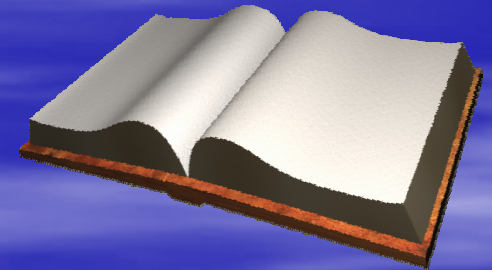




GRENADA NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY

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VISION

- A National population who understands and participate in the Risk Reduction Process

MISSION

- To develop a culture of Disaster Risk Reduction among all sectors of society within Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE - (NaDMA)

Chairman - Prime Minister

National Executive Council

Deputy Chair, PS, PMO

National Emergency Advisory Council

Management Committees

National Disaster Coordinator

National Disaster Office

District Disaster Committees

Village Committees

DISTRICT STRUCTURE - (NaDMA)

National Disaster Office

District Coordinators

Chairperson of Community groups



National Disaster Management Organisation

- Honourable Prime Minister – Chairman.
- Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister - Deputy Chairman.
- Minister of National Security.
- National Security Advisor.
- Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance.
- Permanent Secretary Ministry of Tourism.
- Commissioner of Police.
- Chief Educational Officer, Ministry of Education.
- Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health.
- Chief Technical Officer, Ministry of Communication & Works.
- Chief Technical Officer, Ministry of Agriculture.
- Chief Meteorologist, Point Salines International Airport.
- Director of Information. GIS.
- Representative, Point Salines International Airport.
- Representative, Grenada Ports Authority.
- Representative, Grenlec.
- Representative, National Water & Sewage Authority.
- Representative, LIME

National Disaster Management Organisation

- Representative, Digicel.
- Director General, Grenada Red Cross Society.
- Representative, Customs & Excise Department.
- Representative, National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.
- Representative, Grenada Solid Waste Management Authority.
- Representative, Grenada Private Sector Organization.
- Representative Grenada Hotel and Tourism Association.
- Representative, Texaco.
- Representative, SOL.
- Saint George's University.
- Representative, Conference of Churches Grenada.
- Representative, Service Clubs – Rotary & Salvation Army.
- Representative, Marketing & National Importing Board.
- Representative, Trades Union Council.
- Representative, National Youth Council.
- Representative, IAGDO.

NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES

- Public Information and Education
- Damage and Needs Assessment
- Transport and Road Clearance
- Shelter Management
- Health Services
- Emergency Telecommunication
- Disaster Relief Management

NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES

- Security Services
- Evacuation
- Marine Pollution & Oil Spills
- Earthquake, Volcanic Eruptions, Floods and Landslides
- Hazardous Materials & Hazardous Waste Public Utilities, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
- Welfare and voluntary Services
- Search & Rescue – land and Sea

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

- ST. George NE, NW, SE, St. Davids N
- ST. George South St. Davids S
- Town of St. George
- ST. Andrew NE, NW, SE, SW
- ST. Johns
- ST. Marks
- ST. PATRICKS E, W
- Carriacou and Petite Martinique

DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITY SUB COMMUNITTES

- Health & Safety
- Shelter Management
- Supplies Management
- Emergency Works & Transport
- Damage and Needs Assessment
- Safety & Security
- Public Education & Information
- Telecommunication

INITIAL ACTIONS OF AN EMERGENCY

- On receipt of a warning of a potential event or the impact of an event the National Disaster Office will collect relevant information about the incident and its possible effects
- Notify all National Emergency Advisory Council Members (NEAC), National Disaster Committees, District Disaster Coordinators and all key Agencies likely to be affected or involved in the emergency
- Recommend to the Permanent Secretary that the Prime Minister should call an emergency meeting of the NEAC, the appropriate National Disaster Committees
- District Coordinators meeting will be held to inform them of the situation and to agree on the actions to follow as planned previously

NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTER (NEOC)

The conversion of the National Disaster Management Office into a work area for coordinating emergency activities.

Once it is activated all members are expected to be there

The National Emergency Operating Center will be equipped with necessary tools required to facilitate the needed activities

FUNCTIONS OF THE NEOC

- To coordinate alert, response and recovery activities in Grenada
- To execute emergency plans and procedures as designed and agreed upon in the permanent emergency planning process conducted by the NEAC
- To arrange to protect and rescue all vulnerable elements in the country
- To inform the public at all times about the situation, actions taken and measures to protect themselves, their families and belongings
- Control and coordinate actions generated as a result of orders from the Executive Policy Group
- Provide direction and support to a disaster incident commander in the field when disaster is localized (oil spill)

FUNCTIONAL COMPONENTS

- Executive Policy Group
- Operations Group
- Telecommunications Group
- Public Information and Education Group

EXECUTIVE POLICY GROUP

- This group exercises overall direction and control of emergency operations. It makes decisions which is beyond the authority of the NEOC director

COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY GROUP

- Prime Minister Chairman or his nominee
- Permanent Secretary - Office of the Prime Minister – Deputy Chair
- National Disaster Coordinator
- Director of the Government Information Service (GIS)
- Commissioner of Police
- Persons designated by the Prime Minister base on the nature of the event
- An Alternate to each member of the group will also be appointed

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

- The director of operation is appointed once the NEAC is activated
- He/she is selected from:
 - Minister of National Security
 - The permanent secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister
 - The Director of NaDMA

OPERATIONS GROUP AND ITS COMPOSITION

- This group coordinates the emergency response and relief efforts and activities as directed by the NEOC through the director of NEOC
- Director of operations
- Director of communications
- Shelter Management Committee Representative
- Damage and Needs Assessment Committee Representative
- Health and Welfare Committee Representative
- Transport and Road Clearance Committee Representative
- Police Representative
- Supply Management Committee Representative
- Red Cross Representative

DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- The director of telecommunications and an alternate will be selected from:
 - The chairperson of the telecommunication-National disaster committee
 - The Deputy Chairperson of the telecommunication-National Disaster Committee
 - The communications Officer of NaDMA

Damage and Needs Assessment Committee

- This body does the assessment and initial costing of the impact and the information collected will inform as to the extent of the damages
- Ministry of finance

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- This group is responsible for collecting information for the NEOC and dissemination information from the NEOC
- They operated from the National Communication Control Center (NCCC)
- This group is headed by the Director of Communications who reports to the Director of Operations
- The telecommunication committee members and members from other radio groups, the police and other volunteers give need support in this area
- There is an Emergency Telecommunication Plan that describe in detail the protocol for the activation of the of the NCCC and has procedures for message handlers and radio operators

EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- This group is responsible for preparing and disseminating information on a regular and timely basis to the public
- The GIS representative in consultation with the director of the NEOC will determine and regulate the rules of engagement with the media for public education/information and any other officer authorized to communicate with the media
- A GIS representative in the NEOC will be the Public Information and Education Officer at the NEOC who will be responsible for gathering information from the various committees and prepare it for dissemination to the public

NATIOANAL DISASTER DRAFTLAWS

- Disaster preparedness and response Act – Adaptation for Grenada of the CDERA Model Draft Disaster Preparedness and Response Act (March 2007)
- Also at the legal department are: Report on the Caribbean Law Institute Centre Draft Model Disaster Preparedness Legislation prepared for CDERA (May 1996)
- Disaster Preparedness Model Legislation – prepared for CDERA (July 1996)

KEY CHALLENGES

- NaDMA budget
- Legislation enactment
- strengthening of district and community communities
- Strengthening of stakeholder and national committees relationships

CONCLUSION

- Assess the impact or threat
- Advise the Prime Minister to call NEAC
- Activate the NEOC
- Appoint the director of operation
- Director of Telecommunications
- CHALLENGES

- THANK YOU
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