



# DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT & THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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THE BARBADOS CONTEXT

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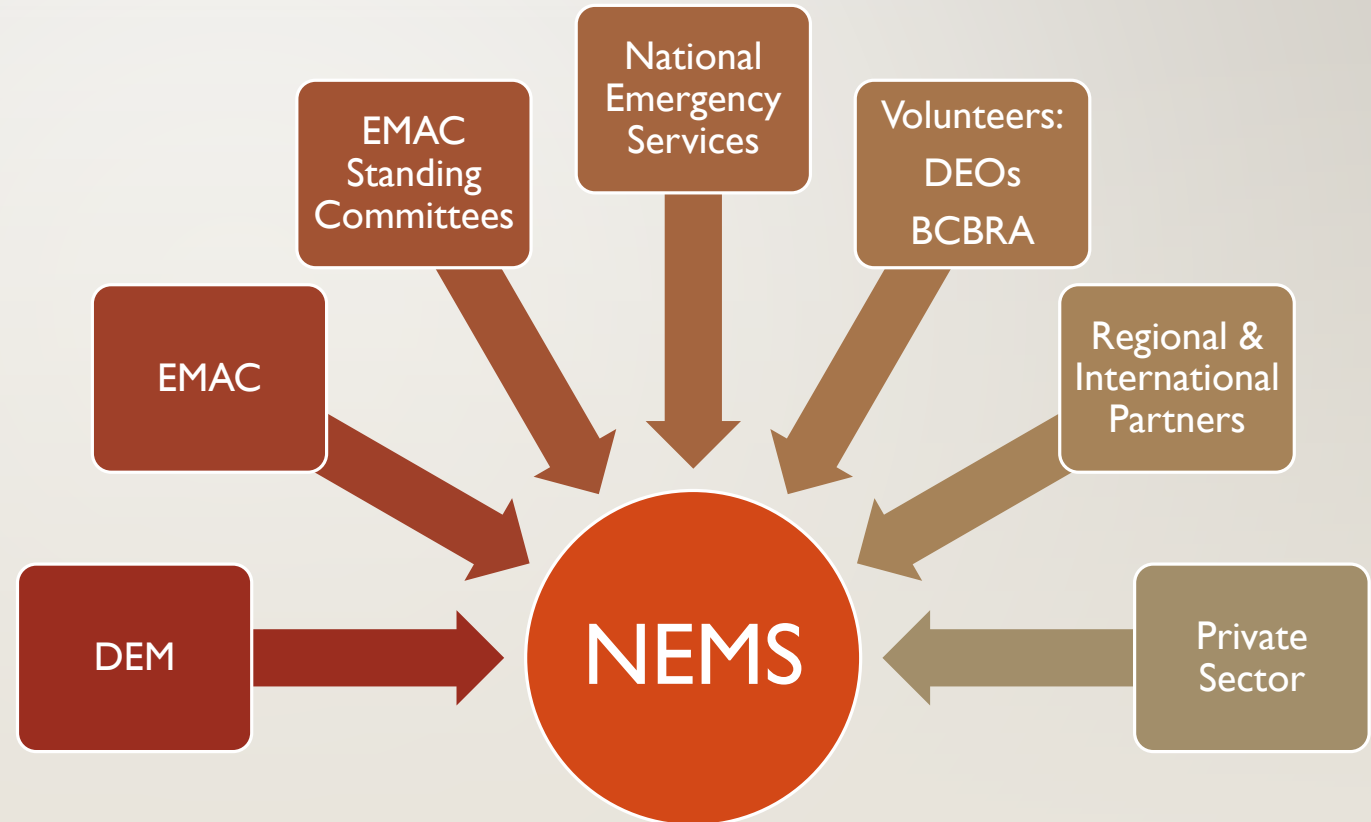
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- The National Emergency Management System
  - Legislation
  - EMAC
  - DEM
- Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM)
- National CDM Strategy and Programme
  - Strategic Priorities and Outcomes
  - Role of energy sector



### 3 THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NEMS)

- Barbados' NEMS and the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) were established by the **Emergency Management Act, Cap 160A 2006**.





## 4 THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (EMAC)

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- Established by the legislation to provide oversight for national disaster risk management policy, programmes and activities
- Operationalized through the **Standing Committees** of the EMAC
- **Standing Committees** encompasses the widest possible involvement of agencies responsible for, among other things, hazard mitigation, vulnerability reduction and emergency response within key sectors and at the community level



# EMAC STANDING COMMITTEES

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Ser	Emergency Support Function (ESF)	Agency with Responsibility
1	Public Information & Education	Government Information Service
2	Damage Assessment and Statistics	Barbados Statistical Services
3	Health & First Aid Services	Min of Health & Wellness
4	Food & General Supplies	Min of Agriculture and Food Security
5	Emergency Services	Department of Emergency Management (DEM)
6	<b>Public Utilities</b>	Min of Energy
7	Emergency Transport	Min of Transport, Works & Maintenance
8	Shelter Management	Min of Education, Technical and Vocational
9	Welfare Services	Min of People Empowerment & Elder Affairs
10	Road Clearance & Tree Trimming	Min of Transport, Works & Maintenance
11	Emergency Telecommunications	Telecommunications Unit
12	Emergency Housing and Rehabilitation	Min of Housing & Lands
13	National Mitigation	Town & Country Development Planning Department
14	Tourism Emergency Management	Min of Tourism
15	<b>Technical Standing Committee on Coastal Hazards</b>	Coastal Zone Management Unit & DEM



## 6 THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DEM)

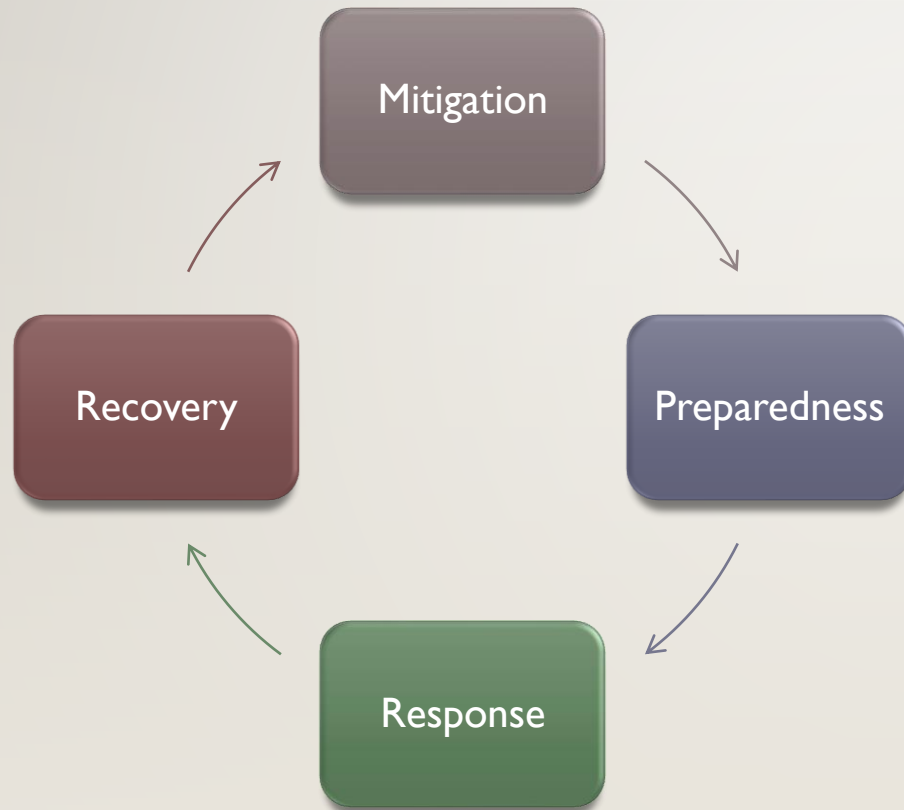
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- DEM replaced the Central Emergency Relief Organization (CERO), which was established in 1955 (in the post-Hurricane Janet period).
- DEM is the lead Government Agency with responsibility for managing and **coordinating** any response to a national emergency or disaster situation:
  1. **Informing, educating and training** entities in Comprehensive Disaster Management
  2. **Mobilising** resources to respond to emergencies, crises and disasters
  3. **Coordinating** all other emergency management activities



# 7 COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT (CDM)

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- ▶ CDM is the management of **all hazards**
- ▶ through **all phases** of the disaster management cycle
- ▶ by **all peoples** public and private sectors, all segments of ***civil society*** and the general population
- ▶ CDM involves **risk reduction & management** and
- ▶ **integration of vulnerability assessment** into the development planning process



## 8 NATIONAL CDM (NCDM) STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME

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The DEM functions under a **National Comprehensive Disaster Management (NCDM) Strategy and Programme** which embodies the concept of:

1. **All hazards** (natural and man-induced)
2. **At all phases of the disaster cycle** (mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery),  
and
3. **At all levels of society.**

The goal of the CDM Strategy is to reduce the risk and losses attributed by all hazards and to enhance sustainable development.





## 9 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2019 - 2023

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Institutional  
Strengthening for  
CDM

Preparedness  
Response and  
Mitigation  
Capacity

Strengthening  
Community  
Resilience

Research and  
Knowledge  
Management

Recovery



## 10 STRATEGIC OUTCOMES 2019 – 2023 (ROLE OF ENERGY SECTOR HIGH-LIGHTED)

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- More robust policy, legislative and regulatory environment for CDM
- Increased integration of CDM in priority sectors:
  - **Energy**, Blue Economy, Finance
- Greater private sector involvement in CDM
  - Public **Awareness and Education**, promote disaster risk **mitigation** actions, enhance **preparedness** and EWS, **climate change adaptation & mitigation**
- Strengthen recovery mechanisms
  - **Risk transfer**, business continuity planning



# THANK YOU!



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