

Disaster Risk Management Strengthening in the Southern African Development Community (DRMSS)

EU contribution: Approx. € 4.625.000 (approx. BWP 70 million)

Time of implementation: 2023 - 2027

Location: Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries

Implementing organisation(s): SADC and International Federation of the Red Cross

Project objectives and description:

The SADC region is vulnerable to natural and human-induced hazards, and continues to experience an increase in the frequency, magnitude and impact of droughts and floods, among others. All SADC countries have been affected by some form of disaster that has cost lives, destroyed livelihoods, disrupted services and challenged the resilience of their economies.

Disaster risk reduction (DRR) has a critical role to play in preventing and mitigating these kinds of impacts and fostering sustainable development in Southern Africa. The impact of hazards on livelihoods, economic development, and the environment can be lessened through DRR and climate change adaptation, thus reducing the disruption caused by disasters and the resources required to address their impacts.

Achievements / expected results:

The aim of this project is to contribute to the reduction of the impacts of natural and man-made hazards, strengthen disaster risk management and preparedness capacity, and increase resilience. The project will contribute to improving regional preparedness and response to support SADC Member States affected by disasters. This will include the development of instruments, systems and technical tools to strengthen regional capabilities along: effective early warning at all levels, including communities that are most at risk; response planning and effective coordination of humanitarian and relief actions that supports community level resilience building through early recovery initiatives.

One of the most important aims of this project is to support the operationalisation of the SADC Humanitarian and Emergency Operation Centre (SHOC) located in Nacala, Mozambique. It will develop the tools and instruments that the SHOC needs to function, train its staff and provide specialised equipment for its operation.

Incoming public / visibility events: -

Project website / Social media account links:

- https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/botswana/disaster-risk-management-strengthening-sadc-drmss-project-2023-2026_en
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