



Revised Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Policy and Institutional Arrangement

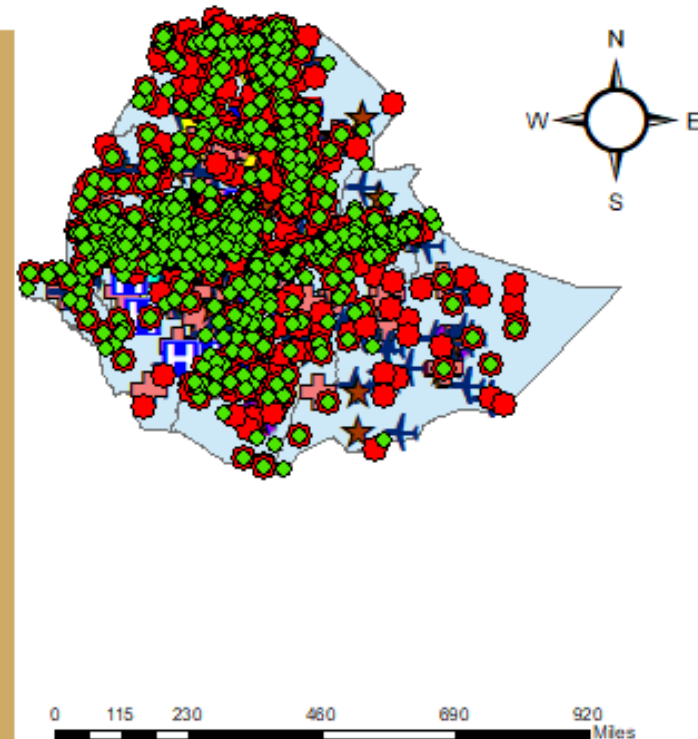
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Ethiopian Context

- Droughts: Frequent, particularly in the east, north and south, causing water shortages and food insecurity.
- Floods: Seasonal floods impact lowlands and river areas, damaging infrastructure and displacing people.
- Food Insecurity: Linked to droughts and locust swarms, affecting millions.
- Locust Invasions: Destroy crops, worsening food shortages.
- Conflict and Displacement: Ongoing internal conflicts lead to mass displacement and humanitarian crises.
- Landslides: Occur in highland areas after heavy rains.
- Epidemics: Periodic outbreaks, such as cholera, pose health challenges.



Ethiopia's DRM Landscape

Background: Evolution of Ethiopia's DRM Policy

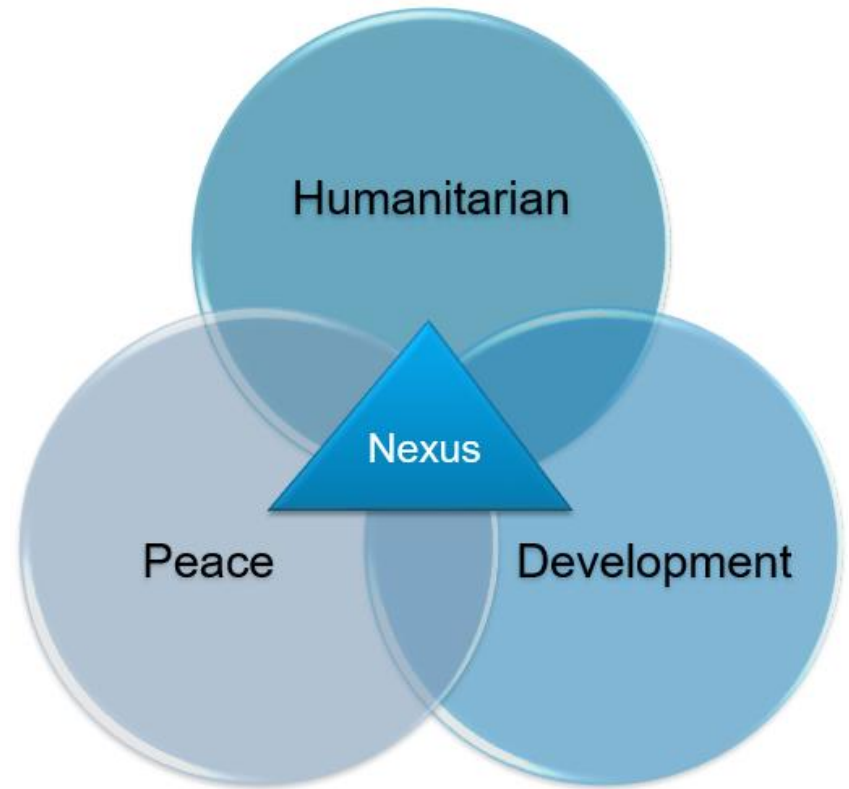
- **Three Key Milestones in DRM Policy Development**
- 1974: In response to the devastating drought, the government established the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) to coordinate disaster response effort
- 1993: National Policy on Disaster Prevention and Management - Focused on emergency response.
- 2013: National Policy and Strategy on DRM - Shift towards comprehensive disaster risk reduction.
- 2024: DRM policy revision to integrated approach, emphasizing decentralization, institutional harmonization, enhanced early warning systems, strengthened local financing, and the alignment of humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding efforts for greater resilience and sustainability.

Revised Policy Departures in Ethiopian DRM Framework

Enhancements for Strengthening Disaster Risk Management

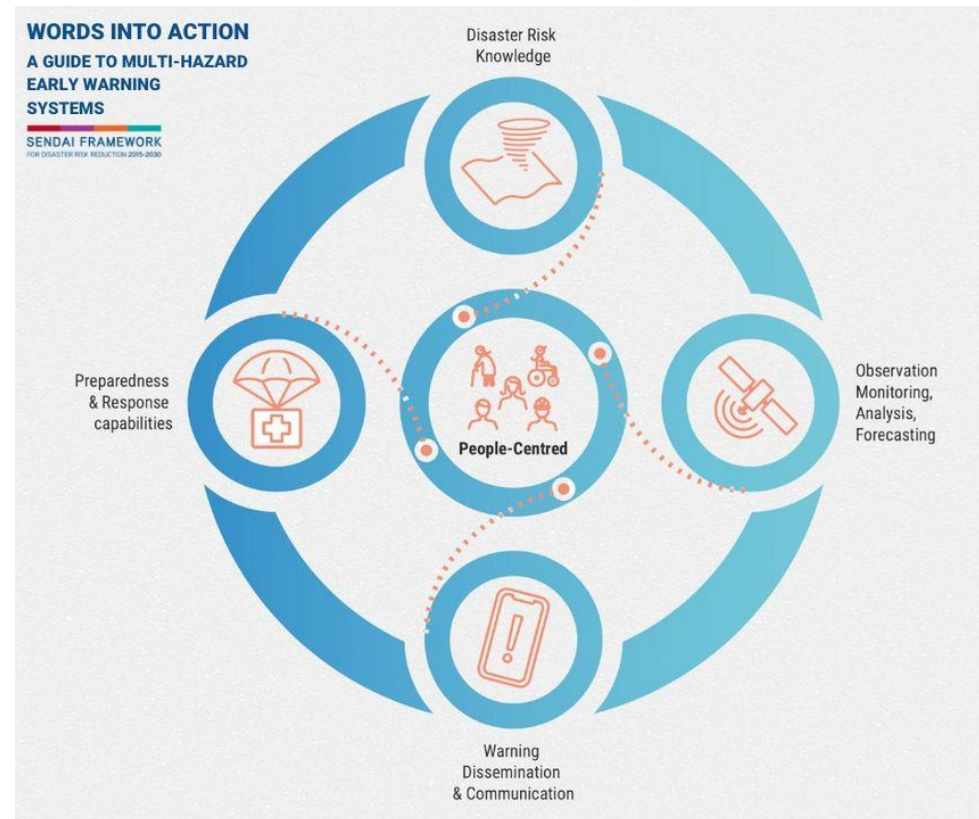
Triple Nexus Approach (HDPx)

- Integration of Humanitarian, Development, and Peacebuilding efforts
- Ensures cohesive responses to disaster risks



Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action (MHEWEA)

- Prioritizes anticipatory actions
- Leverages advanced early warning systems to mitigate impacts



Threshed based risk management and Humanitarian response

- Introduces a **threshold-based approach** to disaster classification and humanitarian response, representing a shift from ad hoc crisis management to a structured and evidence-based decision-making framework.



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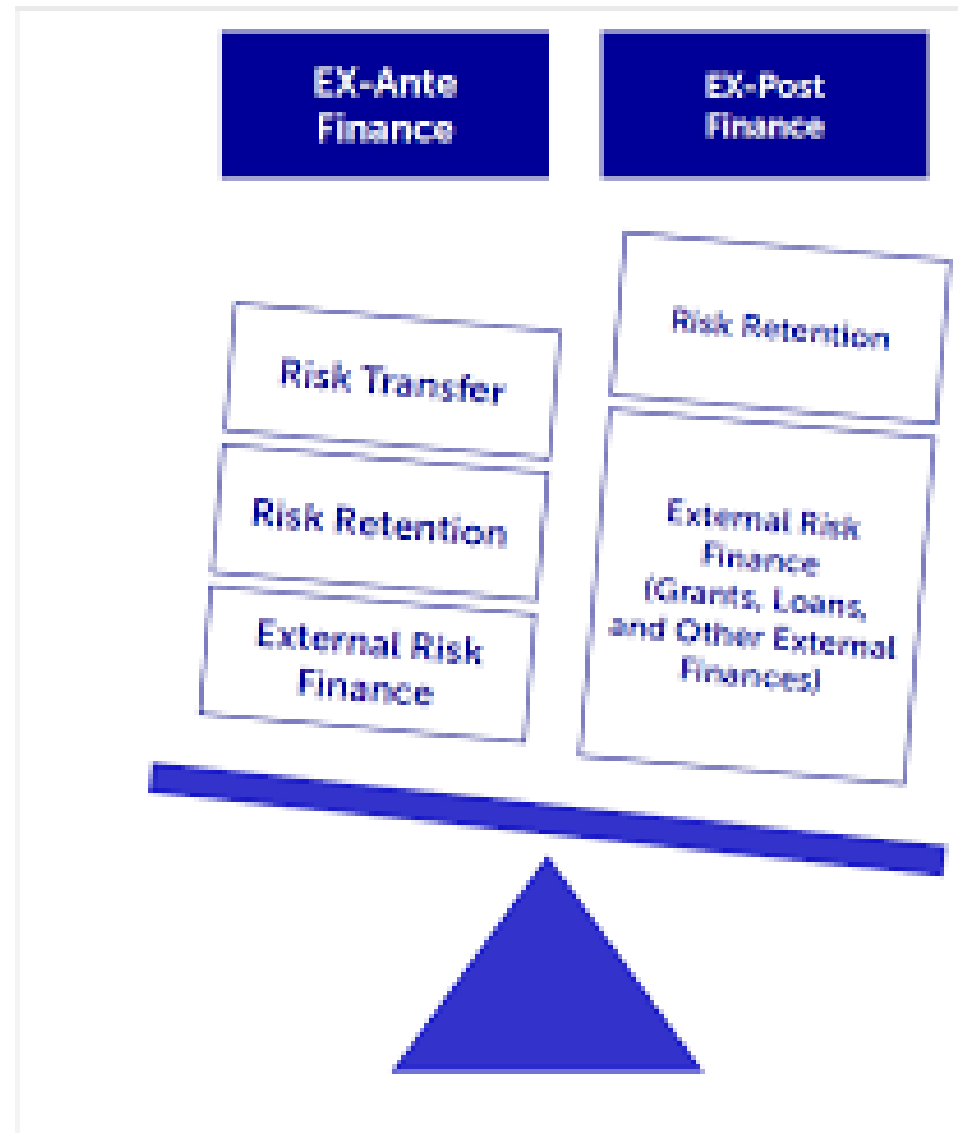
Research, Training, and Advocacy

- Promotes evidence based practices
- Enhances capacities through training and advocacy



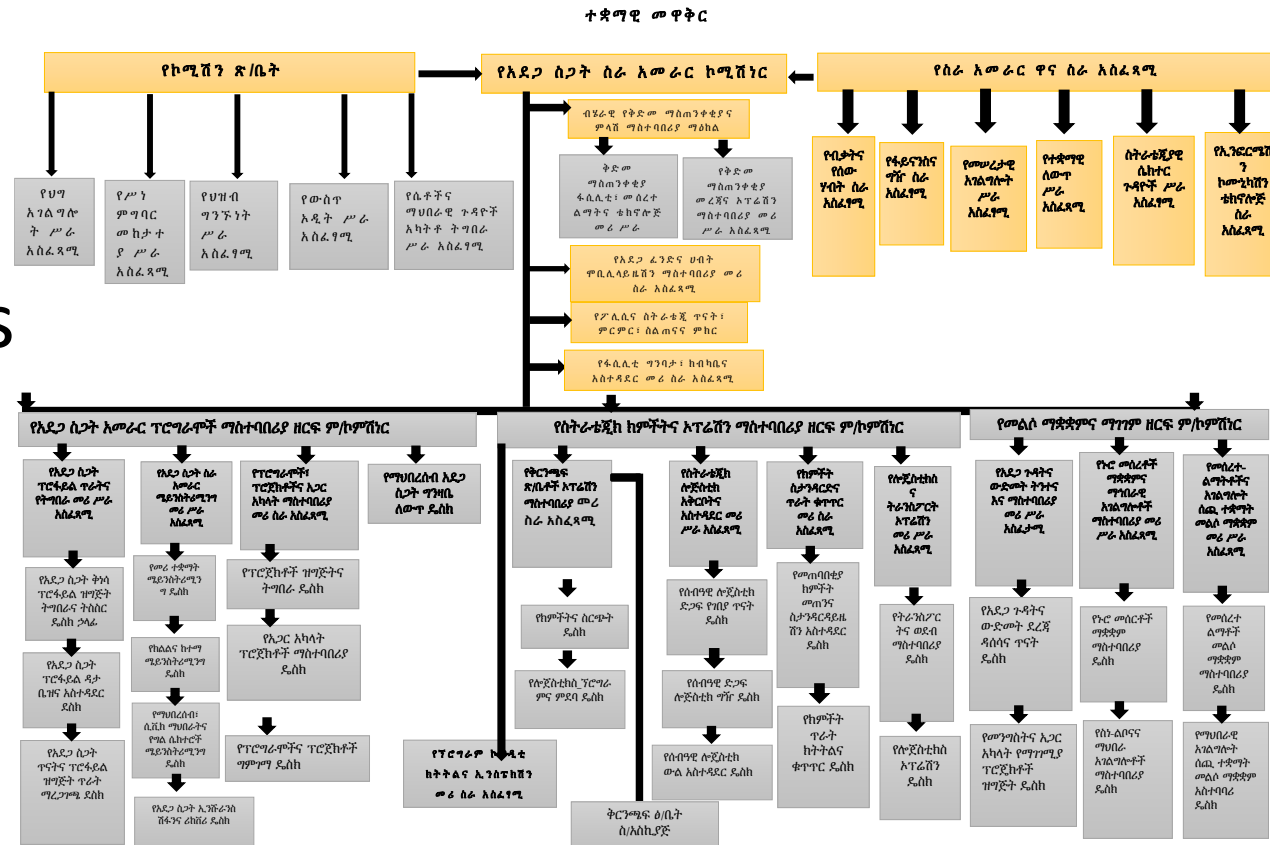
Locally Sourced DRM Financing

- Encourages domestic resource mobilization
- Supports sustainable financing for DRM efforts



Harmonization of Organizational Structures

- Streamlines roles and responsibilities
- Improves efficiency and accountability



Government and Community-Led DRM

- Empowers local governments and communities
- Encourages ownership of disaster initiatives



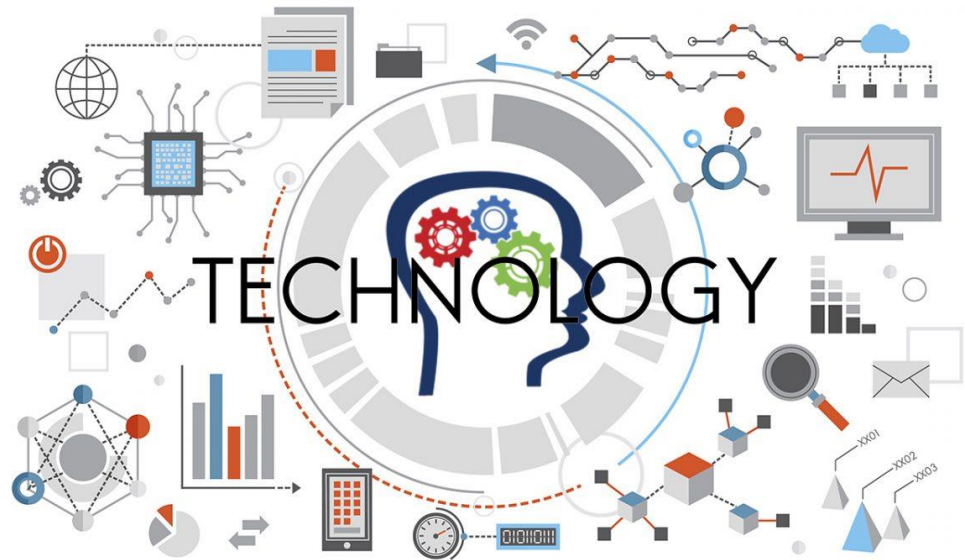
Risk-Informed Humanitarian Assistance

- Ensures interventions are guided by thorough risk assessments
- Maximizes effectiveness of responses



Leveraging Technologies for DRM

- Utilizes advanced technologies for data and analysis
- Enhances real-time response capabilities

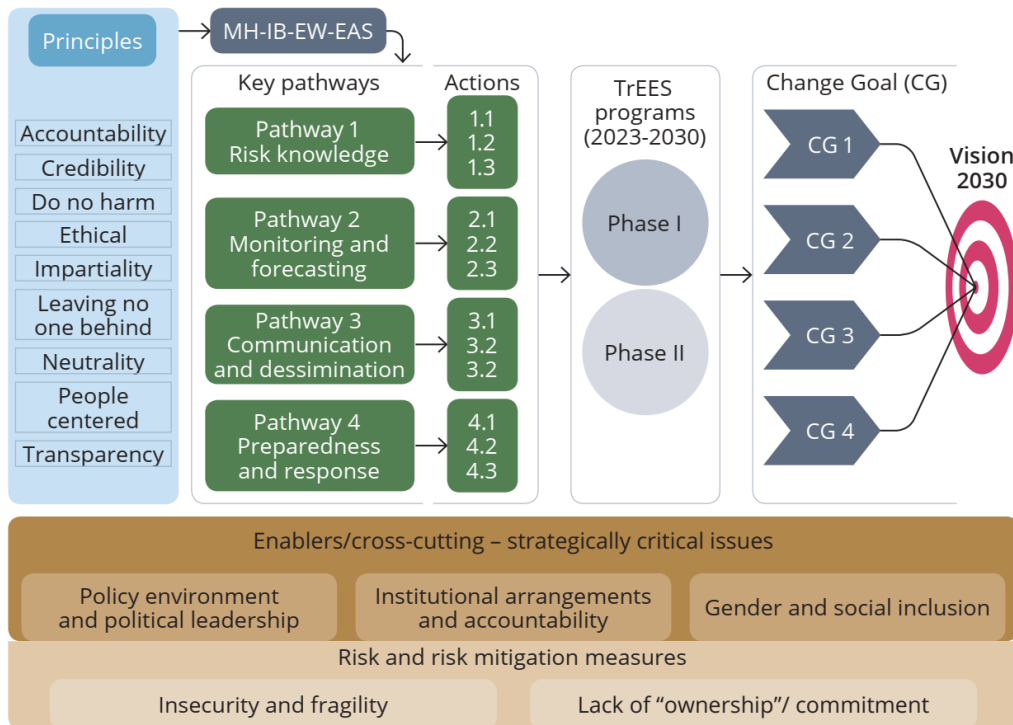


Transboundary DRM

- Addresses transboundary disaster risks
- Fosters regional collaboration for shared resilience



Ethiopian progress in MHEWS



Early Warnings for All



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Ethiopia's Alignment with the Sendai Framework and DaL

1. Contributions to the Sendai Framework Monitoring (SFM)

The revised policy **improves Ethiopia's compliance with the Sendai Framework's global targets** by:

- ✓ **Strengthening Risk Governance** → Institutional harmonization improves multi-sectoral coordination, enabling more systematic reporting on disaster risk management efforts.
- ✓ **Enhancing Data Collection and Standardization** → The introduction of threshold-based emergency classification ensures **consistent and measurable indicators** for disaster occurrence and response effectiveness.
- ✓ **Advancing Risk-Informed Decision-Making** → Integrating early warning systems with **threshold-based response triggers** provides real-time, data-driven insights for progress monitoring.
- ✓ **Decentralized and Localized Data Gathering** → DRM financing and response at sub-national levels contribute to **bottom-up reporting on Sendai indicators** (e.g., direct economic loss, affected population, damage to critical infrastructure).

Alignment

2. Enhancing Damage & Loss Tracking System

The policy introduces a systematic, real-time loss and damage tracking framework by:

- ◆ **Defining Clear Thresholds for Loss & Damage Assessment** → Ensures consistency in reporting disaster impacts across sectors and administrative levels.
- ◆ **Institutionalizing Standardized Damage & Loss Data Collection** → Improves the accuracy and granularity of reports, feeding into the national DRM database.
- ◆ **Strengthening Disaster Impact Attribution to Climate Change** → Helps Ethiopia align its loss & damage tracking system with global climate risk financing mechanisms (e.g., African Risk Capacity, Green Climate Fund).
- ◆ **Linking Data to Risk Financing & Early Action** → Facilitates evidence-based resource allocation and **timely humanitarian response**, reducing post-disaster delays.

Opportunities for Collaboration and Next Steps

- Strengthening Partnerships with Regional and International Stakeholders
- Collaborative efforts with neighboring countries and regional organizations.
- Shared knowledge and resources for cross-border disaster resilience.
- Capacity-Building Initiatives for Data Management and Policy Implementation
- Capacity building on Disaster Loss and damage tracking systems and SFM
- Training programs to enhance technical expertise in DRM data management.
- Strengthening institutional frameworks for effective policy execution.
- Establish transparent and inclusive DRM governance mechanisms.
- Foster accountability and data-sharing among stakeholders.

Thank you!

