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**NOTICE**  
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This Bill to be submitted to the National Assembly is published for general information to the public together with a statement of its objects and reasons.

Dar es Salaam,  
15<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

**OMBENI Y. SEFUE**  
*Secretary to the Cabinet*

**A BILL**

*for*

**An Act to provide for establishment of the Disaster Management Agency, disaster risk management, coordination mechanism for disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, establishment and management of Disaster Management Fund and to provide for other related matters.**

**ENACTED** by Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania.

**PART I**  
**PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

Short title and  
commencement

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Disaster Management Act, 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Application

**2.** This Act shall apply to Mainland Tanzania.

Interpretation

**3.** In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise-  
“Agency” means the Tanzania Disaster Management Agency established under section 4;  
“authorised person” means any person authorised to

- undertake any activities as may be authorized by the Agency;
- “Centre” means the Emergency Operation Centre established under section 47;
- “Council” means the Tanzania Disaster Management Council established under section 7;
- “Director-General” means the Director General of the Agency appointed under section 9 of the Act;
- “disaster” means an occurrence or series of occurrences, whether natural or man-made, man-made calamity that causes or poses a significant disruption or threat to the functioning of a community, causing widespread human, natural, economic or environmental losses which exceed the capacity of that community to cope with the disaster using its own resources;
- “disaster area” means an area declared as a disaster area under this Act;
- “disaster management” means a continuous and integrated multi-sectoral process of planning and implementation of measures aimed at-
- (a) preventing the danger or threat of a disaster;
  - (b) mitigating the severity or consequences of a disaster;
  - (c) creating or enhancing disaster preparedness;
  - (d) creating rapid and effective response to disaster; and
  - (e) creating or enhancing mechanisms for post disaster recovery and rehabilitation;
- “disaster preparedness” means the state of readiness to deal with a threatening disaster situation, disaster and the effects thereof;
- “disaster prevention” means any measures designed to eliminate or prevent a natural or human adverse phenomenon from causing or resulting in a disaster;
- “disaster recovery” means measures to help restore the livelihoods, assets and production levels of emergency affected communities; to re-build essential infrastructure, productive capacities,