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DISASTER RESILIENCE STILL A DISTANT REALITY... ..EXPERTS SAY

Despite the world gains and visions of having the world a middle income economy by 2030 many are still living far below a dollar per day according to latest statistics thanks to disasters that affect millions of people each and every single day. In 2005 the world came together and adopted a framework for action known famously as the Hyogo framework for action 2005-2015 with the aim of building resilience of communities to disasters. It should be known that when a disaster strikes it weighs back all the development gains that the world has made. Today millions of people are still afraid that the world has not made the gains in reducing vulnerabilities to disasters. The government of Kenya and humanitarian organizations have invested heavily in response and left out other areas in regard to the continuum of the disaster cycle i. e preparedness, mitigation, recovery, rehabilitation.



The famous “Mufunje” bridge in the western parts of Kenya on River Nzoia. The bridge is built on weak tree branches. Many villagers have lost their lives trying to cross the bridge. Despite efforts to have a modern bridge built the government has always turned a blind eye.



Road accidents still continue taking toll on people. Most of this accidents can be avoided if only road safety measures were taken keenly.

Governments all around the world have a responsibility of ensuring that they strengthen the capacities of their communities to better prevent, respond and recover from disasters by implementing the five key areas as listed by various people we talked to

1. Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.
2. Identify, Monitor and assess disaster risks and enhance early warning.
3. Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels
4. Reduce the underlying risk factors.
5. Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels