



A forecast, a budget and the evidence of action

THREE-MINUTE BRIEFING

The finding

Climate announcements in this week's African evidence have reached different stages of public action. The largest new programme-finance announcement is a US\$78 million Global Environment Facility commitment for the Great Green Wall. Kenya's approaching rainfall windows bring a more immediate test: can budget, procurement and operational decisions finish before the service is needed? The decisive comparison is between the time available and the next step an institution is authorised to take.

Six developments, six distinct records

The Great Green Wall programme needs country agreements, financing schedules and land-use safeguards. East African Community states have validated a ten-year strategy; Sectoral Council adoption remains ahead. Kenya has a Makueni preparedness requirement, a Wajir tender and a newly published emergency-finance manual. Hohoe's relief consignment was officially reported received by a response committee. Southern Madagascar is coordinating a drought plan. Algeria and Tunisia have renewed hydrogen cooperation with European partners.

The limit of the finding

These records do not establish equivalent delivery. Programme approval is not a national disbursement. A requirement is not a released budget. A tender is not an award. A relief handover is not household receipt. A strategy or political declaration does not establish finance or implementation. The Hohoe impact figures are preliminary; the rainfall evidence for Kenya and southern Madagascar is forecast information.

The decision and its owners

Kenya's national Treasury would hold any emergency-project activation request, while county and sector institutions retain their own delivery duties. The Great Green Wall implementing agencies and national authorities need to identify who receives resources, controls land access and funds maintenance. In Ghana, the municipal and regional response chain needs to account for onward relief distribution. In each case, the record must continue after the announcement.

What would change the assessment

Country financing agreements, lawful releases, contract awards, mobilisation and dated service records would move the evidence forward. For Hohoe, aggregate household receipt and safety assessments matter. For Madagascar, published triggers, local assignments and a funded common plan matter. For the East African strategy and hydrogen corridor, adopted and contractual documents matter. The proposed next build is a service commitment linked across existing budgets and contracts, piloted within 100 days and open to audit and community challenge.

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