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**URBAN CLIMATE RISK PROFILE
FOR
BUSIA MUNICIPALITY**

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FOREWORD



Through the Department of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, the Municipality of Busia has set out to develop this functional profile to address the myriad of challenges related to the Municipal Climate Risk Profile, particularly as it intersects with solid waste management. The review of the Municipality of Busia Climate Risk Profile provides a frame-work to address environmental and climate-related risks in Busia Municipality in line with improved service provision for solid waste management, sanitation, and public health. It also promotes efficient collection and transportation systems, reduction and recycling of waste, and climate-resilient practices for sustainable development anchored on the Sustain-able Development Goals (SDGs).

The review of the Climate Risk Profile is significant to the Municipality of Busia's commitment to intensifying campaigns against improper disposal of waste and its contribution to climate change impacts such as flooding, pollution, and environmental degradation. It ensures a harmonized approach to waste management while reinforcing the Municipality's constitutional mandate for safe, compliant, environmentally sound, and financially sustainable practices that reduce climate-related risks. The profile further provides direction on the management of various aspects of waste management while defining the responsibilities of established institutional arrangements in mitigating climate risks.

The profile addresses critical development challenges at both the Municipal and County levels, thereby enabling the Municipality to implement and adopt integrated strategies that respond to the local climate risk profile effectively. These strategies include the adoption of legislation on packaging waste, controls on hazardous waste, investments in climate-resilient waste handling infrastructure, and measures to combat climate change impacts. Additional strategies include conducting audits of existing waste management infrastructure and local capacity, developing clean-up standards and remediation methods, and encouraging best practices in waste management and resource recovery systems that reduce green house gas emissions. Emphasis is also placed on waste minimization and the establishment of secured and fenced designated disposal sites as part of climate risk mitigation measures.

In collaboration with other stakeholders, the Municipality will sustain the provision of adequate and high-quality waste management services that contribute to climate resilience and environmental protection. Lastly, this profile recommends a legal and institutional framework that supports an integrated approach to improving solid waste management while strengthening the Municipality's response to its climate risk profile.


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This profile has been reviewed in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) on the right to a clean and healthy environment, the Municipality of Busia Charter (2018), and the executive transferred functions. This Climate Risk Profile document is a result of inter-departmental participation involving key stakeholders and members of the public of Busia Municipality. The review of the profile targeted the Municipality of Busia's key challenges, including illegal waste dumping, inadequate disposal sites, lack of designated waste collection areas and their contribution to the Municipality's climate risk profile. Implementation of the profile will lead to a sustainable and efficient solid waste management system that supports climate resilience and aligns with the Municipality's mission and vision.

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The review of the Climate Risk Profile resulted from concerted efforts, consultations and collaboration among all relevant departments, with the aim of making the Municipality of Busia a favourable town for living, economic activities and climate resilience.

Not to be forgotten is the first Municipal Board of Busia for their support, as well as the public and staff of Busia Municipality who invested immense time and effort in making this profile document a reality.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Norbert Omanyó Wabwire', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Executive Summary

Climate change has emerged as a significant challenge to the achievement of Kenya's development goals as defined in Vision 2030. The negative impacts of climate change are impacted on the vulnerable / poor people and third world countries of which Kenya is among them. Kenya as a country is already highly susceptible to climate-related hazards, and projections indicate that the magnitude and frequency of these impacts will intensify in the future. Across Kenya, climate change effects are increasingly evident, severe, and cross-sectoral, with far-reaching implications for infrastructure, livelihoods, ecosystems, and human health.

The Municipality of Busia is experiencing growing climate-related risks driven by rising temperatures, more frequent and intense rainfall events, and recurrent prolonged dry spell conditions. Its strategic location along a major international transport corridor, combined with rapid population growth and urban expansion, heightens its vulnerability to flooding, water scarcity, and public health risks. Past climate-related events have already had substantial impacts on multiple sectors, affecting economic activities, service delivery, environmental integrity, and the overall well-being of residents. This document presents the Climate Risk Profile for the Municipality of Busia, providing a comprehensive assessment of climate hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks and identifying priority adaptation actions to enhance resilience.

The profile is structured in sections, each representing a critical step in understanding climate risks and informing adaptation planning for the municipality. The document begins with background information on Busia Municipality, including its geographic, socio economic, and climatic context, as well as observed climate change trends and their implications. This section outlines the rationale for developing the Climate Risk Profile and describes the methodology applied in the assessment. Subsequent sections examine historical, current, and future climate scenarios, drawing on historical climate records, disaster data, and climate projections to assess evolving risk patterns. The profile further presents hazard mapping and an analysis of exposure and vulnerability characteristics that influence the severity and distribution of climate risks. Based on this analysis, a climate risk assessment is conducted to identify priority risks, followed by the identification of adaptation options.

The document also highlights the sectoral impacts of key climate risks and outlines the governance, financing, and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to support effective climate adaptation implementation. Overall, the Climate Risk Profile serves as a decision-support tool to guide integrated, evidence-based, and climate-resilient planning and development for Busia Municipality.

The Municipality of Busia Climate Risk Profile will foster better understanding of the Municipality Climate Risks among stakeholders and spark discussions about how to address them effectively. The profile informs contingency planning mechanisms, provides effective strategies for proper resource allocation/ budgetary allocation and pin points climate risks that the public is susceptible to in the Municipality. Residents of the Municipality of Busia have inadequate knowledge to climate risks, their vulnerability hence through the profile, in all tailored interventions are outlined to achieve sustainable development

Risk results summary filled for each key hazard as presented below,

Table 1. Summary of Urban Flooding risks for the Municipality of Busia

Category	Risk Level				
	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Infrastructure & Services					
Storm water Drainage	Low	Low	High	Medium	High
Water and Waste water Management	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Solid Waste Management	Medium	Low	High	Medium	High
Transport and Mobility	Low	Low	High	Medium	High
Energy	Low	Low	High	Medium	High
Economic Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Social Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Emergency Services	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Populations					
Urban Residents	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Informal Settlement Residents	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Natural Assets					
Urban Green Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium

Table 2 Summary of Prolonged Dry spells risks for the Municipality of Busia.

Category	Risk Level				
	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Infrastructure & Services					
Storm water Drainage	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Water and Wastewater Management	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Solid Waste Management	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Transport and Mobility	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Energy	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Economic Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Social Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Emergency Services	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Populations					
Urban Residents	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Informal Settlement Residents	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium

Category	Risk Level				
	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Natural Assets					
Urban Green Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Low	Low	Medium	Low	High

Table 3. Summary of Heat Stress risks for the Municipality of Busia

Category	Risk Level				
	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Infrastructure & Services					
Stormwater Drainage	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Water & Wastewater Management	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Solid Waste Management	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Transport and Mobility	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Energy	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Economic Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Social Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Emergency Services	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Populations					
Urban Residents	Low	Low	medium	Low	Medium
Informal Settlement Residents	Low	Low	Medium	Low	High
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Natural Assets					
Urban Green Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Low	Low	Medium	Low	High

Table 4. Summary of Public Health hazard risks for the Municipality of Busia

Category	Risk Level				
	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Infrastructure & Services					
Storm water Drainage	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium

Category	Risk Level				
	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Water and Waste water Management	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Solid Waste Management	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Transport and Mobility	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Energy	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Economic Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Social Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Emergency Services	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Populations					
Urban Residents	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Informal Settlement Residents	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Natural Assets					
Urban Green Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium

The climate risk assessment highlights that urban flooding, drought, heat waves, and public health outbreaks pose high risks to the Municipality of Busia due to the convergence of climate hazards with high exposure and vulnerability. The adaptation and resilience strategies are designed to directly address the underlying drivers of risk by reducing exposure, lowering vulnerability and enhancing adaptive capacity. Emphasis is placed on integrated urban planning, climate-resilient infrastructure, ecosystem-based approaches and strengthened institutional and community preparedness. Collectively, these measures support a transition toward a more resilient, inclusive and climate-adaptive urban system in the Municipality of Busia.

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List of Acronyms

AR6	Sixth Assessment Report
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
KNBS	Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
KPHC	Kenya Population and Housing Census Report
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NCCRS	National Climate Change Response Strategy
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority
PPP	Public-private partnerships
RCP	Representative Concentration Pathway
RCRA	Rapid climate risk assessment
SSP	Shared Socio economic Pathway
TWG	Technical Working Group
WASH	Water, Sanitation, And Hygiene

1. Context

1.1. Objective

The Municipality of Busia Climate Risk Profile aims to provide a clear understanding of the current and future climate risks and vulnerabilities, and prioritize adaptation actions for Busia municipality, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal governance processes promote climate resilience. The governance systems and individuals within Busia municipality have to be able to understand the risks they face in order to make informed decisions.

Without major changes in the management of climate risks in the urban centers, threats to residents, the economy and development will increase in the future as populations grow. Climate risks are compounded over time through a complex interaction between development processes that generates conditions of the risks, exposure and vulnerability.

The specific objectives of this climate risk profile are:

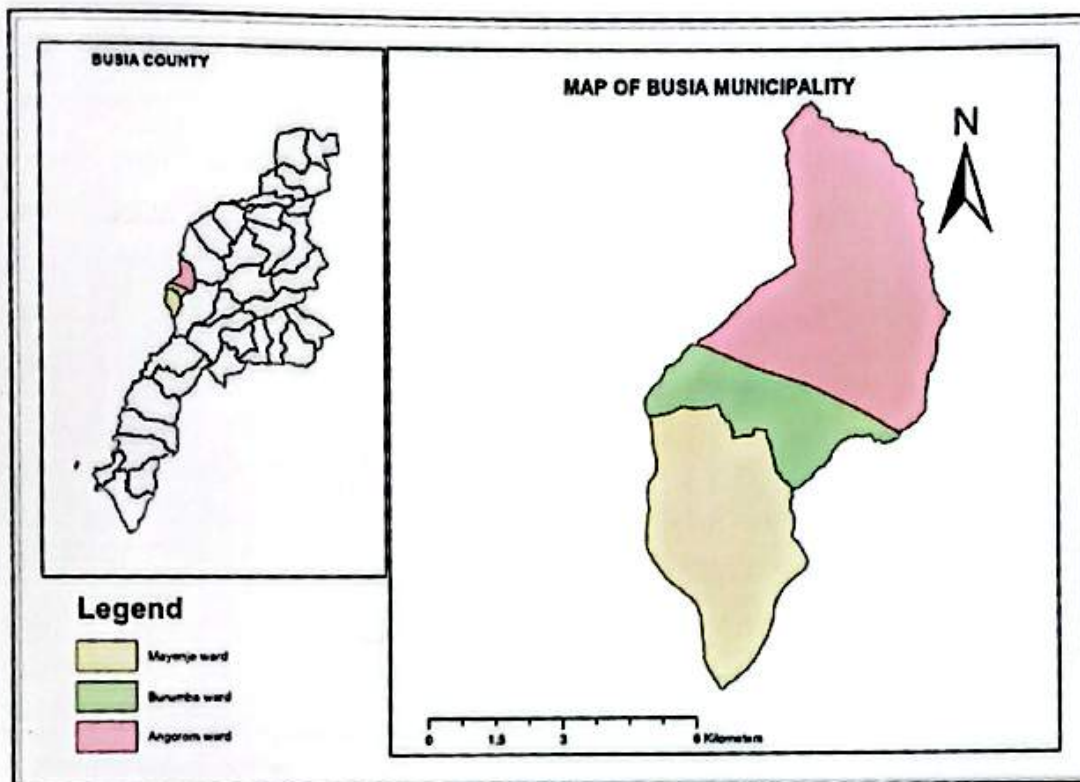
- To identify, highlight and map out climate risks and vulnerabilities sectors within the Municipality of Busia whose impacts affect the living standards of the people.
- To inform adaptation and mitigation measures and aid in the municipality planning processes which provide a foundation to develop effective strategies.
- To improve integration of adequate and measurable climate change adaptation measures in municipality planning processes and development projects.
- To enhance Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and to support adequate resource allocation for quick address of current risks.

Increasing the resilience of a population to climate change risks through climate change adaptation and mitigation are matters of development and inclusivity. Risk profiling provides opportunities for strategic actions and enables the municipal government, the County and national governments; civil society partners and the local community to collaborate to strengthen local capacities and leadership to build resilience to climate risk.

1.1. Urban Context

1.2.1 Geographic area

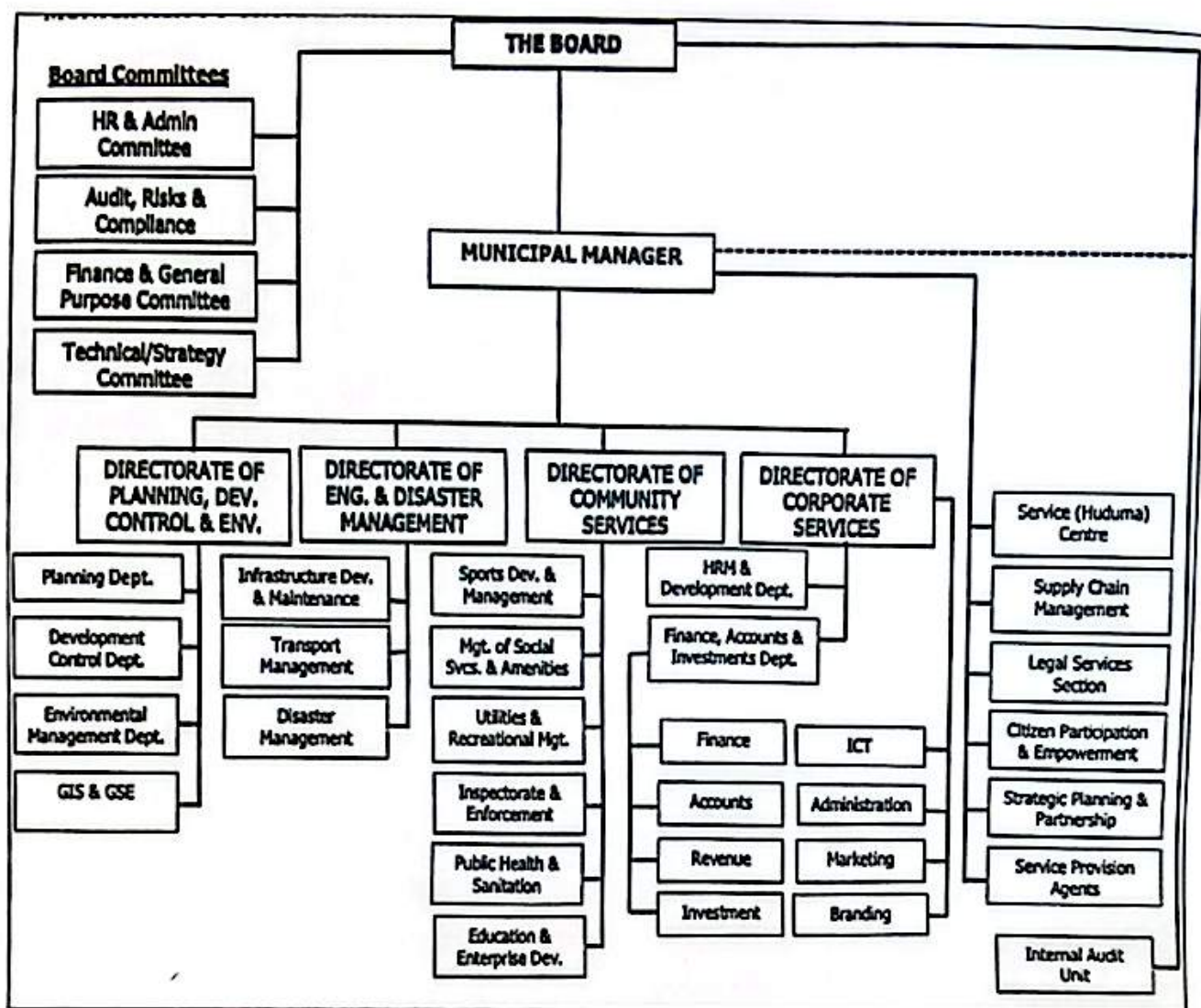
The Municipality of Busia is the most urbanized area in Busia County. The municipality is termed as the headquarters located in the middle-west of the county and covers a surface area of 43.31 square kilometers comprising of three County Assembly electoral areas namely Angorom ward, Burumba ward and Mayenje ward as gazetted in 2nd November, 2018. The western boundary of the municipality also marks Kenya's international border with Uganda.



1.1.1. Governance Structure

The governance structure of the Municipality of Busia is clearly defined in the proposed organogram attached herein. At the top of the hierarchy is the board of management which is responsible for the overall direction and final accountability for the affairs of the board.

The Municipal Board conducts its business through specialized committees. Four such committees are envisaged in the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 amended 2019. Reporting directly to the board is the Municipal management. The Municipal Manager is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the municipality responsible for daily operations and strategy execution. Development of the Climate risk profile falls under the directorate of planning and development control under the environmental management unit. However, for the purpose of enhancing the quality of the end product, it is imperative to enlist the services of other relevant departments like disaster management, environment, citizen participation and empowerment and inspectorate and enforcement.



1.1.2. Socio-economic Context

According to the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census report by KNBS, there were 81,643 persons living within the Municipality of Busia in 21,209 households. This population is projected to grow to 99,604 by the year 2029 if an inter-censal growth rate of 2.2 percent is maintained.

Table1: The Municipality of Busia population by ward, 2019 KPHC-KNBS

Ward	Population	No. of households	Area(km ²)
Angorom	35,229	9,365	21.58
Burumba	32,908	8,659	7.21
Mayenje	13,506	3,275	14.4
Total	81,643	21,299	43.19

The population density in Busia town varies from a low of 574 persons per square kilometer in the rural sections of Angorom ward to a high of 4,533 in the most urbanized sections of Burumba ward. By virtue of the fact that the municipality is the county headquarters, it experiences a strain on existing social amenities arising from influx of population from the rest of the county as well as Uganda.

A key institution of major socio-economic impact within the municipality is Alupe University. With an estimated population of 3,800 and growing, the university is expected to exert great impact on the social amenities and economic vibrancy of the municipality particularly due to its influence on demographics.

1.1.3. Economic Context

The Municipality of Busia is the main urban center in Busia County. By bordering Uganda it serves as a major economic /business hub for cross-border trade, particularly because of the connectivity provided by the international highway linking Kisumu to Kampala which goes through Busia border post. There are three major livelihoods in the municipality namely, trade, agriculture and both formal and informal employment.

Agriculture is largely subsistence, focusing on rain fed crop production and rearing of livestock. However, there is a rapid urbanization trend within the municipality whereby previous farm land is being converted into urban dwellings to accommodate the growing population.

1.1.4. Land-use Context

The Municipality of Busia lies in a predominantly bimodal rainfall zone characterized by long rains (March–May) and short rains (October–December). Climate variability in the region has increased in recent decades, with more frequent and severe dry spells and erratic rainfall patterns.

1.2. Key Stakeholders and Inclusiveness

In the development of this climate risk profile, stakeholder engagement was conducted to incorporate local knowledge, validate technical findings, and ensure inclusivity in the climate risk profiling process. The main objective of the engagement was to verify the outputs from TWG discussions and to capture stakeholder perspectives on climate risks, impacts, and priority adaptation needs. Stakeholders engaged included: Municipality representatives; local traders and market associations; transport operators; health officials; community representatives; water service providers. Participatory discussions and consultations helped identify locally experienced climate risks, their impacts and coping strategies. Stakeholder feedback was integrated into the final climate risk profile.

High	High Influence – Low Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Government• Local community leaders	High Influence – High Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Department of Urban Development• County Department of Environment
	Low Influence – Low Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traders• Transporters	Low Influence – High Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Municipality• Water Service Providers• County Department of Health
Low		High

Figure 1. Stakeholder mapping for the Municipality of Busia

2. Hazard Assessment

Hazard assessment is a proactive, systematic process to identify potential sources of harm, assess associated risks (likelihood and severity), and implement controls to prevent injuries or incidents. The Municipality of Busia has factored the hazards and the mitigation measures in the municipality plans.

Key Climate Hazards

Table 2.1. Hazard screening for the Municipality of Busia

Hazard	Hazard Likely (Y/N)	Significant Impact (Y/N)	High Priority (Y/N)	Key Hazard (Y/N)
Heat Stress				
Average surface temperature increase	Y	Y	Y	Y
Extreme heat	Y	N	N	N
Prolonged Dry spell				
Average increase in surface temperature during dry season	Y	Y	Y	Y
Urban Flooding				
Changes in precipitation patterns	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pluvial (surface level) flooding, including flash flooding and urban flooding	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fluvial (river) flooding	N	N	N	N
Sea level rise	N	N	N	N
Coastal flooding, including storm surges	N	N	N	N
Water logging	Y	Y	N	N
Public health risks				
Increase in disease outbreaks	Y	Y	Y	Y
Drainage systems	Y	Y	Y	N
Waste management	Y	Y	Y	Y

2.1. Climate Indicators and Hazard Thresholds

Climate indicators are measurable observations that show the long-term trends and status of the changing climate system (e.g., global surface temperature and atmospheric CO₂ concentrations).

Hazard thresholds are specific critical limits of a climate variable that, if exceeded, can lead to significant impacts, system reorganization, or an abrupt increase in risk to human society, infrastructure, or ecosystems.

Table 2.2. Climate indicators and hazard thresholds selected for the assessment

Key Hazard	Climate indicator	Data source	Threshold		
			Low	Medium	High
Urban flooding	No of days with rainfall more than 50mm	World Bank Climate Change knowledge portal		24hrs per season	
Prolonged dry spell	No of days with temperatures >28.7C	World Bank Climate Change knowledge portal		Less than 30% chances of drought occurrence	
Heat stress	Days with temperatures frequently exceed 30°C–31°C	World Bank Climate Change knowledge portal	High humidity of above 32°C–33°C		
Public health hazard	No of disease outbreaks	World Health Organization		Erratic rainfall per season Increased temperature levels.	

2.2. Current Hazard Levels and Climate Projections

Urban flooding in the Municipality of Busia is a significant and escalating challenge, driven by a combination of inadequate infrastructure, rapid urbanization, and intensified climate variability. The town frequently experiences pluvial (surface) flooding and disruption to businesses due to blocked drainages, necessitating urban investment in storm water drainage.

Table 2.2.1. Current and future hazards levels for the Municipality of Busia

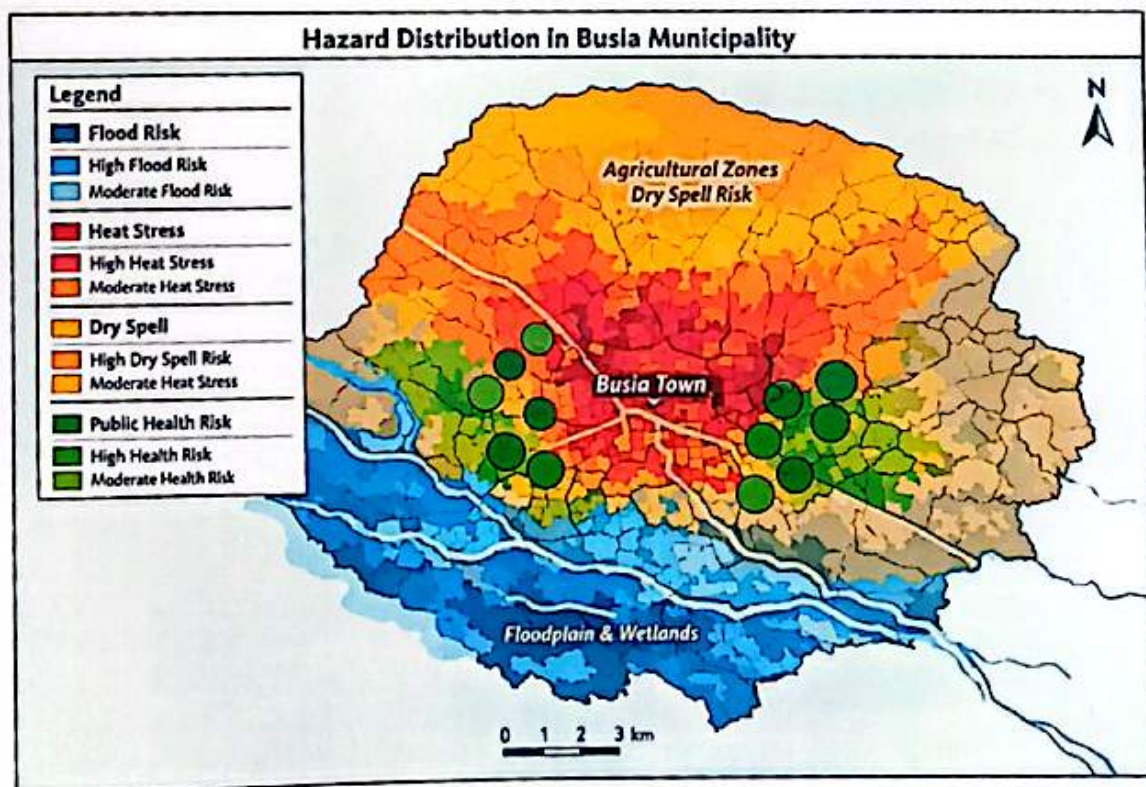
Hazard	Hazard Level				
	Current (Baseline)	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Urban Flooding	Low	22mm	30mm	10mm	55mm
Prolonged dry spell	Medium	2.5°C	2.5°C	3°C	3°C
Heat stress	Medium	-2 days	-2 days	-2 days	-2 days
Public health risks.	Medium	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate

For this Urban Climate Risk Profile, hazard levels should be interpreted in accordance with the table below.

Table 2.2.2. Interpretation of hazard levels

Level	Interpretation
High	Hazard events that are likely to occur with high frequency and/or intensity
Medium	Hazard events that are likely to occur with moderate frequency and/or intensity
Low	Hazard events that are likely to occur with low frequency and/or intensity

2.3. Current and Future Hazard Impact Areas



3. Exposure and Vulnerability Assessment

Exposure and Vulnerability Assessment entail understanding who and what is at risk to climate hazards. Exposure refers to the presence of people, infrastructure, economic activities, and ecosystems in areas susceptible to climate hazards, while vulnerability reflects the degree to which these exposed elements are susceptible to harm due to physical, social, economic, and institutional factors.

In Busia Municipality, exposure and vulnerability are shaped by population density, land-use patterns, quality of infrastructure, access to basic services, and socioeconomic conditions. Climate hazards do not impact all areas or populations equally. Informal settlements, low-income households, critical public infrastructure, and climate-sensitive livelihoods often face disproportionately higher risks due to limited adaptive capacity and pre-existing development challenges.

This section examines the exposure and vulnerability of Busia Municipality to identified climate hazards by analyzing the presence of people, infrastructure, and economic activities in hazard-prone areas, alongside the socioeconomic and environmental factors that influence their susceptibility and adaptive capacity. By integrating demographic, socio economic, environmental, and infrastructure at a, the assessment highlights priority risk hotspots where climate impacts are likely to be most severe.

The findings of the exposure and vulnerability assessment provide a critical link between hazard identification and risk management, informing targeted adaptation measures, resilience-building investments, and climate-responsive urban planning and management for the Municipality of Busia.

3.1. Urban Elements

Table 3.1. Urban elements inventory

Category	Subcategory	Included in the RCRA (Y/N)	Available in GIS format (Y/N)	Description
Infrastructure and Services				
Storm water Drainage	Storm water drainage conveyance network	Y	Y	Drains at Nzoia River from the upstream and urban run off
	Storm water storage	N	N	
Water and Waste water Management	Pumping stations	Y	Y	Pumping at the Sio intake next to R. Sio
	Groundwater abstraction	N	N	

Category	Subcategory	Included in the RCRA (Y/N)	Available in GIS format (Y/N)	Description
	Water treatment facilities	Y	Y	At the pumping intake before distribution to the lines
	Water supply networks	Y	Y	Supplied by the Busia Water & Sewerage company (BUWASCO)
	Sewer networks	Y	Y	Managed by BUWASCO
	Wastewater treatment facilities	Y	Y	Managed by BUWASCO
Solid Waste Management	Transfer facilities	N	N	
	Landfills and dump sites	Y	Y	Dump site available at Alupe
	Recycling centers	N	N	
	Collection fleet	Y	Y	Dump trucks available with skip loads.
Transport and Mobility	Road networks	Y	Y	Clearly captured in the Kenya Roads Networks and land use plan
	Bridges	Y	Y	Clearly captured in the Kenya Roads Networks and land use plan
	Public transport networks (rail, bus, mini-bus, etc.)	Y	Y	Presence of motorized transport network
	Transportation terminals	Y	Y	the bus terminals are available at designated points.
	Vehicle depots	N	N	N/A
	Non-motorized transport networks	Y	Y	Presence of foot paths
	Freight and logistics hubs	N	N	N/A
Energy	Energy power plants	N	N	N/A
	Poles and power lines	Y	Y	Kenya power lines available.
	Transformers and substations	Y	Y	Kenya Power transformers available.
	Street lighting	Y	Y	Presence of street lights on major streets
Economic Infrastructure	Markets	Y	Y	Markets available for traders.
	Businesses and commercial hubs	Y	Y	Available.
	Industrial zones/parks and logistics parks	N	N	N/A

Category	Subcategory	Included in the RCRA (Y/N)	Available in GIS format (Y/N)	Description
Social Infrastructure	Government buildings and service centers	Y	Y	Government offices available for officers and Huduma Centre.
	Education facilities	Y	Y	Learning institutions are available.
	Healthcare facilities	Y	Y	Hospitals and health centres.
	Public spaces	Y	Y	Presence of a green garden.
	Faith-based buildings	Y	N	Places of worship.
	Cultural and heritage assets	N	N	N/A
Emergency Services	Fire stations	N	N	N/A
	Police stations	Y	Y	Available.
	Telecommunications networks	Y	Y	Communication networks.
	Early warning systems	Y	N	Provided by KMD
	Disaster management centers and shelters	N	N	N/A
	Evacuation routes	N	N	N/A
Populations				
Urban Residents	Population	Y	Y	As per the recent census.
	Households	Y	Y	As per the recent census.
Informal Settlement Residents	Population living in informal settlements	Y	Y	Captured in the recent census.
	Households lacking land tenure	Y	Y	Land ownership
	Households / residents lacking access to basic services	Y	Y	Communities leaving far from basic amenities
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Low-income households	Y	N	Earning less than 1 dollar a day.
	Women-headed households	Y	N	Available
	Children and youth	Y	N	Available
	Elderly persons	Y	N	Available
	People with disabilities (PWD)	Y	N	Available
	Homeless populations	Y	N	Street families
	Unemployed or precariously employed workers	Y	N	Available
	Seasonal workers / migrant laborers	Y	N	Workers from Uganda
Nomadic groups in peri-urban areas	N	N	N/A	

Category	Subcategory	Included in the RCRA (Y/N)	Available in GIS format (Y/N)	Description
	Urban refugees and migrants	N	N	N/A
	Minority ethnic groups in urban areas	Y	N	
Natural Assets				
Urban Green Infrastructure	Urban parks and gardens	Y	N	Green garden opposite county head quarters
	Green corridors	N	N	N/A
	Street landscaping	N	N	N/A
	Urban forests and forest reserves	N	N	N/A
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Natural wetlands	N	N	N/A
	Rivers	Y	Y	R. Nzoia, R. Sio
	Riparian zones	Y	Y	Sio- Siteko Wetland
	Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	N	N	N/A
	Coastal ecosystems	N	N	N/A
	Urban agriculture	N	N	
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Peri-urban agriculture	Y	N	Kitchen gardens
	Agro forestry systems	Y	N	Practiced by farmers
	Forests and forest reserves	N	N	N/A
	Protected areas and national parks	N	N	N/A
	Savannahs and rangelands	N	N	N/A

3.2. Exposure, Vulnerability, and Impacts of Climate Hazards on Urban Elements

For this Urban Climate Risk Profile, exposure and vulnerability levels should be interpreted in accordance with the table below.

Table 3.2.1 Interpretation of exposure and vulnerability levels

Level	Exposure Level Interpretation	Vulnerability Level Interpretation
High	Few or no critical urban elements lie within the hazard footprint or area of impact.	The urban element is vulnerable to the climate hazard due to high natural sensitivity – considering physical and non-physical characteristics – and limited adaptive capacity.
Medium	A moderate number or a mix of low- and medium-value urban elements are located within the hazard footprint.	The urban element is somewhat vulnerable to the climate hazard due to moderate sensitivity and adaptive capacity.
Low	A large number and high-value urban elements (e.g., critical infrastructure, dense neighborhoods, major economic assets) are located within the hazard footprint.	The urban element is minimally vulnerable to the climate hazard due to limited sensitivity and/or a high degree of adaptive capacity.

For this Urban Climate Risk Profile, the following matrix summarizes likely impacts on each urban element by combining the assigned exposure and vulnerability levels.

Table 3.2.2 Impact Matrix

		Vulnerability Level		
		Low	Medium	High
Exposure Level	High	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
	Medium	Minor	Moderate	Major
	Low	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate

Table 3.3. Exposure, Vulnerability, and Impacts of Urban Flooding on Urban Elements

Hazard: Urban Flooding

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Infrastructure & Services					
Storm water Drainage	Storm water drainage in the Municipality of Busia is heavily exposed to urban flooding due to a combination of rapid, unplanned urbanization, inadequate infrastructure, and poor waste management practices. As a growing border town, increased impervious surfaces such as tarmac roads, pavements, and building rooftops prevent water from seeping into the ground, causing high volumes of surface runoff that overwhelm existing drains.	medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor waste disposal leading to clogged drainages • Irregular maintenance of drainage systems leading to stagnant water that causes disease. • Disrupted road networks. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular collection and proper dumping of solid wastes. • Unclogging of drainage systems through proper maintenance. 	Medium	moderate
Water & Wastewater Management	Water and wastewater drainage in Busia Municipality is highly exposed to urban flooding due to a combination of inadequate	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental pollution • Disease outbreak 	Medium	Moderate

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
	<p>infrastructure, poor solid waste management, and rapid, unplanned urban development that has overwhelmed existing systems, particularly in areas like Burumba and Mayenje</p> <p>The drainage systems, often open channels, become easily blocked by garbage and silt, causing sewage to mix with storm water and flood homes and businesses during heavy rains.</p>		<p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper treatment and use of the waste water in farms. • Proper disposal of solid waste at designated sites. 		
Solid Waste Management	<p>Solid waste in Busia Municipality exposes the drainage system to urban flooding primarily through the blockage of storm water channels with plastic bottles, polythene bags, and household waste. This mismanagement leads to a situation where, during rain events, these blocked drains cannot handle the runoff, causing water to overflow onto roads and into homes.</p>	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocked drainage systems due to poor waste disposal. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper disposal of solid waste • Routine collection of solid waste to avoid clogging. 	Medium	Moderate
Transport and Mobility	<p>Transport and mobility infrastructure in Busia Municipality is highly exposed to urban flooding due to a combination of inadequate, blocked, and open drainage systems that fail to handle heavy rainfall.</p> <p>These infrastructure gaps result in impassable road networks, disrupted mobility, and economic losses for residents and traders, particularly in areas like Burumba, Mayenje, and Samaki Estate.</p>	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruption of transport networks. • Lack of maintenance of the road networks and poor work man ship <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper work and maintenance of the road networks by relevant authorities. 	Medium	Moderate

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Energy	Energy infrastructure in the Municipality of Busia is exposed to urban flooding primarily through inadequate storm water drainage systems, resulting in the destruction of electrical infrastructure and disruption of energy services during heavy rains. The flooding is often exacerbated by poor urban planning, including encroached riparian zones and lack of proper waste disposal, leading to power outages and damaged energy assets.	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of transmission and distribution of power <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency planning incase of risks. 	Low	Minor
Economic Infrastructure	Economic infrastructure in Busia Municipality is heavily exposed to urban flooding, primarily driven by inadequate drainage systems, rapid, unplanned urbanization, and poor waste management. This exposure causes significant disruptions to trade, damage to transport networks, and destruction of market facilities, which are vital to the town's role as a cross-border hub.	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruption of networks like transport for economic purposes • Poor market conditions dur to waste disposal. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve on the market infrastructure. • Routine maintenance of the transport networks. 	Low	Minor
Social Infrastructure	Key infrastructure—including roads, schools, markets, and health facilities—becomes impassable or submerged during heavy rains, disrupting economic activity and hindering access to essential services.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut off roads limiting access to key infrastructure. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance of the key infrastructures. 	Medium	Moderate
Emergency Services	Through submerged road infrastructure, strained emergency response teams, and damaged health facilities.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited access to the emergency services . 	Medium	Moderate

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Populations					
Urban Residents	Primarily through poorly planned infrastructure, blocked drainage systems, and the encroachment of residential and commercial structures into flood plains.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of property and life Disease outbreaks <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper drainage systems. Protection of river line areas 	Medium	Moderate
Informal Settlement Residents	Informal settlements in Busia Municipality are highly exposed to urban flooding due to a combination of geographical vulnerability, poor infrastructure, and rapid, unregulated development. These settlements often occupy low-lying areas, riverbanks, or wetlands, making them natural collection points for floodwaters	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of property and life Disease outbreaks <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper drainage systems. Protection of river line areas 	Medium	Moderate
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Marginalized residents, particularly those in low-income, informal settlements and riparian zones, face high exposure to floodwaters, leading to displacement, loss of livelihoods, and health crisis.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of property and life Disease outbreaks <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper drainage systems. Protection of river line areas 	Medium	Moderate
Natural Assets					

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Urban Green Infrastructure	The loss of natural buffers, combined with inadequate drainage systems, has created a negative ecological feedback loop, where reduced vegetation causes increased flooding, which further destroys natural habitats.	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of vegetative cover and clogged drains. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation and unclogging of drains. 	Low	minor
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Urban blue infrastructure (waterways, natural drainage, and wetlands) in Busia Municipality is heavily exposed to urban flooding due to a combination of inadequate infrastructure, rapid, unplanned, and poor land-use practices. The core, drainage-oriented, and trade-focused urban environment faces high flood risks, particularly in areas like Burumba and Mayanje, where blocked or insufficient drainage systems fail to manage heavy, consistent rainfall	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encroachment and disruption of vegetative cover <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riverbank protection and awareness creation to the communities. 	Low	Minor
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	The agricultural areas, which often serve as vital food sources for the municipality, are regularly inundated by both flash floods and river line overflows, destroying crops and disrupting livelihoods	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of agricultural land and top soils. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of tree cover to act as buffers. 	Low	Minor

Table 3.3 Exposure, Vulnerability, and Impacts of prolonged dry spell on Urban Elements

Hazard: Prolonged Dry Spell

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Infrastructure & Services					
Storm water Drainage	Prolonged dry spells in Busia Municipality significantly impact storm water drainage systems by creating, concealing, and worsening infrastructure vulnerabilities. While drought creates a temporary lack of water flow, it causes systemic issues that culminate in, or exacerbate, flooding once rains return	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruption of infrastructure <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of proper materials to withstand the heat. 	Low	Minor
Water & Wastewater Management	Drying up local sources, reducing water quality, and causing significant shortages. This increases dependence on unsafe water, leading to waterborne diseases. Wastewater management struggles due to reduced water flow for sanitation, while infrastructure faces strain from increased demand.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <p>Disease outbreaks and in extreme cases loss of life.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <p>Protection of water sources. Proper maintenance of sewer networks.</p>	Medium	moderate
Solid Waste Management	Increase in waste accumulation, promoting illegal dumping, and hindering the decomposition of organic matter.	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental pollution • Disease out breaks. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper disposal of solid waste. • Awareness creation 	Low	Minor
Transport and Mobility	Accelerating the deterioration of gravel (murrum) roads, causing heavy dust	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <p>Disruption of transport networks.</p>	Low	Minor

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
	pollution, and increasing maintenance costs. As a major cross-border town, these impacts hinder transport efficiency and affect economic activities for traders and commuters.		Adaptive Capacity: Routine maintenance of the roads		
Energy	Prolonged dry spells in Busia Municipality, characterized by increased temperatures and water scarcity, have a significant negative impact on the energy sector, primarily by driving up costs and straining infrastructure.	Low	Sensitivity: Poor infrastructure. Adaptive Capacity: Maintenance of the infrastructure.	Low	Minor
Economic Infrastructure	Prolonged dry spells in Busia Municipality significantly disrupt economic infrastructure, primarily impacting water supply, energy, transportation, and agricultural value chains. These climate-related shocks exacerbate existing infrastructure deficiencies, slowing economic growth in manufacturing, wholesale, and retail sectors.	Low	Sensitivity: • Disruption of economic livelihood. Adaptive Capacity: Routine maintenance of economic infrastructure.	Low	Minor
Social Infrastructure	Causes water scarcity, limiting educational opportunities, and endangering public health by overstretching existing resources.	Low	Sensitivity: • Breakdown of services, particularly in schools and healthcare facilities. Adaptive Capacity: Rehabilitation of water projects and installation of solar-powered water pumps in schools and markets.	Low	Minor
Emergency Services	Prolonged dry spells in Busia Municipality cripple emergency services by causing water shortages, driving food insecurity, increasing fire outbreaks, and enhancing disease risks	Low	Sensitivity: Causes strain in the health facilities and emergency services. Adaptive Capacity: Budget for emergency services	Low	Minor

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Populations					
Urban Residents	The dry weather, compounded by high temperatures (often exceeding 32°C between January and March), strains existing infrastructure, exacerbates poor sanitation, and disrupts the primarily trade-oriented economy of the municipality.	Low	Sensitivity: Disease outbreak. Disruption of economic livelihoods.	Low	Minor
			Adaptive Capacity: • Routine maintenance of the existing infrastructure.		
Informal Settlement Residents	It has severe, multifaceted impacts on informal settlements, which are particularly vulnerable due to poor infrastructure, high population density, and low income levels.	Low	Sensitivity: • Leads to acute water shortages, food insecurity, economic distress, and health crises.	Low	Minor
			Adaptive Capacity: • Provision of safe water and improve better health services.		
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Prolonged dry spells in Busia Municipality, driven by climate change and intensified by events like La Niña, have severe, disproportionate impacts on vulnerable groups, particularly women, children, the elderly, and low-income households.	Low	Sensitivity: Reduced food security, water scarcity, and economic distress	Low	Minor
			Adaptive Capacity: • Provision of safe water and improve better health services.		
Natural Assets					
Urban Green Infrastructure	It degrades urban green infrastructure, which is already under pressure from rapid urbanization, low tree cover (roughly 1.7%), and encroachment.	Low	Sensitivity: The impacts are characterized by a loss of vegetation cover, dehydration of the ecosystem, and a reduction in the capacity of urban areas to provide ecosystem services.	Low	Minor

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Urban Blue Infrastructure			<p>Adaptive Capacity: Promote water harvesting to provide water for the conservation of green spaces. Planting of drought resistant trees.</p> <p>Sensitivity: Exacerbates existing infrastructure deficits, leading to increased maintenance costs and reduced service levels for residents.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Repair of natural drainage systems and protection of river line systems.</p>	Low	Minor
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	<p>It accelerates their degradation, reducing water quality, and shrinking available water supplies.</p> <p>It exacerbates climate change and human activities like deforestation.</p>	Low	<p>Sensitivity: Leads to significant food insecurity, reduced water access, and reduced economic stability.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Promotion of climate smart agriculture.</p>	Low	Minor

Table 3.3 Exposure, Vulnerability, and Impacts of Heat stress on Urban Elements

Hazard: Heat Stress

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Infrastructure & Services					
Storm water Drainage	Primarily by altering rainfall behavior and degrading infrastructure.	Low	<p>Sensitivity: Infrastructure degradation.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Routine maintenance of the drainage infrastructure</p>	Medium	Moderate

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Water & Wastewater Management	Significant strain on water supply and wastewater management systems, often exacerbating issues of water scarcity, infrastructure overload, and public health risks.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity: Increased microbial contamination in water sources, decreased efficiency in wastewater treatment plants, and increased water demand.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Integrated water and waste water management</p>	Medium	Moderate
			<p>Sensitivity: Environmental pollution</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Proper disposal of waste and sensitization of the public on waste management.</p>		
Solid Waste Management	The municipality, which relies on a daily collection system and a central dumpsite at Alupe, faces increased risks of illegal dumping, operational inefficiencies, and health hazards for sanitation workers.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity: Degradation of infrastructure.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Routine maintenance of transport networks.</p>	Medium	Moderate
			<p>Sensitivity: High temperatures lead to dehydration and discomfort, reducing commuter travel and forcing reliance on shaded or cooled transport options, often causing transit delays.</p>		
Transport and Mobility	High temperatures lead to dehydration and discomfort, reducing commuter travel and forcing reliance on shaded or cooled transport options, often causing transit delays.	Low	<p>Sensitivity: Decrease in energy efficiency.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: • ... • ...</p>	Low	Minor
			<p>Sensitivity: Increase in demand of agricultural products.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Promotion of climate smart agriculture.</p>		
Energy	The impacts range from reduced generation capacity to increased demand and infrastructure strain.	Low	<p>Sensitivity: Increase in demand of agricultural products.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Promotion of climate smart agriculture.</p>	Medium	Moderate
			<p>Sensitivity: Increase in demand of agricultural products.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Promotion of climate smart agriculture.</p>		
Economic Infrastructure	The municipality's economic infrastructure—including roads, markets, and energy supply—struggles to cope with excessive temperatures, which often leads to reduced economic activity and high maintenance costs	Low	<p>Sensitivity: Increase in demand of agricultural products.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Promotion of climate smart agriculture.</p>	Low	Minor
			<p>Sensitivity: Increase in demand of agricultural products.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Promotion of climate smart agriculture.</p>		

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Social Infrastructure	The municipality, heavily involved in cross-border trade and agriculture, experiences infrastructure damage, increased health risks, and disruptions to essential services	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor health services and reduction in economic gains. <p>Adaptive Capacity: Proper utilization of the social infrastructure and awareness creation .</p>	Medium	Moderate
Emergency Services	Increased demand for medical services due to disease outbreak.	Low	<p>Sensitivity: Increase in heat related diseases.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Improve infrastructure to cater for emergencies.</p>	Medium	Moderate
Populations					
Urban Residents	It leads to increased cases of heat-related illnesses such as dehydration, heat exhaustion, and skin	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low productivity and income. <p>Adaptive Capacity: More surveillance on disease outbreaks.</p>	Low	Minor
Informal Settlement Residents	Heat stress in Busia municipality severely impacts informal settlements by creating "urban heat islands" where, due to high-density, low-quality housing materials like corrugated iron sheets, indoor temperatures can be up to 9°C higher than outside, according to studies on similar East African informal settlements.	Low	<p>Sensitivity: It affects the living standards through use of poor quality materials.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Heat resilient urban planning mechanisms.</p>	Low	Minor
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	It affects the work ability of casual labourers and living conditions of the elderly and sick in the community.	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in disease outbreaks and food insecurity. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat adaptation strategies to aid the vulnerable. 	Low	Minor

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Natural Assets					
Urban Green Infrastructure	Limiting its capacity to provide ecosystem services and reducing its functional lifespan	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced plant functionality. Water scarcity. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of water catchments. 	Low	Minor
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Characterized by the degradation of water quality, reduction in quantity, and the disruption of ecosystem services, compounded by inadequate, overloaded drainage systems and poor solid waste management.	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <p>Degradation of water systems buffers.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <p>Rehabilitation of wetlands and drainage systems.</p>	Low	Minor
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Significantly disrupts agricultural productivity, livestock health, and the livelihoods of residents in both urban and surrounding peri-urban areas.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <p>Decline in yields and death of livestock.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <p>Promotion of climate smart agriculture</p>	Medium	Moderate

Table 3.4 Exposure, Vulnerability, and Impacts of Public Health Risk on Urban Elements

Hazard: Public Health risks

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Infrastructure & Services					
Storm water Drainage	The, dumping of waste into drainage channels causes blockages, resulting in frequent	Medium	Sensitivity: Contamination of surface water	Medium	Moderate

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
	flooding, infrastructure destruction, and increased transmission of waterborne diseases		Adaptive Capacity: Routine maintenance of the drainage systems.		
Water & Wastewater Management	The municipality's reliance on non-emptiable pit latrines, broken sewerage exhausters, and limited access to clean water leads to frequent contamination of water sources and the surrounding environment.	Low	Sensitivity: Ground water and surface water contamination. Adaptive Capacity: Improved wastewater and sanitation infrastructure	Medium	Moderate
Solid Waste Management	The accumulation of waste, coupled with the high risk of disease outbreaks, has turned waste management into a critical public health emergency rather than just a sanitation issue.	Low	Sensitivity: • Contamination of water and food • Environmental pollution Adaptive Capacity: • Sensitization of the public • Proper disposal of waste.	Medium	Moderate
Transport and Mobility	These risks, including pandemics (COVID-19, Mpox) and waterborne diseases, disrupt supply chains, cause massive vehicular congestion, and limit the movement of goods and people.	Low	Sensitivity: • Disruption of transport systems. • Congestion at the border Adaptive Capacity: • Proper screening of transit vehicles.	Medium	Moderate
Energy	Key impacts include the disruption of electricity supply, high energy costs for water services, and heavy reliance on polluting biomass fuels	Low	Sensitivity: • High cost of energy. Adaptive Capacity: Promotion of clean energy	Low	Minor
Economic Infrastructure	The municipality's reliance on cross-border trade, combined with infrastructural	Low	Sensitivity: • Disruption of market infrastructure	Medium	Moderate

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
	deficiencies, makes it highly vulnerable to climate-related diseases, water-borne illnesses, and pandemics		Adaptive Capacity: Implementing the Busia County Climate Change Action Plan (2023–2027) to build disaster-resilient infrastructure		
Social Infrastructure	Public health risks in Busia Municipality, driven by poor sanitation, inadequate water supply, and flooding, heavily impact social infrastructure by overstretching health services, disrupting education, and degrading communal facilities.	Low	Sensitivity: Overburdened services. Adaptive Capacity: Prioritizing investment in water and sewage systems, improving solid waste management, and enforcing health standards in public spaces.	Medium	Moderate
Emergency Services	A critical Kenya-Uganda border hub, significantly strain and impact local emergency services, often overwhelming them due to a combination of disease outbreaks, environmental crises, and high trauma cases.	Medium	Sensitivity: • Overstretched emergency services Adaptive Capacity: Partnership in emergency responses.	Medium	Moderate
Populations					
Urban Residents	Driven by poor waste management, inadequate sanitation, frequent flooding, and the rapid spread of communicable and non-communicable diseases.	Low	Sensitivity: Increased health risks and economic losses. Adaptive Capacity: Integrated waste management and proper infrastructure maintenance.	Medium	Moderate
Informal Settlement Residents	Primarily driven by inadequate water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure, overcrowding, and poor solid waste management, leading to significant disease burdens and economic vulnerability.	Medium	Sensitivity: Prevalence of diseases. Economic loss. Adaptive Capacity: Better and improved health services and sanitation through provision of clean water.	Medium	Moderate

Category	Exposure (Description)	Exposure Level	Vulnerability (Description)	Vulnerability Level	Impact Level
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	These populations often face higher risks of infection and catastrophic health expenditures due to inadequate infrastructure and limited access to healthcare.	Medium	<p>Sensitivity: Poor sanitation and increased economic vulnerability.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Provision of better sanitation services.</p>	Medium	Moderate
Natural Assets					
Urban Green Infrastructure	Key challenges include the degradation of green spaces due to solid waste accumulation, contamination of soil, and reduced tree cover during prolonged dry spells	Low	<p>Sensitivity: Soil and environmental contamination</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental protection. • Increase in tree cover 	Low	Minor
Urban Blue Infrastructure	The lack of comprehensive sewerage systems and the contamination of water sources, such as springs and streams, directly compromise the quality of water resources, leading to the spread of waterborne diseases and destruction of natural habitats like Sio Siteko wet land.	Low	<p>Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contamination of water sources. <p>Adaptive Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable water sources through protection. 	Low	Minor
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Key issues include a lack of proper sewage systems, limited waste disposal sites, and poor storm water drainage, which directly affect agricultural inputs.	Low	<p>Sensitivity: Contamination of crops, water sources and livestock products.</p> <p>Adaptive Capacity: Promotion of climate smart agriculture.</p>	Medium	Moderate

4. Climate Risk Assessment

Building on the analysis of climate hazards and the assessment of exposure and vulnerability, this section presents an integrated climate risk assessment for the Municipality of Busia. In line with the IPCC AR6 framework, climate risk is understood as the outcome of the interaction between climate-related hazards, exposure of people, assets, and economic activities, and vulnerability, including sensitivity and adaptive capacity.

The risk assessment synthesizes hazard mapping with socioeconomic, environmental, and infrastructure data to evaluate the likelihood and potential severity of climate impacts across the municipality. This approach recognizes that climate hazards do not pose uniform risks; rather, risk levels vary depending on where hazards coincide with high concentrations of people, critical infrastructure, and vulnerable livelihoods, as well as the capacity of systems and communities to anticipate, cope with, and recover from climate-related shocks.

For the Municipality of Busia, the assessment focuses on four priority climate hazards such as urban flooding, drought, heat waves, and public health outbreaks, which pose significant threats to human well-being, service delivery, economic productivity and environmental sustainability. By qualitatively scoring and comparing risk levels across these hazards, the assessment identifies high-risk hotspots and priority sectors requiring urgent and targeted adaptation interventions.

The outcomes of this risk assessment provide an evidence-based foundation for climate-resilient urban planning, disaster risk reduction, and the prioritization of adaptation actions aimed at reducing vulnerability and enhancing resilience within the Municipality of Busia.

For this Urban Climate Risk Profile, the following matrix summarizes overall risk for each urban element by combining the assessed hazard level and the estimated impact level.

Table 4.01 Risk matrix

		Hazard Level		
		Low	Medium	High
Impact Level	Catastrophic	High	Very High	Very High
	Major	Medium	High	Very High
	Moderate	Low	Medium	High
	Minor	Low	Low	Medium
	Insignificant	Very Low	Low	Low

For this Urban Climate Risk Profile, risk levels should be interpreted based on the table below.

Table 4.02 Interpretation of risk levels

Level	Interpretation
Very High	Very high risks are unacceptable. Risk should be avoided, reduced or transferred. Immediate planning and implementation of risk reduction measures is required. Allocate resources and coordinate interventions to prevent or minimize impact.

High	High risks should be actively addressed. Develop and implement mitigation actions promptly. Monitor environmental indicators and ensure readiness of emergency or adaptation measures.
Medium	Medium risks should be managed. Plan and implement mitigation activities to reduce them to acceptable levels. Regularly review climate data and risk levels.
Low	Low risks are acceptable under current conditions. Minimal control or monitoring is needed, provided they remain stable and do not escalate.
Very Low	Very low risks are negligible in terms of likelihood and consequences. No immediate action is required beyond routine monitoring and periodic review.

4.1. Current and Future Climate Risks on Urban Elements

Table Summary of Urban Flooding risks for the Municipality of Busia

	Time Horizon & Climate Scenario	Current	2050	2050	2100	2100
			SSP2-4.5	SSP5-8.5	SSP2-4.5	SSP5-8.5
	Hazard Level					
Categories	Impact	Risk Levels				
		Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Infrastructure & Services						
Storm water Drainage	Moderate	Low	Low	High	Medium	High
Water & Wastewater Management	Moderate	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Solid Waste Management	Moderate	Medium	Low	High	Medium	High
Transport and Mobility	Minor	Low	Low	High	Medium	High
Energy	Minor	Low	Low	High	Medium	High
Economic Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Social Infrastructure	Moderate	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Emergency Services	Moderate	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Populations						
Urban Residents	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium

Informal Settlement Residents	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Natural Assets						
Urban Green Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium

Table 4.1 Summary of Prolonged Dry spell risks for Busia Municipality

		Time Horizon and Climate Scenario	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
		Hazard Level					
Categories	Impact	Risk Levels					
		Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5	
Infrastructure & Services							
Storm water Drainage	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	
Water & Wastewater Management	Moderate	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	
Solid Waste Management	Moderate	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	
Transport and Mobility	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	
Energy	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	
Economic Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	
Social Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	
Emergency Services	Moderate	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	
Populations							
Urban Residents	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	
Informal Settlement Residents	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	

Natural Assets						
Urban Green Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	High

Table 4.1 Summary of Heat Stress risks for Busia Municipality

	Time Horizon & Climate Scenario	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Categories	Impact	Risk Levels				
		Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Infrastructure & Services						
Storm water Drainage	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Water and Waste water Management	Moderate	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Solid Waste Management	Moderate	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Transport and Mobility	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Energy	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Economic Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Social Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Emergency Services	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
Populations						
Urban Residents	Minor	Low	Low	medium	Low	Medium
Informal Settlement Residents	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	High
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Natural Assets						
Urban Green Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium

Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Low	High
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Table 4.1 Summary of Public Health risks for the Municipality of Busia

Categories	Impact	Time Horizon & Climate Scenario	Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
		Hazard Level	Risk Levels				
			Current	2050 SSP2-4.5	2050 SSP5-8.5	2100 SSP2-4.5	2100 SSP5-8.5
Infrastructure & Services							
Stormwater Drainage	Moderate		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Water & Wastewater Management	Moderate		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Solid Waste Management	Moderate		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Transport and Mobility	Minor		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Energy	Minor		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Economic Infrastructure	Minor		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Social Infrastructure	Minor		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Emergency Services	Major		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Populations							
Urban Residents	Moderate		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Informal Settlement Residents	Moderate		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Moderate		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Natural Assets							
Urban Green Infrastructure	Minor		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Urban Blue Infrastructure	Minor		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	Minor		Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium

4.2. Climate Risk Hotspots

4.2.1: Urban Flooding

Urban flooding in Busia Municipality is a significant challenge characterized by a mix of flash floods caused by inadequate drainage and river line flooding from nearby rivers. Flooding is largely driven by poor storm water drainage systems within the urban set up, particularly in densely populated areas. Within Burumba and Mayenje wards, there have been cases of flash floods that have disrupted livelihoods.

The Busia bus park has been noted as an area requiring urgent intervention due to poor storm water drainage. Other areas with substandard stalls and inadequate bitumen roads are highly susceptible.

4.2.2: Prolonged Dry Spells

The prolonged dry spells within the urban set up is around the border point and Busia town which covers Burumba and Angorom wards. This is characterized by:

- High demand for water both for domestic and commercial uses.
- Limited water storage systems.
- Heat retention from buildings that lead to increase in evaporation.

The impacts are mainly high cost of water, water shortages and public health stress.

4.2.3: Heat Stress

High heat stress within the urban set up is within Angorom and Burumba wards mainly at the Central Business District, Border point and the dense commercial and residential areas. These are characterized by:

- High building density
- Very limited green cover
- High human and vehicle activities.
- Heat trapped during day and night.

The impacts are felt through heat exhaustion and dehydration, increased energy demand and reduced productivity.

4.2.4 : Public Health risks.

Within Busia Municipality, public health risk is spatially clustered and driven by population density, sanitation, cross border movement and drainage. These are mainly within Angorom and Burumba wards.

The risks are characterized by

- High population concentration
- Heavy cross – border movement
- Poor sanitation and waste management
- Congested housing.

5. Key Findings

Table 5.0 Summary of climate risks affecting urban elements for the Municipality of Busia

Category	List of Key Hazards		
	Current	Mid-term (2050)	Long-term (2100)
Infrastructure & Services			
Storm water Drainage	Urban floods	Urban floods	Urban floods
Water and Waste water Management	Public health risk Urban floods	Public health risk Urban floods	Public health risk Urban floods
Solid Waste Management	N/A	Urban floods	Urban floods
Transport and Mobility	N/A	N/A	Urban floods
Energy	N/A	N/A	Urban floods
Economic Infrastructure	N/A	N/A	Urban floods
Social Infrastructure	N/A	Public health risk Urban floods	Public health risk Urban floods
Emergency Services	Public health risk Urban floods	Public health risk Urban floods	Public health risk Urban floods
Populations			
Urban Residents			
Informal Settlement Residents	Public health risk	Public health risk	Public health risk Urban floods
Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups	Public health risk Urban floods	Public health risk Urban floods	Public health risk Urban floods
Natural Assets			
Urban Green Infrastructure	N/A	N/A	Urban floods
Urban Blue Infrastructure	N/A	Prolonged dry spells	Prolonged dry spells
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	N/A	Prolonged dry spells and urban floods	Prolonged dry spells and urban floods

From the above analysis, urban flooding poses a threat to the key infrastructure both at the midterm and long-term levels. There is need for the municipality to consider lasting remedial measures to mitigate the effects of urban flooding.

Prolonged dry spells mainly affect the agricultural systems that are key economic activity within the rural set up of the municipality. Promotion and adoption of climate smart agriculture is key intervention to boost food security.

Public health risks within the midterm and long term will mainly affect the informal settlements and the quality of water as a result of poor sanitation. There is need to increase the sewer coverage and enhance sanitation measures within the municipality to curb outbreak of diseases.

5.1. Climate Adaptation and Resilience Solutions

Table 5.1. Climate adaptation and resilience solutions recommended for Busia Municipality

Category	Recommended Solutions		
	Immediate	Mid-term	Long-term
Infrastructure & Services			
Storm water Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine Clearing of Drainage Systems through immediate clearing of debris, leaves, and trash from storm drains, culverts, and pipes so as to control clogging of drainages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redesign and resize drains using updated drainage projections. Upgrade culverts and cross drainage structures on the roads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an integrated Urban Storm Water Master Planning.
Water and Waste water Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Sewer Rehabilitation by unblocking, cleaning, and repairing critical sewer networks to prevent overflows and environmental contamination. Rainwater Harvesting by installing temporary storage tanks and catchment systems to collect and store rain for immediate, non-potable, or treated household use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation and expansion of water supply systems mainly at the rural set ups. Expansion and upgrading of sewer systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop integrated Water Resources Management. Circular economy approaches on waste water management.
Solid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory waste segregation at source Improve collection and transport infrastructure. Establish composting programs for organic wastes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of transfer stations. Promotion of recycling and composting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of an Integrated Solid Waste Management systems.
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install solar street lightings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable energy expansions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure energy access and Equity.

Category	Recommended Solutions		
	Immediate	Mid-term	Long-term
Economic Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install water storage tanks in markets and industries. • Improve surface drainage and waste removal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation and upgrading of existing infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable and inclusive infrastructure planning.
Social Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve drainage and access paths. • Protect water sources with fencing and vegetation buffers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading and rehabilitating of existing infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing sustainable and resilient designs.
Emergency Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper and regular maintenance of the emergency systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and capacity building of personnel. • Early warning systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated emergency management systems
Populations			
Urban Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting and shade structures to control effects of heat stress. • Establish community climate committees and rapid climate risks awareness campaigns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading urban infrastructure for climate resilience. • Improving early warning and emergency preparedness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive climate -resilient urban planning.
Informal Settlement Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing basic drainage and water services to control spread of diseases from floods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading existing infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating settlement upgrading and development
Natural Assets			
Urban Green Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant fast growing trees along the roads to control the urban heat stress. • Rainwater harvesting from roof tops of buildings. • Restore and desilt natural drainage channels and riparian buffers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permeable pavement implementations • Targeted green space expansion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green -gray hybrid infrastructure. • Mainstreaming green policies

Category	Recommended Solutions		
	Immediate	Mid-term	Long-term
Peri-urban and Agricultural Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain water harvesting through farm ponds, roof tops and water pans. • Contour farming and terracing. • Promotion of kitchen gardens and agro forestry practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating crop -livestock systems. • Organic waste recycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating land -use planning and zoning.

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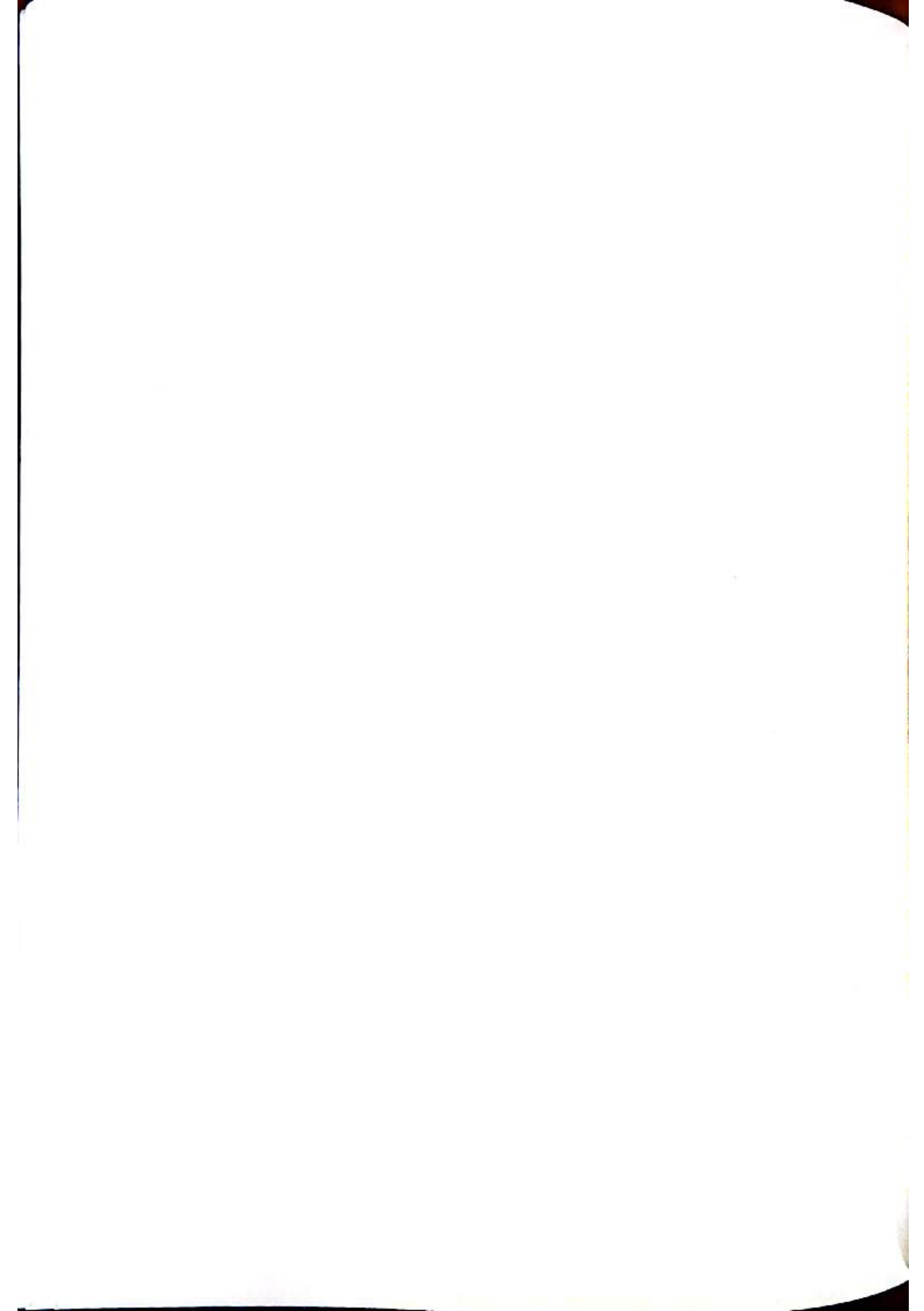
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Annex 1. Historical Hazard Events(optional)

Hazard Event/Type	Urban Flooding
Date or Period	2023
Location	Outskirts of Burumba ward and parts of Mayenje
Intensity	[Provide a brief narrative description of how the hazard was experienced in the urban area(e.g., flood depth, duration and location).]
Social Impacts	There was displacement of people living withing the low lying areas where flooding was experienced with elderly people being most affected. There was also outbreak of malaria due to increased breeding grounds; stagnant water as a result of blocked drainages.
Physical Impacts	Flooding was experienced in residential houses and transport sector was disrupted as parts of the roads were cut off
Economic Impacts	Busia municipality being a hub for cross border trade, urban flooding led to disruption of the trade especially around Marachi area thus loss of goods.
Ecological Impacts	Busia municipality experienced both soil and land degradation as a result of floods within the peri- urban set up thus affecting agriculture and food production.



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