

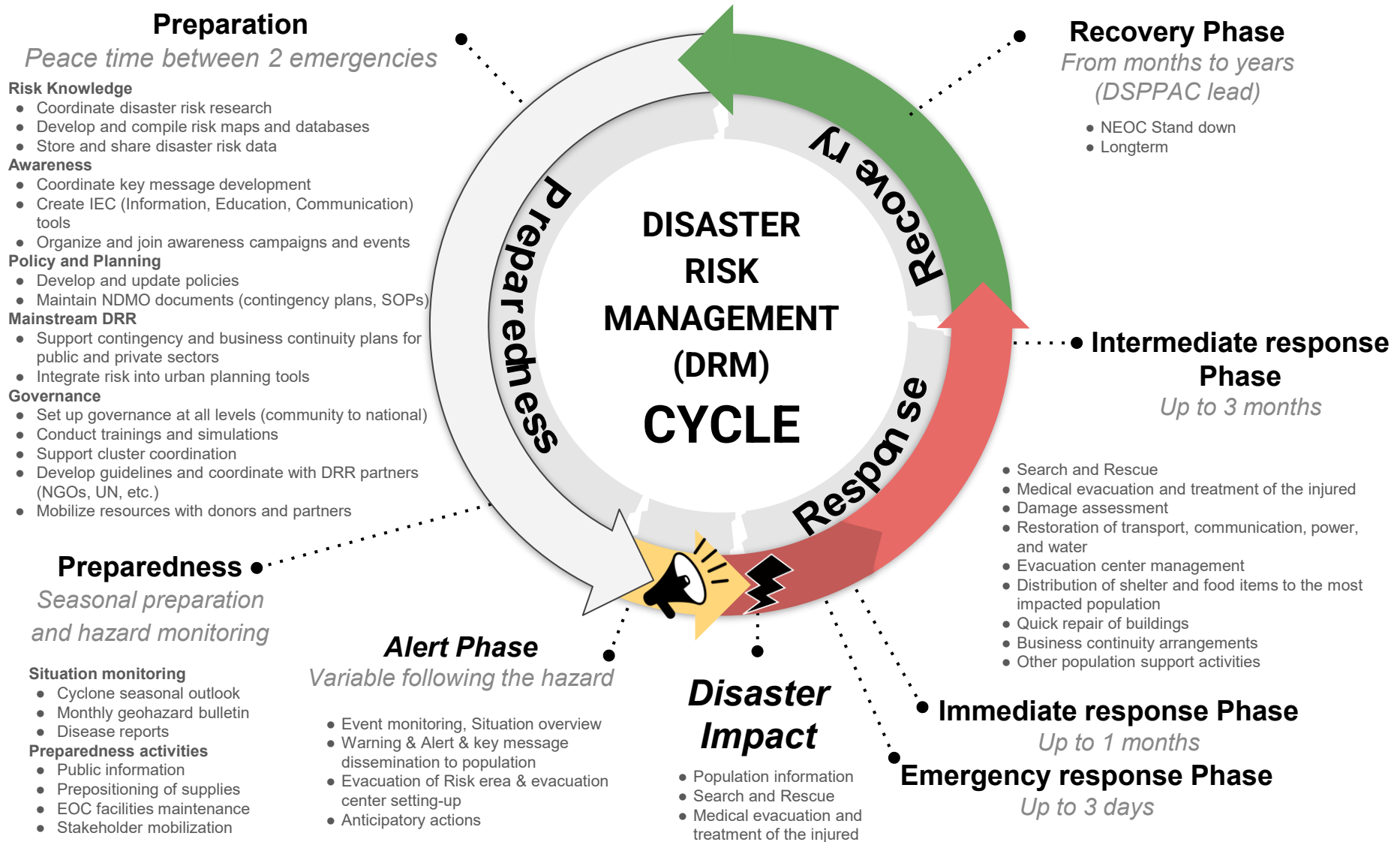


# Vanuatu Evacuation Plan & National Tsunami Contingency plan

National Disaster Management Office

2025

# DRM Cycle



# NDMO Strategic Framework

## Regional

Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific  
2017 - 2030

## International

Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction  
2015- 2030

UNFCCC  
Paris Agreement

Sustainable Development Goals 2030

## National

National Sustainable Development Plan  
2017 - 2030

## Policies

Vanuatu Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction Policy  
2017 - 2030

Ministry of Climate Change Corporate Plan  
2022 - 2026

NDMO Annual Business Plan

## Legislation

Disaster Risk Management N.23 Act 2019

## Operational

National Disaster Risk Management Plan

Vanuatu National Policy and Disaster-Induced Displacement  
2018 *(Shared with MoIA)*

Republic of Vanuatu National Disaster Risk Financing Policy  
2025 *(Shared with MFEM)*

Provincial Disaster Response Plan

Municipal Disaster Response Plan

National Hazard contingency Plans

National / Provincial response plan template

National Support plan & Guidelines

National Clusters Framework

Area Council Disaster Response Plan  
Community Disaster Plan

Ward Disaster Response Plan

- Cyclone
- Tsunami
- Earthquake
- Volcano
- Emergency
- ...

- Emergency fund
- international assistance
- Assessment
- ...

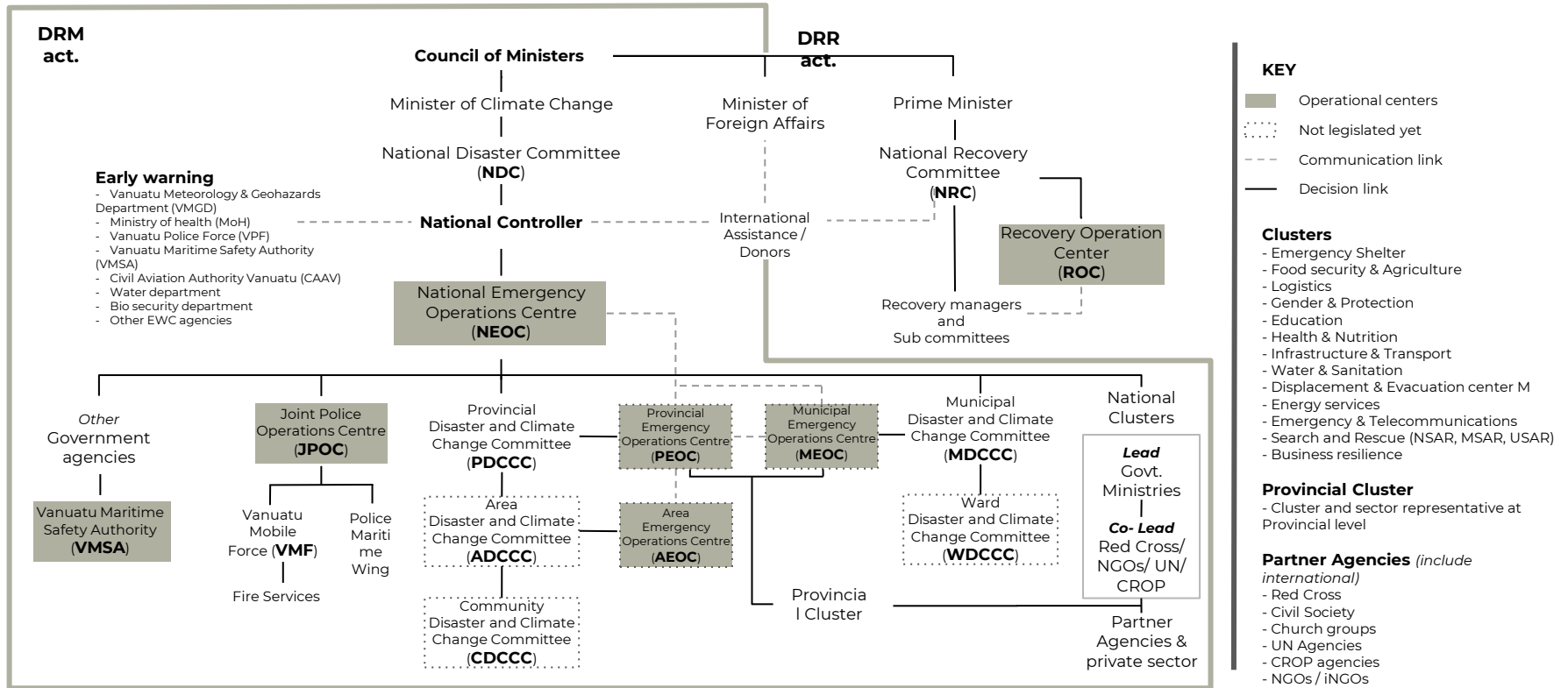
- National Cluster Framework ToR
- Clusters ToR
- Cluster Response Plans
- Cluster Guidelines

Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Templates and tools

**NDMO Strategic Framework (May 2025)**



# National Response Coordination Structure

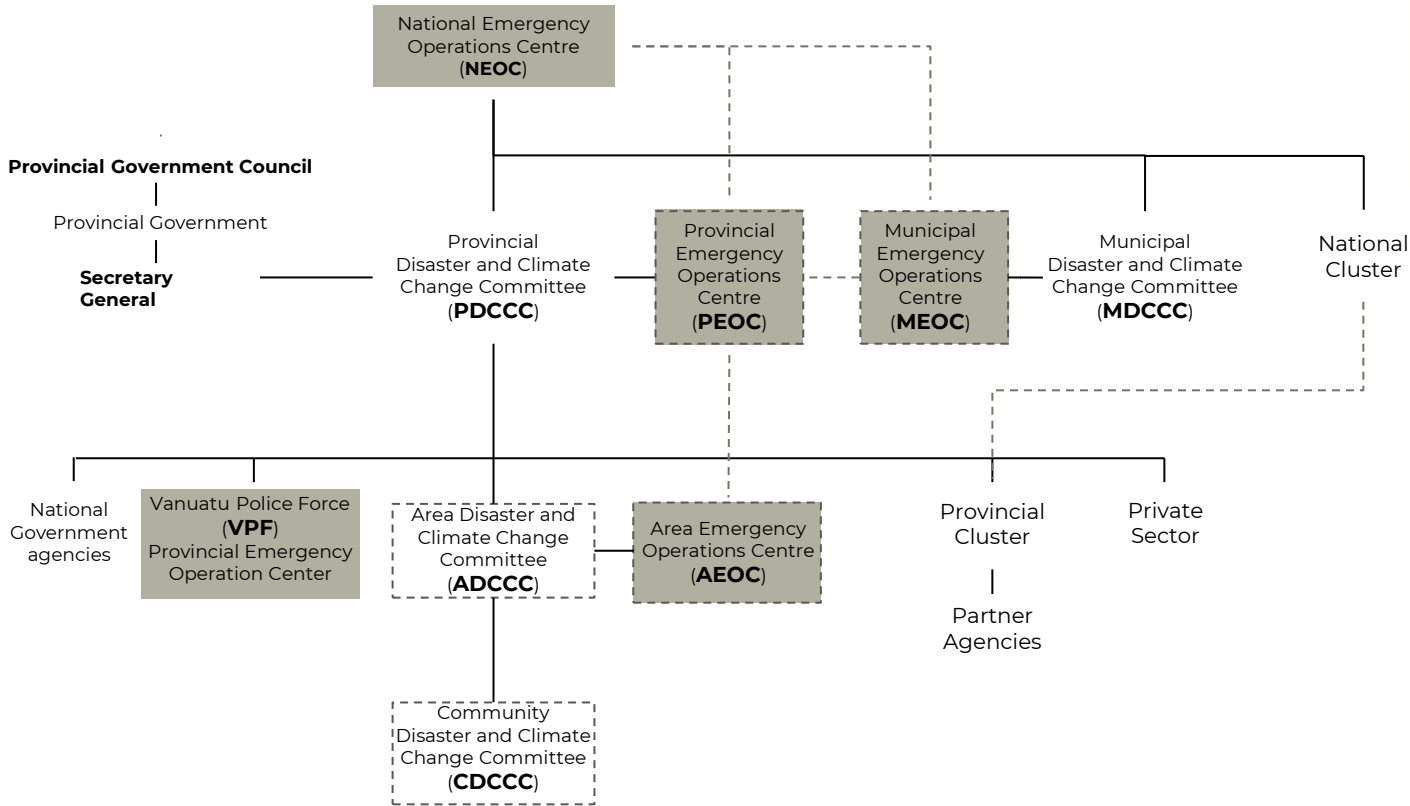


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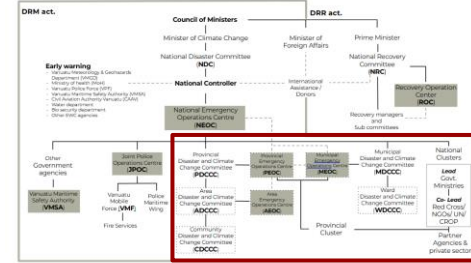
## National Response Coordination Structure (May 2025)



# Provincial Response Coordination Structure



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- Gender & Protection
- Education
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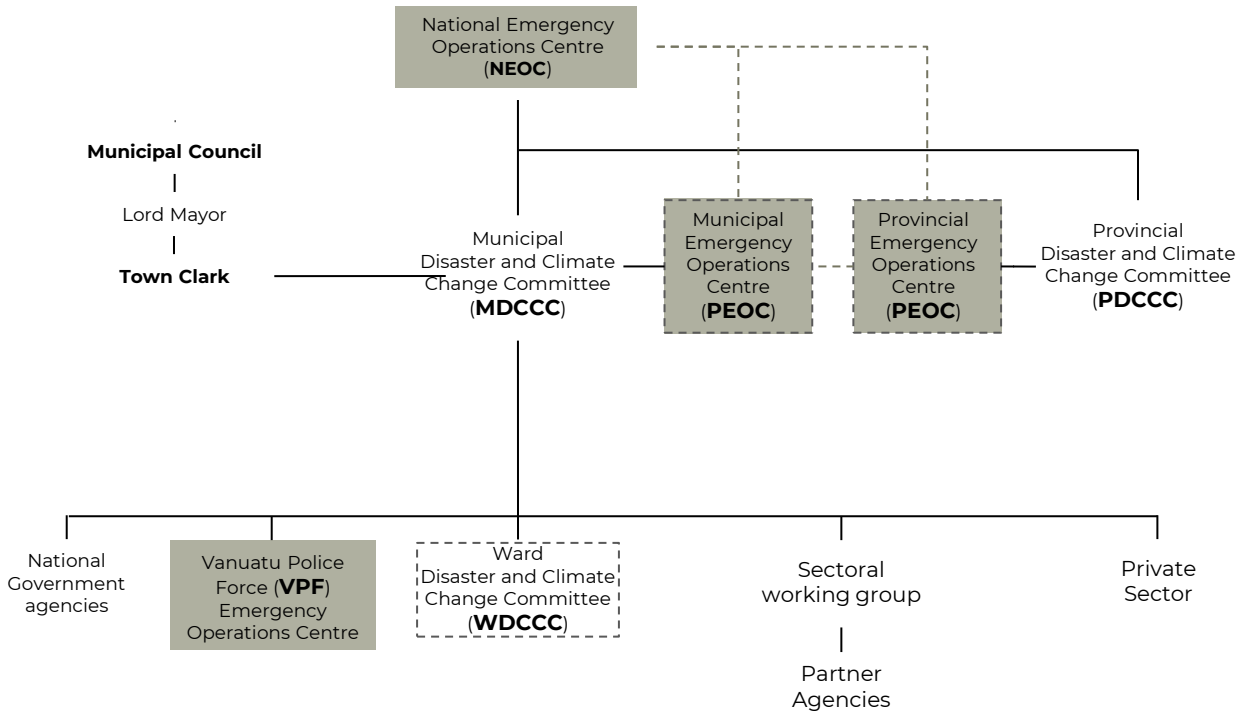
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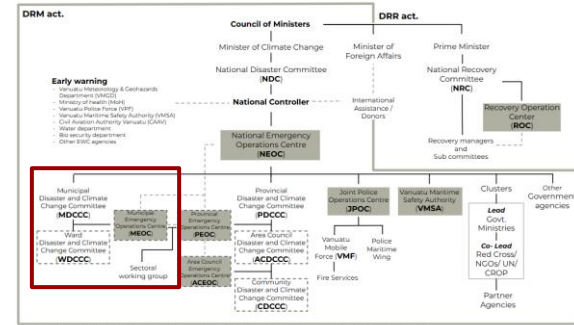
## Provincial Response Coordination Structure (May 2025)



# Municipal Response Coordination Structure



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Municipal Response Coordination Structure (May 2025)



# National Cluster Framework

- **Aims:** Coordinates the public, national and international sectoral agencies for disaster responses

- **15 Clusters (4 news)**

Call Working group  
at Provincial level



- **Tools of the clusters**

- **Terms of reference**
- **Guidelines**
  - **IEC tools**
- **Response plans**
  - **Assessment forms**

# National Tsunami Contingency Plan

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## *Aim*

- Outline the roles and responsibilities of all with regard to preparedness, response and recovery processes in the event of a tsunami impacting on the Republic of Vanuatu.
- Provides information regarding mobilisation and co-ordination of the Country's resources, both public and private, to deal with a tsunami emergency.

# Challenges

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- Many communities located in low lying coastal areas it is hard reaching and coordinating evacuation across islands is complex and slow
- Transportation in communities is hard when evacuate, people evacuate by foot
- Some people in most remote places might not receive warning at all
- Fake warning messages causing panic and confusion
- Funding and logistics for Community awarenesses and training

## Successes

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- CBDRR training to all community in Vanuatu for Community Disaster and Climate Change Committee (CDCCC) – Community base evacuation plan for multi-hazards
- Communities uses local knowledge before, during and after disaster and become the first responders
- A lot of community in Vanuatu uses community bell ring , CDCCC and Area Council officer inform community on evacuation order
- Starlink installation in a number of area councils where communities can have access to warning messages from VMGD
- VMGD App provide real time information on early warning messages
- VMGD toll free line 116 provide precaution messages for Geo-hazards, Climatic hazards and marine.
- Slowly some community have access to network coverage
- NDMO Establishment of PDCCC that allow disaster coordination in different level
- Installation of Evacuation map in different islands in Vanuatu

# 3. The Organization of Crisis Management

## Coordination structures

### Crisis units - Operations Emergency Center (OEC)

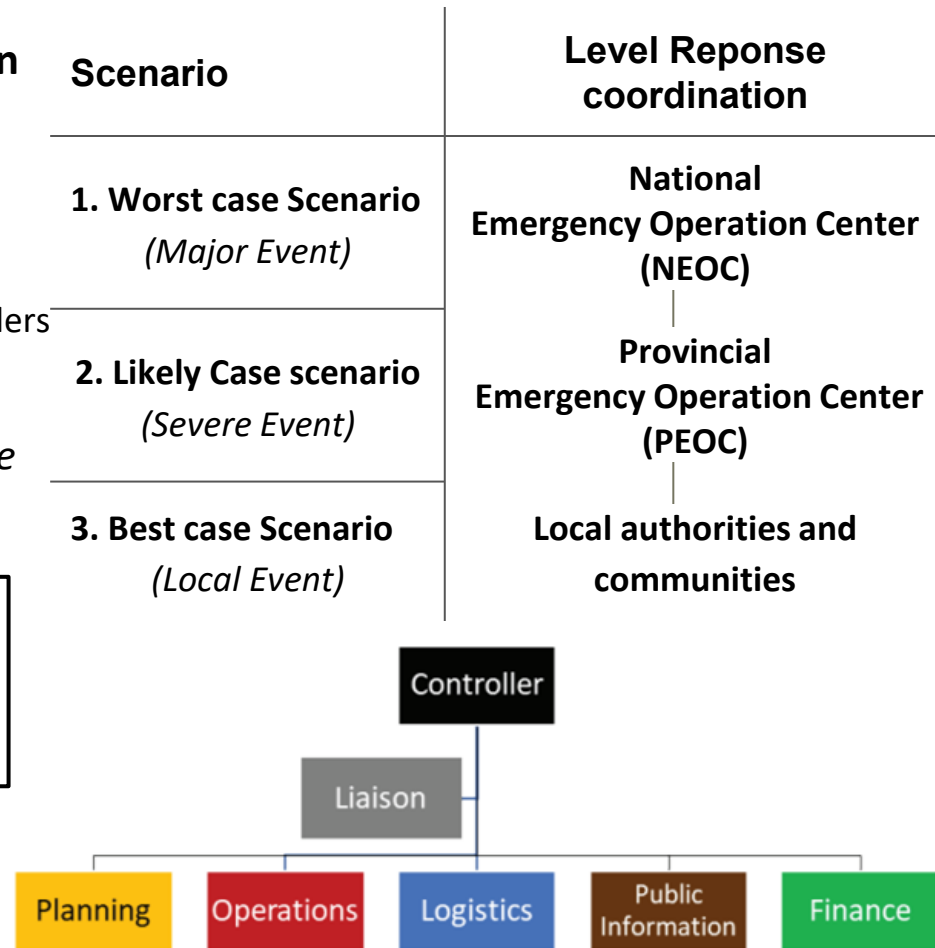
■ **3 administrative levels of Reponse coordination**

- National (led by the NDMO)
- Provincial (led by provincial government)
- Local (led by Area Administrator and community leaders / CDCCC Community and Climate Change Committee)

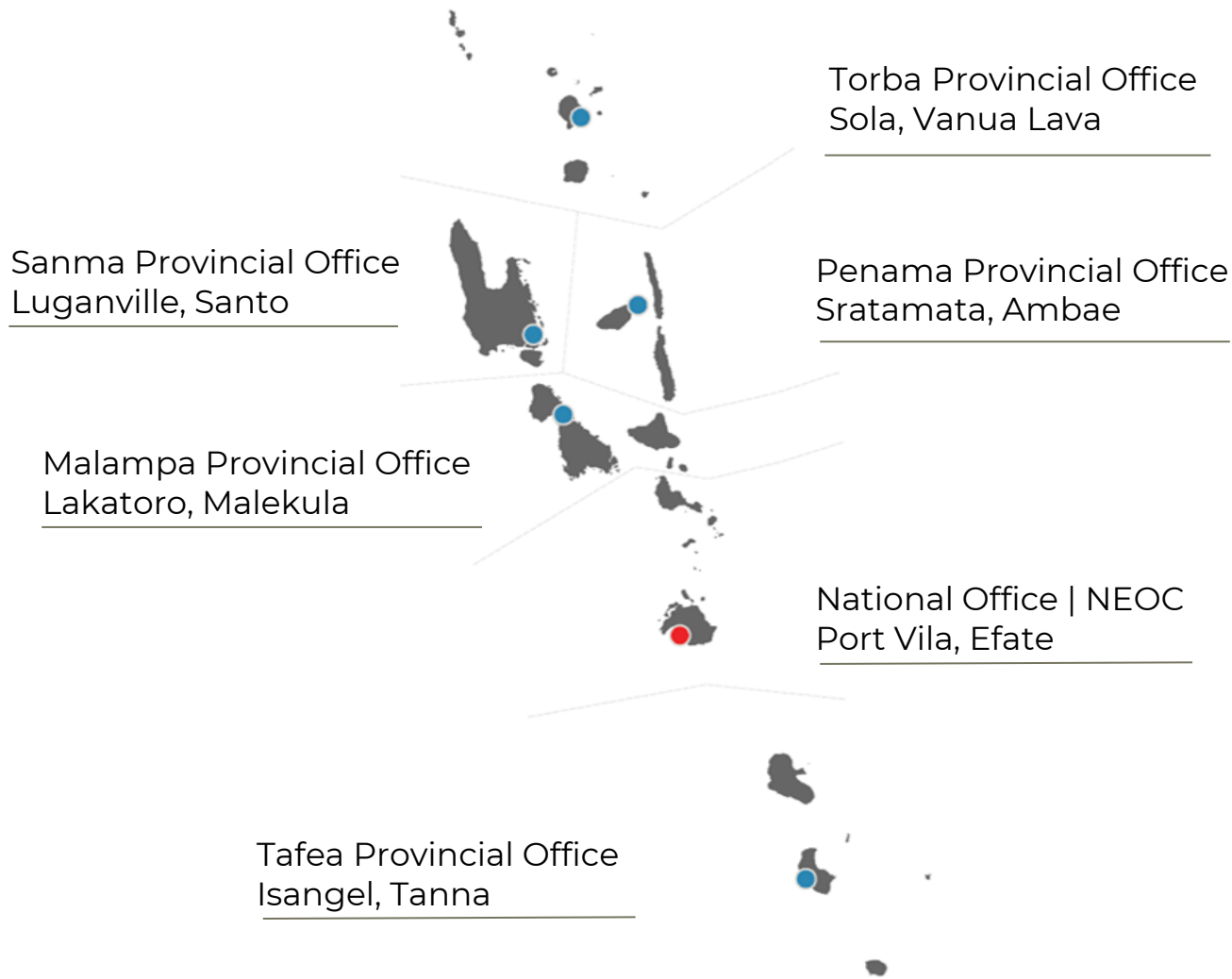
*Management will be based on impact scenarios and the resources of the different administrative levels.*

A catastrophic event will trigger a declaration of a state of emergency and a call for international assistance.

- **Crisis** units organized according to the principles of the « **Pacific Incident Management System** » ([PACIMS](#)).



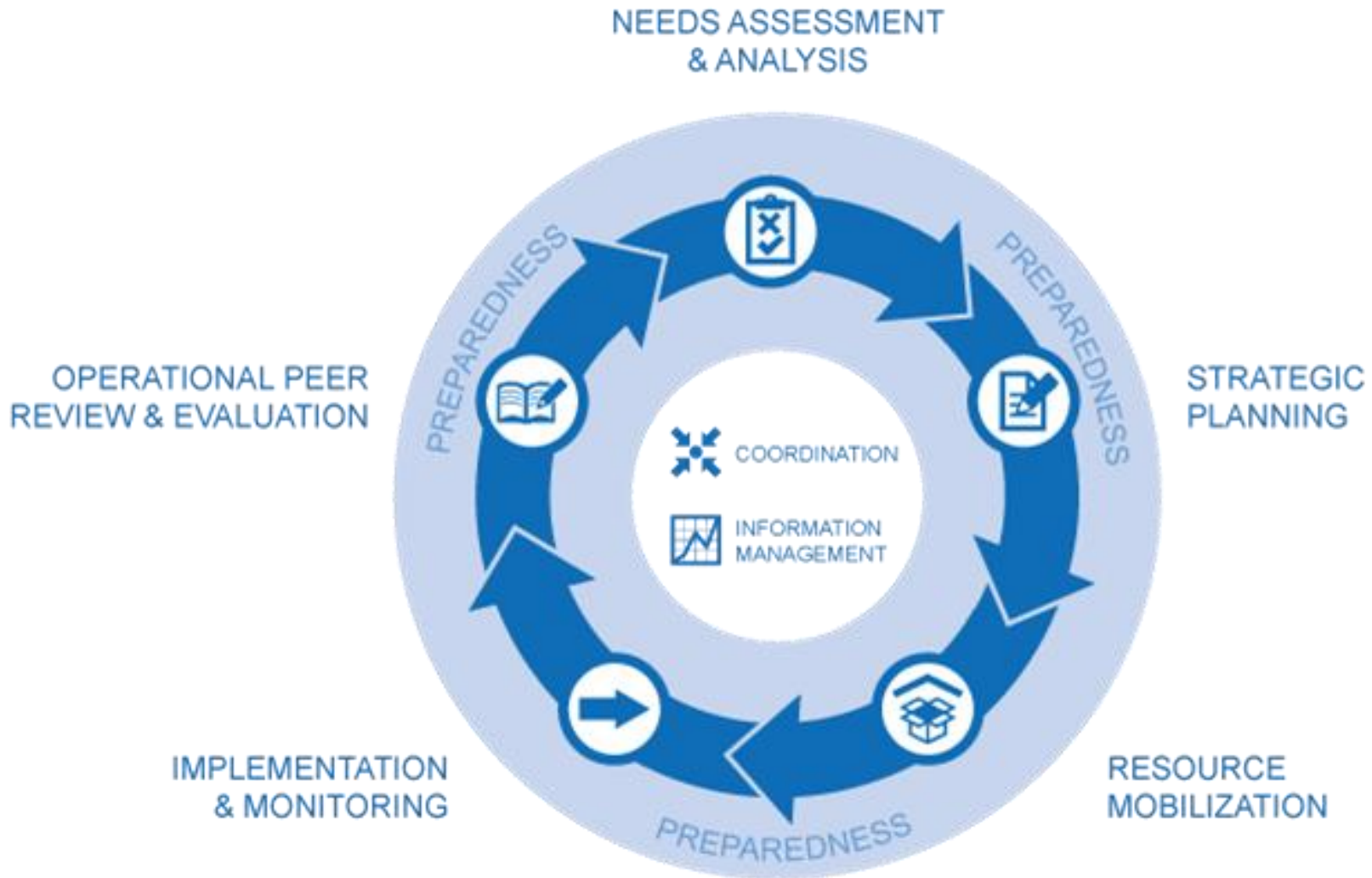
# NDMO Provincial and National Office locations



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# Humanitarian coordination



# Information and Education materials

- Community Base Disaster Risk Reduction Handbook (CBDRR)
- Specific Hazards Information
- Cyclone colour Alert Level

## Colour alerts

### Blue Alert

VMGD is forecasting a Cyclone within 48 hours – BE PREPARED

- Stay tuned and informed through Radio, TV, SMS, or Internet
- Secure and stow away loose material and rubbish, tie down roof, prepare and erect cyclone shutters

### Yellow Alert

VMGD is forecasting a Cyclone within 36 hours – GET READY, ACT NOW

- Stay tuned and informed through Radio, TV, SMS, or Internet
- Bring together people you are responsible for, including bringing children back from school

### Red Alert

VMGD is forecasting a Cyclone within 24 hours – STAY IN SHELTER OR SAFE PLACE

- Stay tuned and informed through Radio, TV, SMS, or Internet
- Turn off all gas and electricity and unplug all electrical items from the sockets

The collage features several educational materials:

- LANSLAET (Blue Alert):** A poster titled 'WANEM HEMI LANSLAET?' with instructions in Vanuatu and English. It includes a diagram of a cyclone and a checklist of actions.
- ETKWEK (Yellow Alert):** A poster titled 'WANEM HEMI ETKWEK?' with instructions in Vanuatu and English. It includes a diagram of a cyclone and a checklist of actions.
- SAEKLON (Red Alert):** A poster titled 'WANEM HEMI SAEKLON?' with instructions in Vanuatu and English. It includes a diagram of a cyclone and a checklist of actions.
- Community Handbook:** A poster titled 'Vanuatu Komuniti Beis Disasta Risk Ridaksen' (Vanuatu Community Disaster Risk Reduction Handbook) with the subtitle 'Nasonal hanbuk blong Komuniti Fasiliteta'.

