

**NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE, SOLOMON ISLANDS.**

**NATIONAL REPORT**



# INTRODUCTION

- General Information of Solomon Islands
- Natural Disasters
- Organizational Chart
- Status of Hyogo Framework for Action Implementation.

# General Information.

Solomon Islands is a developing island nation with a population of approximately 400,000 people.

The country is located in the South Pacific Region between 155.30 and 170.30 E longitude and between 5.10 and 12.45 S latitude.

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- The country's main ethnic group is Melanesian, making up close to 93%, and the balance is Polynesians 4%, Micronesians and others 1.5%. The country consists of 992 islands, scattered over 1.35 million sq km of sea. About 350 of the islands are populated.

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- The Solomon Islands is prone to a lot of threats and risks. Natural disasters are a serious threat to the country, and there is a wide range of other hazards, both natural and man-made.
- These threats include cyclones, landslides, floods, earthquake, volcanoes and tsunami. Other hazards and risks include fire, civil unrest, epidemic and rapid population growth.



# Regional Location

- Sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire”.
- Sits on the subduction zone of two tectonic plates and subjected to frequent earthquakes.
- Sits on the Pacific cyclonic belt.
- Sits within 1.32 million km<sup>2</sup> of an Ocean waters
- Covers a land mass of 30,000 km<sup>2</sup>



# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

NATIONAL DISASTER  
ORGANISATION OF THE  
SOLOMON ISLANDS

**Minister for Home Affairs**

**National Disaster Council**

**Risk Reduction  
and  
Preparedness**

**Government  
Departments/  
NGOs**

**Provincial  
Disaster  
Committees**

**Emergency  
Operations &  
Coordination**

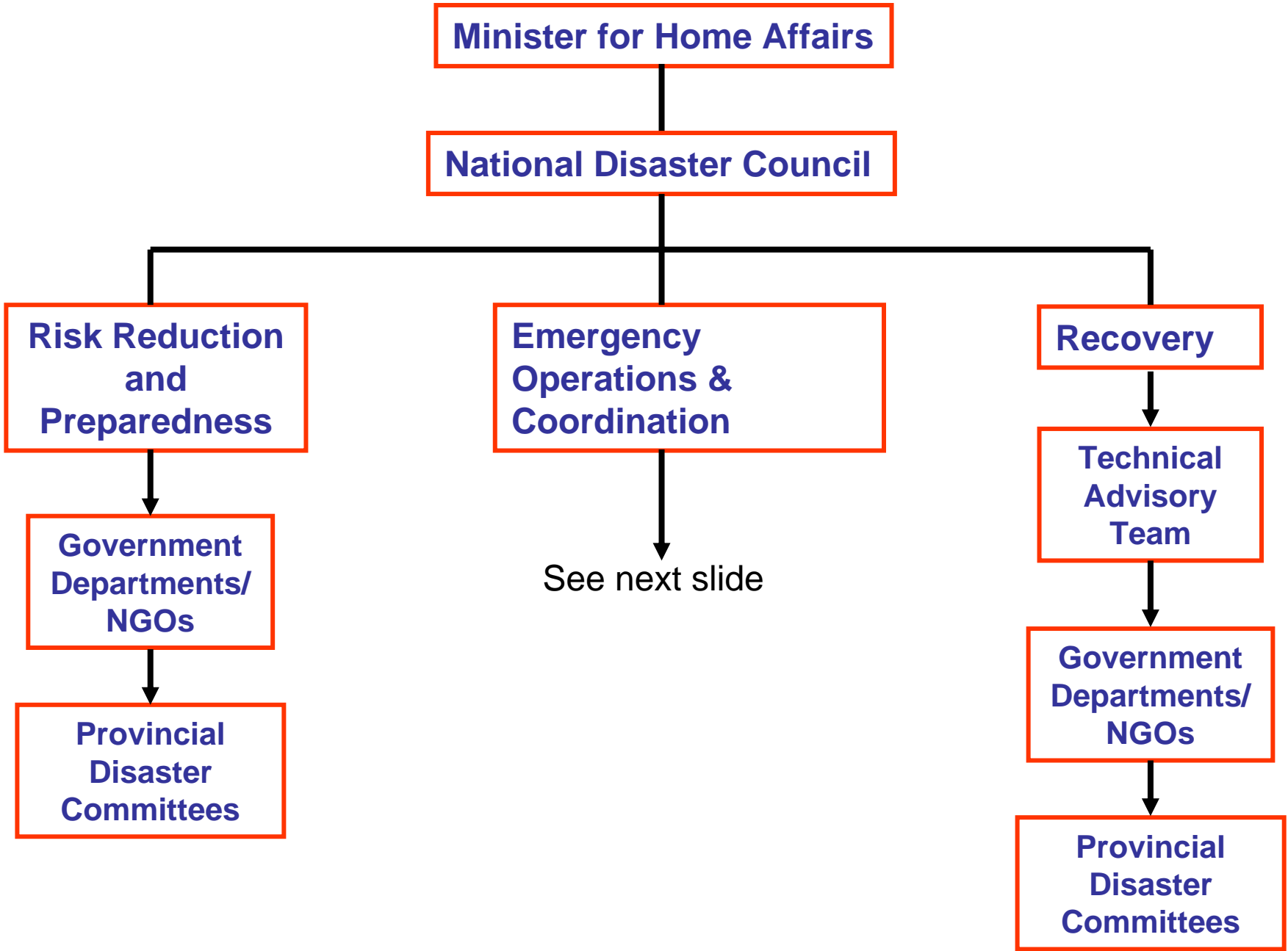
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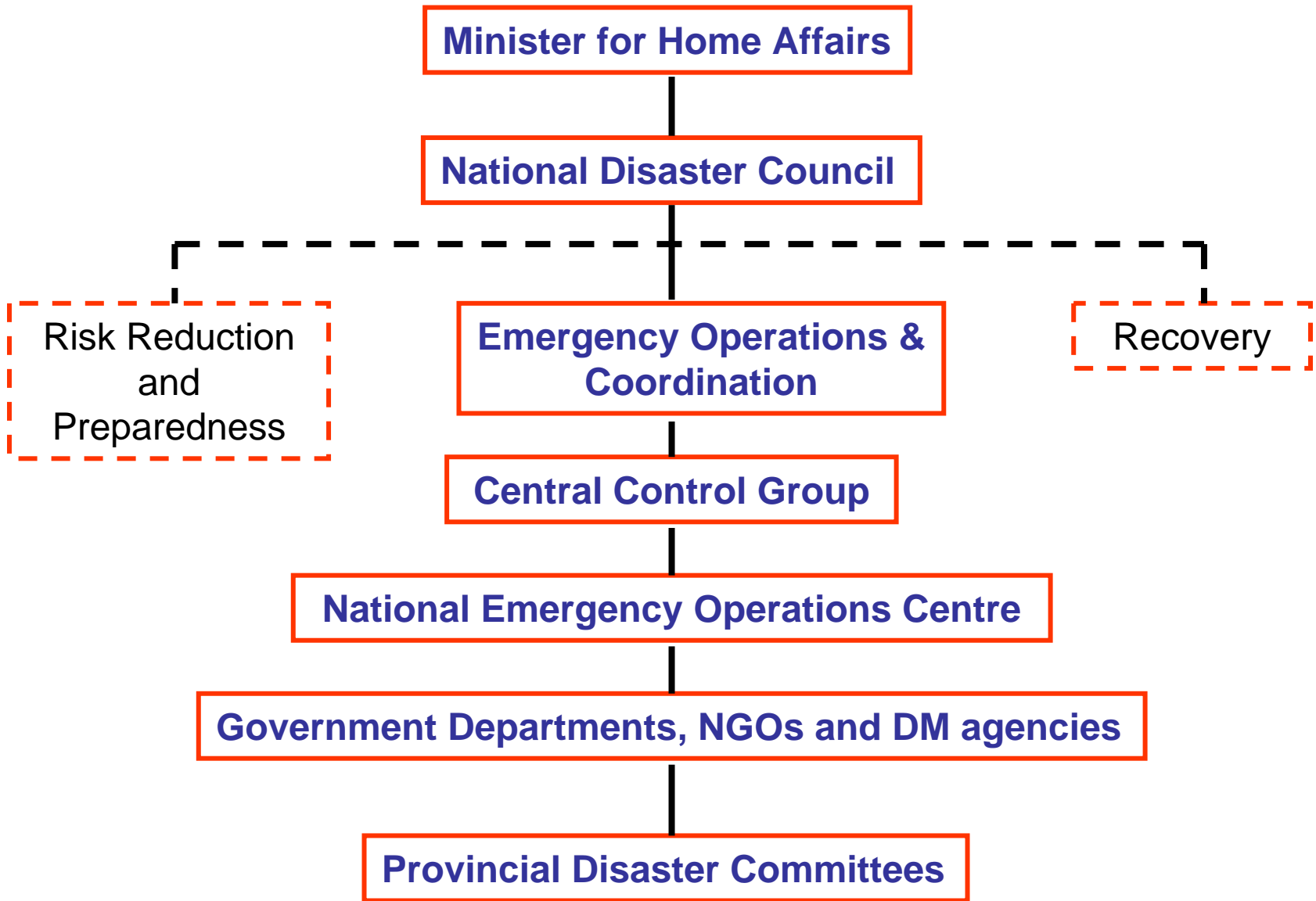
**Technical  
Advisory  
Team**

**Government  
Departments/  
NGOs**

**Provincial  
Disaster  
Committees**







# Organisational Structure

- Minister Responsible – Home Affairs Ministry.
- National Disaster Council – Chairman, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs



# Roles & responsibility of the NDC – section 8 of the NDC act 1989

- Advice Minister on matters relating to disasters.
- Approve & coordinate preparedness, response and recovery activities.
- Assume full and complete control in operations connected with disasters.
- Provide and render financial assistances to committees..

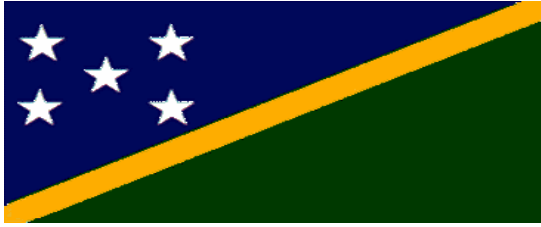


# National Disaster Management Office - NDMO

- Established by section 7 of the NDC Act 1989.
- Reports direct to the Chairman – NDC
- Director – Secretary to NDC
- Current staffing
  - 17 established staff
  - Driver /Security
  - Office Aid

# Functions

- Specified under Section 8 of NDC Act 1989.
  - Responsible to the council in the administration of the NDC Act 1989 and other relevant plans which relate to disaster management.
  - Review & update of the National Disaster Plan
  - Keep & maintain proper accounts and register of NDC assets.
  - Prepare annual reports or bulletins as directed by NDC.
  - Ensuring Provinces are in a state of readiness to execute disaster plans if need to.
  - To perform other functions that may be assigned by the council.
  - The above functions of the NDMO is further defined into specific responsibilities in ANNEX M of the NDP - 1987



# Status of HFA Implementation

Although Solomon Islands have not yet have a National Action Plan that targets the HFA's five priority areas, NDMO at the National level have conducted activities and initiatives to in regards to the 5 thematic areas.



# Status of HFA Implementation

## **Priority 1: Law, Institutional Framework, National Plan.**

- NDMO has taken the initiative to review the National Legislation on Disaster Risk Reduction and supporting legislations.
- Work plan priority is the review of the 1987 National Disaster plan and 1989 National Disaster Act which has never been reviewed



# Status of HFA Implementation

## **PRIORITY 2: Risk Analysis and Early Warning**

- Little have been done on the implementation of risk analysis and early warning systems in the country.
- New initiative of conducting a Gap Analysis by the World Bank this year.
- National Tsunami Capacity Assessment Workshop 5 – 8 February 2008.





# Status of HFA Implementation

## **PRIORITY 3: Disaster Education**

- On going public awareness and education campaigns at the national, provincial and community levels, through media ( national radio and newspapers)
- Initiative to integrate disaster risk reduction in the country's school curriculum.



# **Status of HFA Implementation**

## **PRIORITY 4: Loss prevention activities**

- **Loss prevention activities such as building codes rests with the Ministry of Infrastructure, but are not properly monitored and police.**
- **More work needs to be done in this area from responsible authorities such as the town and country planning division.**



# **Status of HFA Implementation**

## **PRIORITY 5: Disaster Preparedness**

- Recruitment and training of 10 Provincial Disaster Coordinators as full time disaster managers at the Provincial Level.**
- Training of Disaster Managers in Emergency Operation Centre and Exercise Management courses.**
- Conduct Emergency Operation Centre exercise with government agencies and stakeholders.**



# **Status of HFA Implementation**

## **PRIORITY 5 con't: Disaster Preparedness**

- **Conduction of a National Exercise by NDMO and stakeholders to test out NDMO Standard Operating Procedures**

**THANK YOU**