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**International Day for Disaster Reduction 2017**

**Theme: 'reducing the number of people affected by disasters'**

**“No one is happy to see disasters destroying and tearing human and natural resources apart, they are unplanned for yet we can rise to the challenge by ably positioning ourselves to face it within our proactive management schemes. Let’s kill disasters before disasters consume our world. No one is virtually safe whenever disasters strike. Says, Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director at Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana “**

Africa and for that many nations like Ghana and others are either experiencing or are about to experiences different disasters of varied kinds, and as we cannot exactly tell when one is likely to strike must eventually plan to face the realities in real time. The losses are uncountable and irreplaceable, thus, must appreciate the solutions before had theory to make inroads at all cost.

The UN General Assembly called for the International Day for Disaster Reduction in 1989 as a way to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. That includes disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness. It was originally celebrated on the second Wednesday of October (Resolution 44/236, 22 December 1989), but after two decades the UN General Assembly formally designated 13 October as the annual date (Resolution 64/200, 21 December 2009). This Friday (13th October) is the International Day for DRR, This year's theme is: 'reducing the number of people affected by disasters'. International Day for Disaster Reduction, held every 13 October, celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters. The 2017 edition continues under the "Sendai Seven" campaign, centered on the seven targets of the Sendai Framework. This year's focus is Target B: Reducing the number of affected people by disasters by 2030.

International Day for Disaster Reduction encourages every individual, community and government to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations. 2017 is here with us again, we need to work around the clock to ensure that we are reducing the number of people affected. Disasters become a reality than business as usual talk we often see our leaders deliver which amounts to nothing. Be a friend of disaster support and education now to reduce the number of affected beyond the 2017 celebration.