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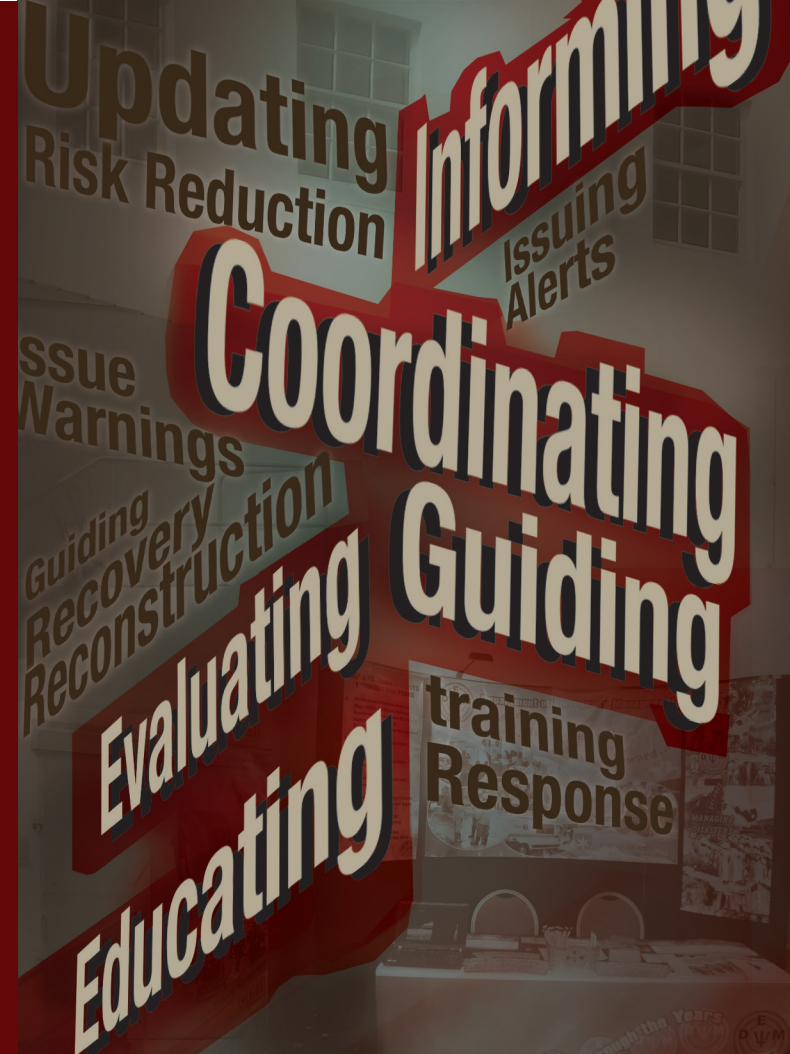
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# The Department of Emergency Management

**The Department of Emergency Management (DEM)** is the government agency with lead responsibility for managing and coordinating any response to a national emergency or disaster situation. This is accomplished by means of:

- ✓ Informing, educating and training local entities in **Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM)**. CDM is an all-inclusive policy for involving all of civil society in an all hazard (natural and manmade) approach at all stages of the disaster management continuum;
- ✓ Mobilising resources to respond to national emergencies, crises and disasters;
- ✓ Coordinating all other emergency management activities including issuing alerts and warning notices; evaluating and updating emergency and/or disaster management plans and encouraging the development and implementation of disaster risk reduction programmes.

The DEM was established under legislation by the Emergency Management Act, CAP 160A and officially came into being in April 2007. The DEM replaced the **Central Emergency Relief Organization (CERO)** which was initially formed to provide coordinated response and relief after the impact of a storm or hurricane.

With a now expanded mandate therefore, the DEM's focus is not only on storms and hurricanes during the period June 1 - November 30.

## THE DEM'S MISSION

To develop, promote and maintain a comprehensive national emergency management programme which will:

- ✓ Educate all citizens on the various elements of disaster management
- ✓ Create appropriate mechanisms which will promote and advance disaster management activities at all levels of the society
- ✓ Promote and institutionalise the practice of appropriate preventative and mitigation measures for all possible hazards
- ✓ Promote the development and maintenance of effective warning, response and recovery plans for all sectors of the society

