


# Need Analysis Report Findings & LADRMC, Structure, Roles & Responsibilities

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# OBJECTIVES

- ▶ The main aim of the presentation is to discuss the following:
  - ▶ What and Why: LADRMC
  - ▶ Issues concerning FF, duties and responsibilities
  - ▶ Issues of Volunteers
  - ▶ Establishment of the LADRMC
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# Introduction

This presentation will cover the following topics:


- Brief background on Disasters and Emergencies;
- Local Authority Disaster Risk Management Committee (LADRMCM);
- Fire Fighters and Emergency Personnel Capacity (FF & EP);
- LADRMCM, Structure, roles;
- Discussions




# Definitions:

- ▶ **Disaster:** A serious disruption of the functioning of a community or society posing a significant, wide spread threat to human life, health, property or the environment. Situation exceed the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its **own** resources. A disaster is declared by the President (Namibia). ( sudden accident or natural catastrophe that cause great damage or loss of life).
- ▶ **Emergency:** An unexpected situation that endangers life properties & environment . Occur more regular than a disaster, requires the availability of emergency services ( fire, medical, police to ensure the proper response. (Declared by the President, Namibia).
- ▶ **DRM:** **Continuous** and **integrated multi-sectoral** and **multi-disciplinary** process of planning and implementation of measures aimed at (drm phases).

# Background: Disasters and Emergencies

- ▶ Historical events; regarded as “Acts of God”, Noah’s ark, Egypt locusts, evil star, bad luck or the inability of human to please the gods etc.
  - ▶ Caused by natural or man-made hazards nothing to do with curses (Epidemics, Volcanos, earthquakes, war, flood, drought etc.
  - ▶ Theories on DRM: ensure that people’s lives, properties & environ... are protected.
  - ▶ Less humans can do to prevent it
  - ▶ Ensure that there are structures in place to manage ( prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery & rehabilitation (REDUCTION).
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# LADPMC (WHAT&WHY, CHALLENGES)

- Local Authority Disaster Risk Management Committee , oversee all matters concerns the prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, rehabilitation and recovery from the impact of incidents, hazards, emergencies/disasters, jurisdiction area.
  - **Challenges:**
  - Many LAs do not have the Local Authority Disaster Risk Management Committee .
  - Members are not active or members are not clear on their roles and responsibilities.
  - Membership structure not clear/known.
  - Some LAs have LADPMC members coming from their own institutions; for example, a committee chaired by CEOs and comprise only internal stakeholders.
  - Not aware of Disaster Risk Management Act No 10, of 2012.
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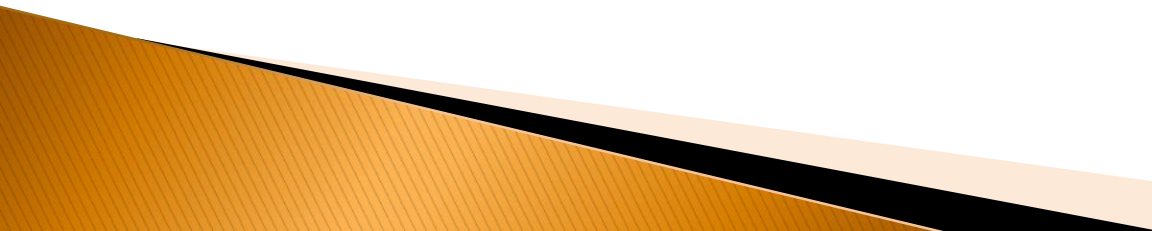


# Fire Fighters & Capacity (FF )

- Mostly responding to cases such as **drowning, flooding, car accidents, vehicle rescue and extrication, hazardous incidents and any other emergencies.**
- Fire Fighters also partake in DRM/emergency public awareness.
- Some LAs do have Fire Fighters/ Permanent FF and in many cases use personnel from other departments.

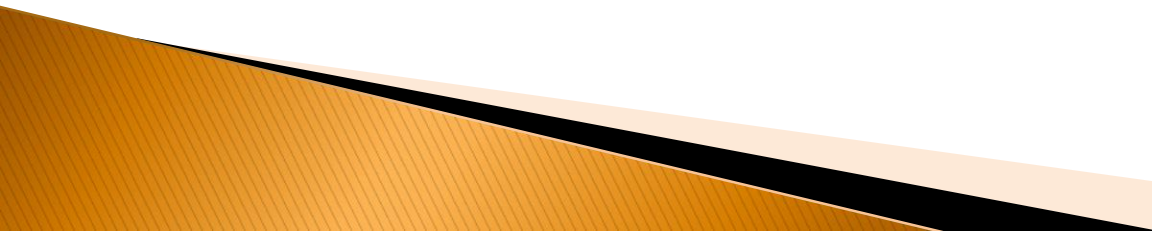


# FF continues


- Some LAs do not have qualified Fire Fighters.
  - Grade 12 Certificate, Basic Fire Fighting, FF1&2, Occupational Healthy Safety, Emergency Care Basic Life Support and First Aid Level, Hazmat Awareness, Operation and Emergency Care Technician amongst others.
  - FF need experts in FF, DRM and any related fields.
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# FF Conti.....

- Most of Fire Fighters do not possess the right qualifications
  - Some Fire Fighters cannot read and write, not trainable especial on theory subjects that requires reading and writing, also some fire fighters are too old to be in this field.
  - LAs do not have enough, or modern equipment that can be used during emergencies,
  - These hamper the daily performances of Fire Fighters and Emergency Personnel therefore need to be looked at for better solutions.
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- Not enough Fire Fighters due to lack of funds.
  - Some of the emergency equipment are old or obsolete and need to be replaced,
  - There is a need for intensive Fire Fighters training and facilities for physical fitness. Daily Exercise drills, simulations are some of the programs need to be employed by LAs (fill existing gaps).
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# Volunteers/ Reserve Force

- Volunteers (19 DRMA) through HoC / reserve force ( 5 FFBSA);CFO through; (duties.....)
  - **Challenges**
  - Volunteers are not recruited as per the two laws;
  - Many volunteers are either staff members of LAs, or community members who are willing to helping out when emergencies or disasters occur;
  - These volunteers are not trained on emergency issues thus lack necessary skill;
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# LADPMC ESTABLISHMENT: DRM ACT NO 12 OF 2010,

- ▶ Section 17, DRM ACT
  - ▶ Structure
  - ▶ Roles and Responsibilities
  - ▶ Due Date
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# Discussions

THE END—THANK YOU.