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Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs & Disaster Management

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The Republic of South Sudan has made significant PROGRESS in the implementation of Sendai Framework that can be outlined in the following order:

• A High-level awareness-raising involving ministers, parliamentarians and senior government officials have been conducted to enlighten them about the importance of the Sendai Framework and its implementation modalities

• In line with target E, my government has developed a National Disaster risk Management Policy that is people driven and based on the integrated risk Management approach. The draft DRM policy is expected to be presented to the cabinet and the parliament for adoption by the end of 2018

• In collaboration with South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) and the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) the government is in the process of developing disaster law to regulate and facilitate humanitarian relief during emergencies

• We have mainstreamed disaster risk reduction in agriculture and education, through training of agricultural extension officers and primary school teachers and high learning institution in University of Juba

• We have been positively engaged with regional and international bodies in the build-up to conceptualize the Sendai Monitor tools and its application
• Also, my country participated in the development and the validation of the capacity building strategy developed by UNISDR regional office in South Korea

• Further, South Sudan has embarked in promoting multi-hazard early warning system at all levels by launching the Early Warning Technical Working Group from all relevant sectors, this group is tasked with the production of monthly National Multi-Hazard Early Warning Bulletin for Early Action

• To enhance community resilience, the government has recently launched a 3-year strategic plan in National Resilience conference that focuses on 8 pillars among them: Food security and livelihoods, health and environmental planning.

**Challenges:**

1. Physical access due to insecurity and poor infrastructure
2. Lack of adequate capacities at all levels to monitor the implementation of SFDR
3. Lack of data to report against each of the seven (7) targets
4. Lack of financial resources to implement the SFDR

**Albeit this challenges**, we are making all efforts to overcome them, and stand committed to the Sendai, to which we have signed up to via the following recommendation;

**We encourage the African Union Commission, IGAD and UNISDR to continue supporting enhancing South Sudan’s technical capacities this is to ensure sustainability and the implementation of Sendai Framework**

**To conclude**, I reiterate that the Republic of South Sudan today reaffirm its support and strongly stands by the African Union Commission’s Programme of Action, and the Yaoundé Declaration in the implementation of Sendai framework for Action 2015-2030.

Furthermore, I must commend the role of our partners included; IGAD, South Sudan Red Cross, IFRC, Partners for Resilience, UNDP South Sudan, WFP and our national non-governmental organisations for the invaluable support they rendered to South Sudan to pursue its national and international obligation
vis-à-vis the implementation of Sendai Framework and other relevant disaster risk initiatives.

Thank you