

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA



Addressing gender disparity and fostering equity in University Education

FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DISASTER RISK AND LIVELIHOODS STUDIES

MAIN PAPER

MDLS 114: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE THEORY AND PRACTICE

INTAKE 2: FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question 1** and any other **one** question.

Question 1

Every disaster situation is unique and the changes in national and international approaches requires subsequent organizational change for adaptation to new developments at local level. Using the Contingency Theory, discuss this assertion in the context of disaster management institutional practices globally.

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Question 2

Examine the different challenges and benefits associated with use of the Incident Command System in disaster situations.

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Question 3

With reference to at least two international humanitarian standards of your choice, explore their use, strength and weaknesses in disaster response situations in practice.

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Question 4

'Disaster response does not automatically translate to disaster relief due to other factors such as organizational behaviours and the operational environment in which they exist.' Discuss this claim with reference to effectiveness of disaster interventions in practice.

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Question 5

Examine the essential factors that should be considered in developing disaster plans that are effective in practice.

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