

STORIES OF CHANGE:

Addis Ababa

Ethiopia



How DARAJA is Transforming Climate Preparedness in Addis Ababa

DARAJA is already **changing how communities perceive and prepare for extreme weather** in Addis Ababa. Through our community engagement processes, we're seeing **growing appreciation for weather and climate information (WCI)**, **better community understanding of extreme weather risks**, and **more awareness of practical mitigation actions**.

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The DARAJA project has brought significant improvements in **how weather information is disseminated, increasing awareness of its importance** before, during, and after a hazard occurs. It has also **enhanced community preparedness for climate and weather risks** while **providing critical alerts** on mitigation and adaptation strategies. Moreover, the project has **transformed traditional community perceptions**, fostering a proactive approach to weather and climate resilience.

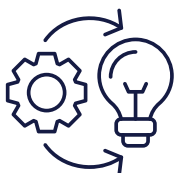
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Building Cross-Sector Collaboration and Partnerships for Climate Resilience

DARAJA is transforming how communities **access and act** on critical weather information by **forging powerful collaborations** across sectors. This has led to **stronger partnerships between meteorologists and communities**, and **changed perceptions** about the importance of weather forecasts.

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DARAJA has **created unprecedented cooperation between meteorologists, local governments, and community groups**. By **working through trusted channels** like women's associations, youth groups, and disability advocates, we're ensuring weather alerts reach everyone who needs them. Most importantly, we're seeing **real attitude shifts - people now value and act on weather information** like never before.

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Looking Forward

This progress, visible since early 2025, demonstrates how cross-sector cooperation can turn weather information into real community protection.



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DARAJA will **continue building resilience against climate extremes** by strengthening our collaboration with Ethiopia's Meteorology Institute, city governments, and local media. Together, we'll **create even better systems for delivering life-saving weather warnings to vulnerable communities.**

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