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DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ECO-SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

The IFRC Disaster Law and Disaster Management teams (the IFRC) have piloted the “Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Ecosystem Assessment” (the Assessment). In a nutshell, the Assessment is an in-person on-the-ground analysis of the DRM framework within a country, led by the National Society and supported by the IFRC.

What is the purpose of the assessment?

IFRC seeks to support preparedness and response operations by conducting in-person evaluations within the African region. For the assessment, IFRC deploys technical team members to support the inviting National Society in **identifying regulatory barriers and challenges faced in preparedness and response operations**. Conducting an assessment of the DRM Ecosystem in-country would also support the development of lessons learned to **strengthen a National Society's readiness plans** for future disasters.

The assessment is ideally conducted over a 2 week period in country, depending on the availability of the National Society.



Key areas covered in the assessment

- the legal and policy framework;
- the provision of relevant legal facilities;
- the impact of regulatory barriers;
- identifying skill gaps to improve preparedness and response capabilities; and
- evaluating the effectiveness of prior early warning systems.

How can the National Society benefit from an Assessment?

- Identification of potential regulatory barriers to preparedness and response operations;
- Identification and strengthening of the National Society's role in the country's DRM structure;
- Develop an advocacy strategy to ensure the provision of legal facilities; and
- Develop an advocacy strategy for engaging government and public authorities in the negotiation of a Pre-Disaster Agreement.

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