

The Adequacy of Policies and Legislation Pertaining to Disaster Risk Management in Tanzania.

This study explored the adequacy of policies and legislations pertaining to Disaster Risk Management in Tanzania. Essentially, the study sought to assess completeness of the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) policies and legislations towards disaster risk reduction, disaster readiness, disaster responsiveness and disaster recovery situations. The study used both qualitative and quantitative approaches. The instruments of data collection were mainly interviews and documentary sources. The interview were administered to some officers sampled from National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) and members of various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) dealing with environment management and conservation issues. On the other hand, documentary sources were used through reviewing various national and international policies, Acts, Bills and reports. Data were analysed using descriptive and content analysis. The findings indicated that, policies and legislation for disaster management in Tanzania are not adequate for addressing issues such as vulnerability assessment Monitoring, evaluation of risk, preparedness and recovery process. Apart from that, the policies do not state clearly mechanisms for performing such activities. The study uncovered a number of challenges facing disaster management department, which include: lack of enough funds, lack of rescue equipment especially for flood disaster, include trained personnel and lack of disaster operation centre. Other constraints were lack of modern early warning systems and little awareness among the public of disaster issues. In sum, these limitations contributed to poor formulation and of policy and legal framework for dealing with disaster in the country. Furthermore, the study finding pointed that where was little community involvement in issue related to disaster management. The study recommends that there is a need for making reforms of both the policy and legal frameworks to suit the need of disaster risk reduction, readiness, responsiveness and recovery through harnessing human and material resources from both professional actors and community members

For full thesis please contact Mujahid Gabier at mujahidg@sun.ac.za