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Resource Title: Session 3.2: Policy Framework for Disaster Management

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Introduction: Disaster management activities are guided by a set of national and international policy frameworks and conventions. However, many of these are not known at the district level and even in the presence of national policies, these policies have not tricked down to district. In this session, we shall discuss key policies and institutional frameworks for disaster management in the Eastern Africa region.

General Objective

To acquaint the participants with the key policies and institutional frameworks for disaster management at international and national levels, and how these should be operationalised at district levels

Specific Objectives

At the end of this unit the participant should be able to:

1. To identify key policies and institutional frameworks for disaster management at the district, national and international levels
2. To align district disaster response plans with national and international policy frameworks
3. To sensitize participants about the international and regional framework for disaster reduction and response
4. To identify gaps in disaster management at the district level

Teaching and learning strategies

Brain storming, presentation

Resources Required

Climate Setting Activity (5 to 10 Minutes)

Before the presentation, let us discuss for a few minutes the following:

- Describe a recent disaster situation that occurred in your district – describe how it was coordinated. What challenges did you face in coordination of this response?

Presentation

We shall now have a presentation on policy frameworks for disaster management