The Day One Ready Checklist

Preparatory actions any community can take now — no central government approval required.

Waiting for the Trigger Year does not mean waiting to act. The Readiness Doctrine (Section 13.6 of the blueprint) names seven preparatory activities. None requires central government approval. Each builds the foundation for rapid implementation when conditions align. Tick them off as your community completes them.

> *Day One Ready: the state of a community that has completed the Readiness Doctrine's preparations — plans validated, cooperatives registered, skills trained, land documented — and can absorb funding and launch projects within months of activation.*

The checklist

☐ **Community development plan drafted and validated.** One plan, agreed in open community meetings and written down. The Community Development Plan Template in this resource pack (from Appendix A) gives the format.

☐ **Cooperatives formed and registered under existing law.** Registration under the OHADA Uniform Act on cooperative societies, with audited accounts. The Cooperative Formation Guide in this pack sets out the steps.

☐ **Diaspora networks mobilised and contribution mechanisms designed.** Sons and daughters abroad organised into investment circles, with agreed, transparent channels for their contributions (Chapter 12).

☐ **Reconciliation dialogues piloted through faith and traditional structures.** Churches, mosques and traditional councils convening the conversations that rebuild trust between divided groups (Chapter 8).

☐ **Youth trained in digital and technical skills.** Practical skills aligned to the region's industrial cluster (Appendix K, Table K.7) — solar installation, agro-processing, digital work.

☐ **Land boundaries documented through community consensus.** Parcels mapped and recorded with the agreement of neighbours and traditional authorities — the groundwork for formal titling under the OWN pillar.

☐ **Business plans developed for agro-processing and renewable energy ventures.** Costed, written plans for the ventures the community will launch when financing arrives.

Why it matters

Communities that complete these preparations will be Day One Ready when the Trigger Year arrives. They will be able to absorb funding, launch projects, and demonstrate results within months rather than years.

Readiness is also the first rung of a ladder. A community that completes this checklist stands at Tier 0. Three of these items — a validated plan, a registered cooperative with audited accounts, and secured seed financing — qualify it to declare Tier 1 Community Activation and begin implementing now, under existing law. See the Tier 1 Activation guide in this resource pack.