Introduction to the Draft Disaster Management Framework for the Western Cape Province

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Presentation Focus

- **Legal basis** for the Prov DM
- Institutional arrangements
- **Consultation process** and method of work
- **Structure** of the Provincial FW
‘Each province must establish and implement a framework for disaster management aimed at ensuring an integrated and uniform approach, by all provincial organs of state, provincial statutory functionaries, nongovernmental organisations and by the private sector’

S28(1) National Disaster Management Act
Relevant Policy Action to Date

- National Disaster Management Framework gazetted on 29 April 2005
- W.Cape Disaster Management Framework first drafted 7 July 2004,
- Amended July 2005
Institutional Arrangements

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## Provinical D.M. Framework: Key Performance Areas & Enablers

| KPA 1: Institutional Capacity | • Integrated policy, direction and execution  
|                              | • Stakeholder participation, coop. arrangements |
| KPA 2: Disaster Risk Assessment | • Disaster risk profile  
|                               | • Monitoring and evaluation |
| KPA 3: Disaster Risk Reduction | • Priorities, projects/programmes  
|                                | • Integration of strategies and implementation |
| KPA 4: Response and Recovery   | • Early warning  
|                                | • Disaster assessment/classification, declaration  
|                                | • Response, recovery, relief, rehabilitation |

| Enabler 1: Info Management And Communications | • Disaster risk management information system  
|                                               | • Communications Centre, Institutional support  
|                                               | • Public Awareness and Information Service |

| Enabler 2: Education, Training, Public Awareness, Research | • Integrated and 3 phase programme aligned with National process |

| Enabler 3: Funding | • Yet to be completed |
Establishing Institutional Capacity for Disaster Management in the Western Cape Province
Key Aspects

• Establishment of:
  - Provincial Intergovernmental Committee for Disaster Management
  - Provincial Advisory Forum
  - Joint Provincial Planning Committee

• Provincial Disaster Management Centre
  - Planning and Operations
  - Communication, public awareness and training
KPA 2

Disaster Risk Assessment
Disaster risk assessment is the first step in planning an effective risk reduction programme.

It examines the likelihood and outcomes of expected hazard events, including the vulnerability conditions that increase the chance of loss.
Why disaster risk assessments are needed

The Disaster Management Act (section 33(1)) requires that all provinces, to the extent that they have the capacity, should carry out disaster risk assessments to identify priority risks relevant to them.

These should be carried out interdepartmentally and where necessary in collaboration with national government and other stakeholders.
KPA 3

Disaster Risk Reduction
Why disaster management plans are needed

The successful implementation of the Disaster Management Act critically depends on the preparation and alignment of disaster management frameworks and plans for all spheres of government.

The requirements for the preparation of disaster management frameworks and plans are contained in sections 25, 38 and 52 of the Act.
Provincial disaster management framework

Disaster management planning

Scoping and developing disaster management plans
- Proceed from findings of risk assessment
- Establish informed multidisciplinary teams
- Involve communities at risk
- Address multiple vulnerability where possible
- Plan for changing circumstances
- Apply precautionary principle
- Avoid unintended consequences
- Establish clear goals and targets

Implementing risk reduction projects and programmes

Risk reduction in strategic processes
- Spatial development plans
- Strategic environmental assessments
- Integrated development plans

Monitor, evaluate and improve information
- Planning
- Implementation
Key aspects of five subsections

1. Early warning
2. Disaster assessment
3. Response and recovery
4. Relief
5. Rehabilitation and reconstruction
Enabler 1

Information Management and Communications
General Focus of Enabler 1

Describes the requirements for an effective provincial disaster management information/communications centre that:

Provides a **seamless, reliable and interlinked** information flow enabling:

- provincial **disaster risk management planning**
- **activation of emergency response** actions
- increased **personal responsibility** for risk reduction
Key Components

- Strategic risk intelligence and analytic capability
- Provincial Disaster Management Information and Communications Centre
- IT infrastructure establishment, maintenance and support
- Inst. Support and Resource Database
- Provincial Communications Centre
- Public Awareness and Information Service
- Disaster Risk Management Information System
- Focus on Resource database
- Focus on emergency communications
- Focus on public info and awareness
- Disaster risk analysis and monitoring
Enabler 2
Education, Training, Public Awareness, Research
Enabler 3
Funding and Financial Arrangements
Provincial arrangements for disaster management funding are contingent on procedures specified in the National Framework.

Consultation will take place between Provincial and National sphere to gain clarity on the funding mechanisms available.

Once clarity has been reached, funding arrangements for the Provincial FW can be elaborated.
Process Forward

- Alignment with national processes
- Consultation process
- Gazetting of draft for public comment
- Process for incorporating comments
- Final gazetting