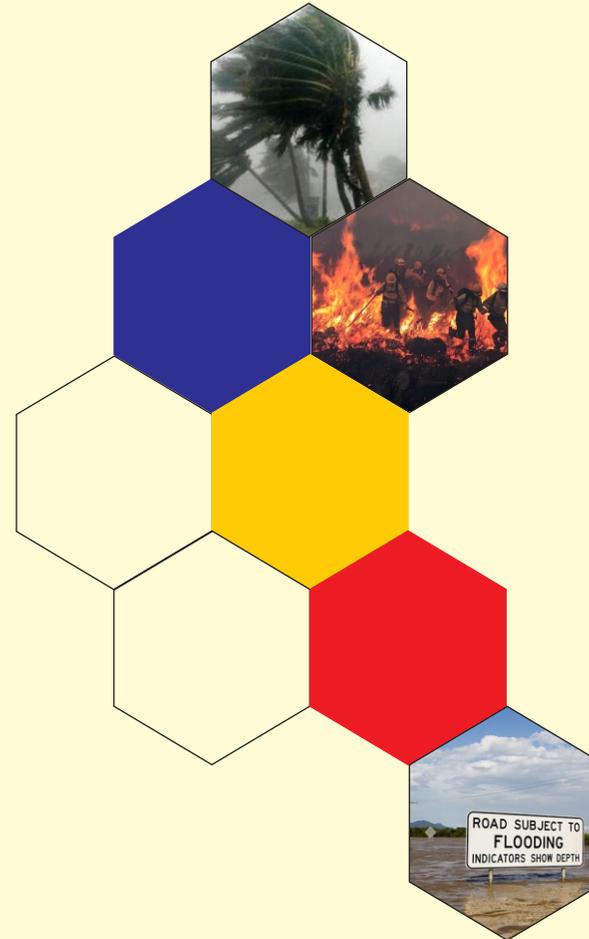




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**DISASTER MANAGEMENT IS
EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS,
MAKE IT YOURS!**

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WHAT IS A DISASTER?

A disaster is a sudden calamitous event that causes serious disruption of the functioning of a community or society causing widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses which exceed the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own level of resource, it overwhelms local capacity, necessitating a request to national level for external assistants. It is also an unforeseen and often sudden event that causes great damage, distraction and human suffering.

WHERE DO WE GET HELP?

Disasters usually strike without warning, by these variety of services, agencies and programmes work together to provide emergency services and disaster assistants to local residents after a disaster event. However these service providers cannot be everywhere at once and initial needs may be greater than they can handle immediately with available resources. During these initial hours after a disaster, when damage is heavy or wide spread an emergency services are stretched thin, many people are called upon to provide assistance to those around them.

TIPS ON HOW TO STAY SAFE DURING AND BEFORE A DISASTER

- You need to be alert at all times
- Take care when stepping in to a flooded area and be aware that submerged electrical cords may energize the water.
- Do not use electrical appliances that have wet.
- When driving, you need to slow down and drive on the middle lanes of the road
- Try to keep a safe distance between yourself and cars around you



- Have a family plan and choose a safe area in advance
- Keep all windows of your house sharply closed
- Know the disaster risk and the elevation of the area
- Listen to a portable radio for information
- Find a safe area to stay until the rain slows down

TIPS ON HOW TO SURVIVE AFTER A DISASTER:

- Stay out of the disaster area
- Boil drinking water before using
- Do not use vehicles except in emergencies
- Use cellphones instate of telephones

NUMBERS TO CONTACT

Mobile phones emergency - 112

Police and fire - 10111

Ambulance - 10177

Disaster Management - 0800 222 111

Disaster management is everybody's business. In case of any Disaster, members of the public are encouraged to report any incident to their district offices or provincial disaster management centre on the toll free number 0800 222 111