

Rwanda - Strengthening the Legal, Institutional and Technical Capacity to Manage Climate and Disasters Risks, and Health Emergencies

Country

Rwanda

**ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management
Program Component**

Mainstream DRR and CCA into national and priority sector policies and investment planning

Amount Approved

€250,000 / \$277,000

Duration

09/2024 – 03/2026

Context and Objectives

Rwanda is at risk of numerous natural hazards, including droughts, floods, earthquakes, landslides, storms (windstorms, lightning, rainstorms, and thunderstorms), wildfire, diseases, and epidemics. Since the early 2000s, the frequency and severity of disasters, particularly caused by floods, landslides, and droughts, have greatly increased, with an increasing impact on human casualties and economic and environmental losses.

The objective of this project is to provide demand-driven support to the Government of Rwanda to enhance its technical, legislative and institutional capacity for managing climate and disaster risks, and by supporting key regulatory and policy reforms in the country.

Main Activities and Expected Results***Support to the strengthening of the Government's capacity and institutional framework for emergency preparedness and response***

This activity aims to support to the Ministry in Charge of Emergency Management and the Ministry of Health on the harmonization and operationalization of their guidelines for emergency response. It specifically provides technical assistance to revise the Draft National Guidelines for Disaster Emergency Response and Recovery for natural disasters and the Draft National Health Emergency Response Operations Plan for health emergencies.

Expected Result:

- Enhanced harmonization of emergency response protocols between relevant ministries.

Support to resilient buildings and strengthened building codes

This activity provides technical assistance on the update of the 2019 Rwanda Building Code, as well as the updates of the 2009 Child Friendly Schools Infrastructure Standards and Guidelines for Education Infrastructure to ensure their alignment with the Building Code.

Expected Result:

- Natural hazard risks better mainstreamed into building regulations.



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Support to resilient infrastructure

This activity supports the Ministry of Infrastructure operationalize sectoral policy on resilient infrastructure. Specifically, this concerns the National Energy Policy, the National Water Supply and Sanitation Policy, and Transport Infrastructure Related Guidelines and Manuals.

Expected Result:

- Enhanced disaster risk-informed investment planning and implementation.

Support to Rwanda Spatial Urban Dynamic Mapping Platform for risk data management

This activity provides support to the Rwanda Spatial Urban Dynamic Mapping (UDM) Platform to improve its risk data management, covering spatial data innovation, risk updates, and skills in using risk data.

Expected Result:

- Increase capacity to organize and deliver risk information for the 6 identified pilots cities.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with the Ministry in charge of Emergency Management, Ministry of Health, the Rwanda Housing Authority, the Ministry of Infrastructure, and the Ministry of Education. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Rwanda.