smart agriculture in semi-arid parts of Kenya (Kulan and Dadaab). The project works to improve soil nutrient management, increase resilience of the ecosystem and improve water management systems. The project aims at being scaled up to similar ecosystems in the region.



Capacity Development

The Programme conducts technical trainings at regional and national levels. Some training topics include strengthening the role of media in DRM, monitoring implementation of the Sendai framework, Hazard Assessments, monitoring and Early Warning systems, community-based Disaster Risk Management and Adaptation, post Disaster Needs Assessment and Disaster Recovery Frameworks using Earth Observation and GIS.

Key Outputs

- IGAD DRM Strategy aligned to Sendai Framework
- Developed three regional frameworks for DRM: Mainstreaming DRM and Climate Change Adaptation into school curricula, a regional flood risk management strategy and a framework for integrating DRM and Climate Change Adaptation in the region.
- 600 technical staff from Member States trained
- Contribute to global, continental and regional DRM platforms representing the IGAD and its Member States





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