

Research question V

The respondents listed the solutions to these challenges to include but not limited to Identification of relevant stakeholders and responders and communication of clear intervention objectives, establishment of clear coordinating roles and responsibilities in a transparent and objective manner, conducting regular stakeholder meetings to share experiences and review strategies and building capacity of stakeholders through training workshops, conferences, seminars and exercises.

They also suggested that joint development of VCAs, Contingency plans, scenarios and simulations, vulnerability mappings, and generation of database on hazards, vulnerabilities, risk and coping capacities from the community level will enhance coordination. The respondents also opined that regular review of plans, programmes and strategies as the need arises, establishment of functional disaster management structures at the State and Local Government levels, proper funding and equipment for humanitarian actors and effective capacity building, synergy and effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Disaster Management activities are some of the strategies required for effective disaster management and humanitarian action coordination in the country.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

The coordination and implementation of plans and policies for disaster management in a country relies a lot on existing institutional and legal framework and governments buy in into the activities of the relevant institutions. It is also relevant to state that the implementation of plans and policies also depends to a large extent the executive officers of the relevant organizations and their disposition towards the plans and policies in place.

Recommendations

Based on the above conclusions, the following recommendations are put forward:

1. The Agencies and their stakeholders should embark on the review of existing approved plans such as the NDRP.
2. The other plans and frameworks should be urgently reviewed and put forward for approval from the federal executive council.
3. The country as a matter of urgency should set in motion the development and approval of the National Incident Management system to assist the country in harmonising its disaster management systems.
4. Realigning the Nigerian humanitarian sector system to accommodate institutions which should have been included, such as the National commission for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs.

5. Improve the level of legislation in the sector by inviting the National Assembly to raise more bills which will assist in harmonising the country's disaster management sector.
6. There is need to motivate the workforce in the sector by improving their condition of service and ensuring a more favourable working environment and provision of tools
7. Developing a unified training policy for the industry and also having a well-developed curriculum for emergency managers and responders in the country.
8. Ensure the harmonisation of training ideas from America, United Kingdom and Asia to come out with a Nigerian concept of emergency management that will recognise the country's peculiarities and advance its own original policies and concept and eliminate the contradictions resulting from unharmonized ideas absorbed without synthesis.
9. There is also need for the increased number of Emergency Operation centres in the country to enhance operational efficiency of interventions.
10. The supervising ministry may need to facilitate the development of a harmonised human resources policy for agencies under her management.

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