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DISASTER MITIGATION PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON THE FLOOD AND LANDSLIDE HAVOC IN THE COUNTRY.

The Association of Disaster Mitigation Professionals extends their heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the people who have been affected by the prevailing floods and landslides in West Pokot, Kakamega Trans Nzoia and the rest of the country.

Victor Bwire States in one of His articles '' we have a much greater effort from government and stakeholders in the country that is not transforming into more meaningful gain to the common people'' who happen to be the most vulnerable due to economic & Social-cultural statuses wherever they live.

We note with concern the socio, economic, and environmental conditions of the affected population and state our commitment to Disaster Mitigation and Prevention. By so doing, this professional Team visited the National Disaster Operation Centre (NDOC) chief Disaster control center in the country at Nyayo House Nairobi. They issued a draft agenda to spearhead a discussion to reach a valid agreement to establish The National Multi-Sectoral Disaster Risk Assessment Team, and this effort has been praised by Individual Professional members of this Team who have expressed their willingness to contribute more ideas to help build it to reality.

NOTE: The team can be constituted in Three possible ways

A multi-Agency, Multi-Sectoral DRM (Assessment Team)

a) STAND BY - dedicated, well-resourced specialists Team which this team sees as the most appropriate and best option though may seem expensive.
b) ADHOC TEAM - with specialists drawn from multiple agencies and sectors which this team feels as not the best because it will not be easy to mobilize, especially if the other departments see the problem as being away far from their mandate and commitment may be a problem.
c) A GROUP OF COUNTIES WITH SIMILAR DISASTER PROFILES - Can pool resources for this course and keep these records for action (around the disaster cycle) and share challenges as the system grows towards Sendai 2030 period.

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At this time, We Call upon all stakeholders at the moment to direct their efforts to affected areas to help in the rescue and recovery missions and beyond, we also call upon our esteemed members to consider presenting these proposals in all DRM meetings and platforms until action is taken to minimize threat to life and property and help strengthen Disaster Mitigation and Prevention elements in the field. In case the platforms need more detailed professional Information on this, our members are more than ready to earn points. This series of events can be avoided with effective structures for collaboration and communications in place, especially that responsible agencies like the meteorological department and others had delivered warning information in time.

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Cc to Management Committee.