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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION EFFORTS : ZIMBABWE

1. Zimbabwe has engaged in a process to review its legislation since 1995 in an effort to strengthen disaster risk reduction. The process has culminated in a bill for consideration by parliament this year, 2004.

1.1. The major provisions of the Bill include

- (a) Repeal of the current Civil Protection Act and to be replaced by the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Act.
- (b) Establishment of an Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Authority whose major functions include
 - developing a risk reduction strategy in order to minimize vulnerability to both natural and man made or technological hazards.
 - establishment of an integrated early warning system for emergencies and disasters.
 - promotion of training and research in matters relating to disasters.
 - integration of disaster risk reduction into all developmental initiatives.
- (c) standardised training for emergency services
- (d) establishment of a funding mechanism for disaster risk reduction at both the local and national levels.
- (e) capacitating of local authorities to manage emergencies and disasters at the local level.

2. Lessons Learnt From Disasters:-

Zimbabwe has made attempts to integrate lessons learnt from past major emergencies and disasters, the following being the most significant.