

Climate Disaster Risk Finance

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Information

- ▶ The Department of National Emergency Services (NES) still holds the mandate over the National Disaster Risk Management Act.
- ▶ This meant that upon declaration of State of Disaster, the NES is responsible in determining priorities, direct govt agencies; allocate and coordinate the use of available govt resources.

Status

- ▶ The National Disaster Risk Management Plan is under revision as Nauru will need to also address other issues such as the UXO¹.
- ▶ A PCRIC team has made a visit to Nauru last year. The results of this is still in discussion.
- ▶ The NES is working with other departments and agencies to:
 - ▶ Design the National Drought Response Plan
 - ▶ Revise the National Tsunami Plan
 - ▶ Reintroduce the Health Disaster Management Manuel

¹ Unexploded Ordinance

Financial Instruments

National Financing

- ▶ GON² Buffer
 - ▶ This is an allocation held by Treasury for unforeseen government expenditure.
 - ▶ This is accessible to the National Controller (NES) under the counsel of the NDRMC³

International Financing

- ▶ No direct access to int. financing in the case of disasters.
- ▶ If domestic response capacities are not likely to be sufficient, under the Act⁴, the NES may advice for an immediate request be made for int. disaster assistance.

² Government of Nauru

³ National Disaster Risk Management Council

⁴ National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016

Post Disaster & Coordination

- ▶ The NES will:
 - ▶ facilitate post-disaster recovery debriefs and reports to the NDRMC;
 - ▶ Providing advice and consultation with the Recovery Advisory Committee;
 - ▶ Coordinate activities and response on recovery from disasters.
- ▶ In operations, reports and financial records and requisitions will be submitted to the Department of Finance for payments and reimbursements through the Treasury Division.
- ▶ Overall operations and coordination between agencies domestic and international will be carried out by the National Controller (i.e., the NES)

Challenges

▶ National:

- ▶ With different and various restructures to departments and agencies, timely revisions to national documents needs to be emphasised.
- ▶ Limitations on domestic capacity and resources

▶ Regional:

- ▶ With the remoteness, it has made the assistance of regional partners delay in delivery which impacts domestic resources and operations.

▶ International:

- ▶ Establishing and subscribing to international assistance comes with costs. This leaves the country to weigh out the cost-benefits to engage into any assistance.

Lesson Learnt

- ▶ Capacity Building
- ▶ Understanding the functions and responsibilities of stakeholders in the NDRMC and the authority of the National Controller (NES) upon the declaration of State of Disaster.
- ▶ Utilisation of resources and, where necessary, seeking international assistance where domestic resources may not be sufficient