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# Disaster Management System Vis-a-Vis Climate Information



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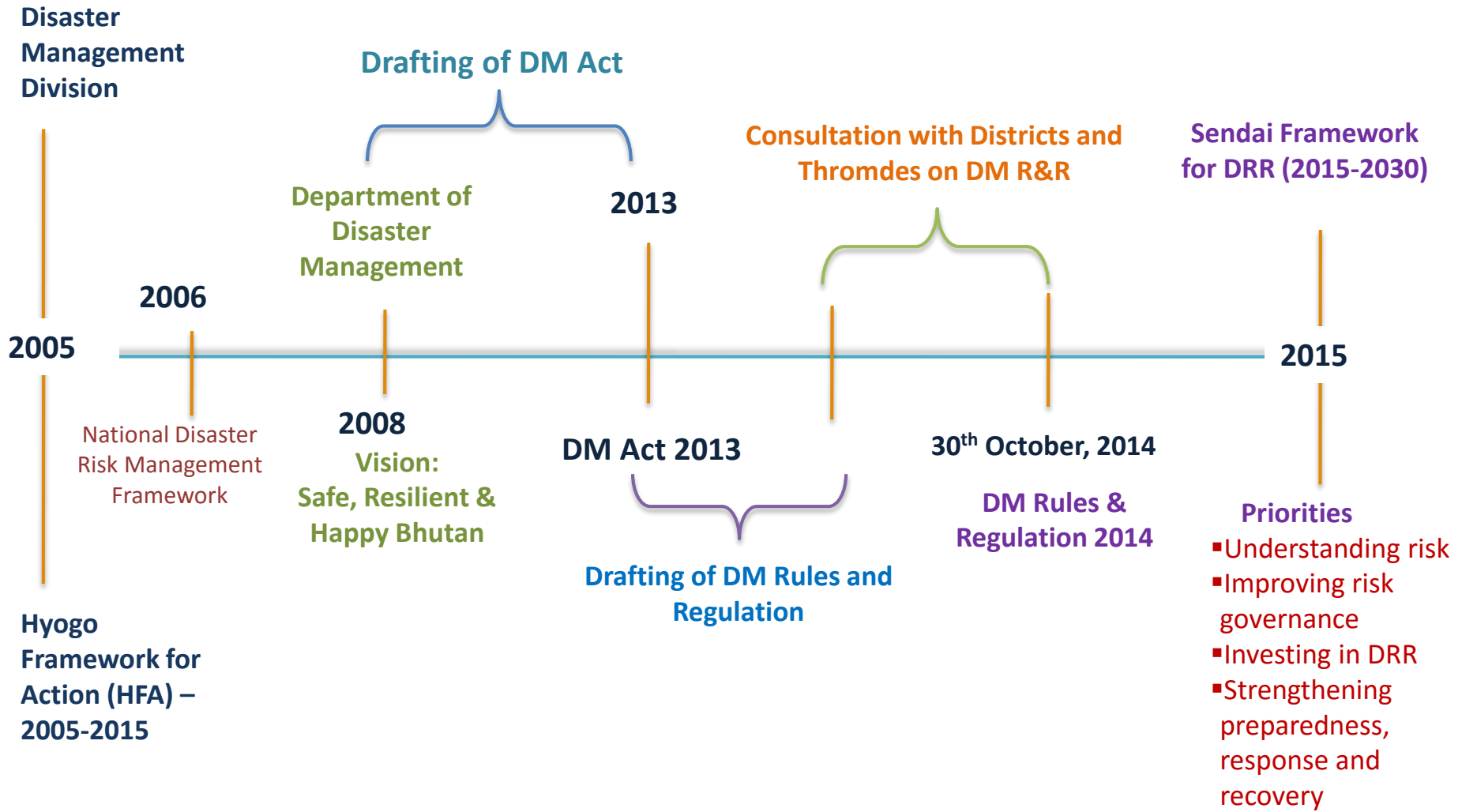
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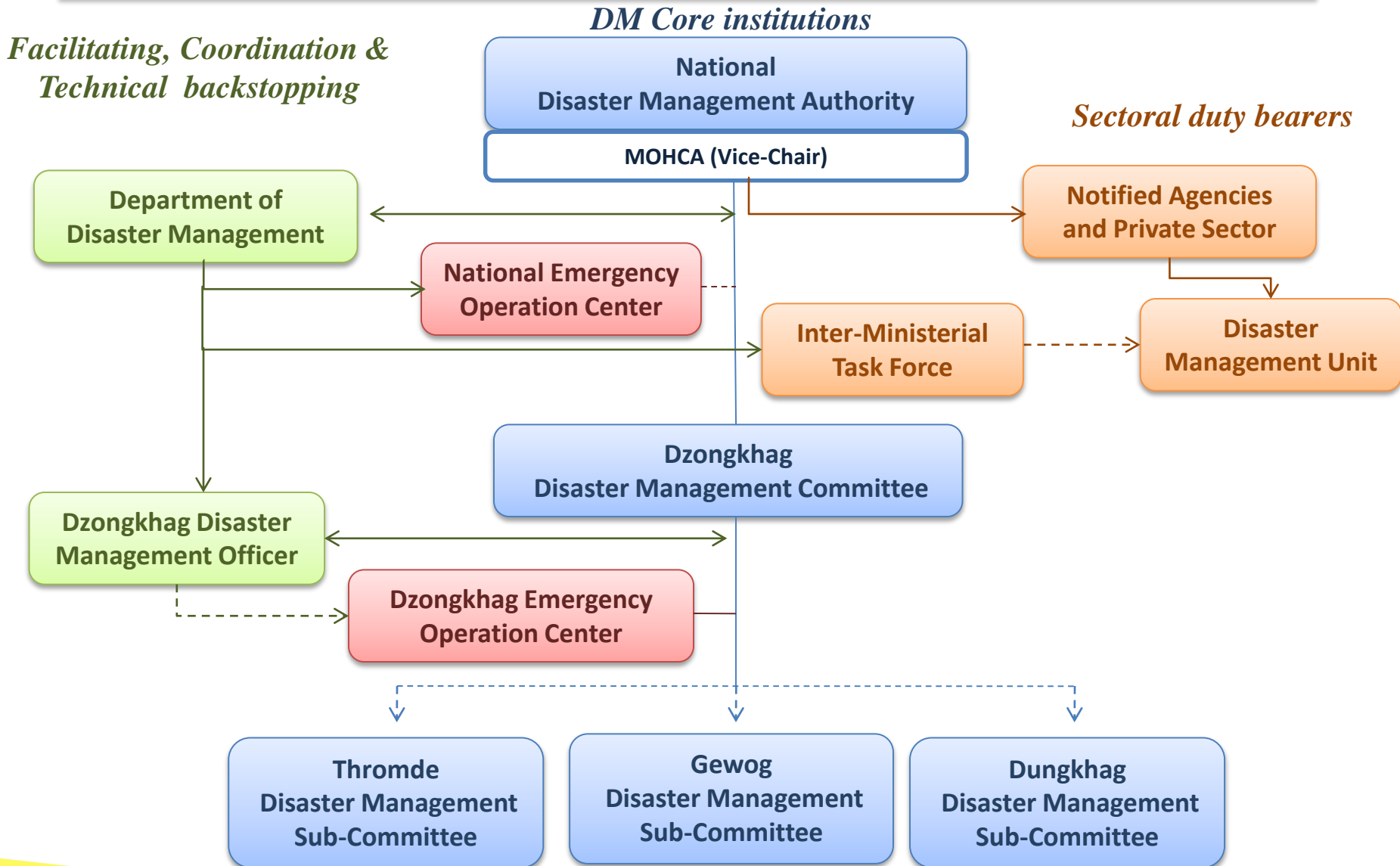
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# Disaster Management Overview



# DISASTER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DM ACT 2013)



## Role of Responsible Agencies vis-à-vis Climate Information

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### DM Rules & Regulation 2014, Chapter 6, Early Warning System

Responsible agencies shall:

- ✓ establish an EWS for potential hazards
- ✓ issue **advisory**
- ✓ issue a **watch message** in consultation with DDM.
- ✓ issue a **warning**, in consultation with the DDM, to signal a threatening disaster



# Role of DDM vis-à-vis Climate Information

DM Act 2013 (60.e) Develop and implement public education, awareness and capacity building programme on disaster management.



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

In continuation to an article published in Kuensel dated Friday October 10, 2014 where a press release from the Department of Hydro-met Services under the Ministry of Economic Affairs stated that Bhutan might be impacted by the rain caused by the Cyclone Hudhud which is moving from the Andaman Sea towards north Andhra Pradesh and Odisha in India on October 12.

The Department of Disaster Management under the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs therefore would like to caution all travelers to be safe while on the road and also to avoid unnecessary late night driving especially on the risky areas. In addition learning from last year's bitter experience where many of our farmers in different parts of the country lost their paddy harvest to rain induced by cyclone in the neighboring countries. Therefore, to avoid similar losses the Department would like to caution the farmers and request them not to harvest their paddy till the cyclone has subsided.

In order to minimize the loss of lives and properties the Department would like to request the general public especially travelers and farmers to kindly adhere to this announcement.



"Reducing Disaster Risk and..."  
**Windstorm Advisory**

In continuation to the Department of Hydro-met Services, Ministry of Economic Affairs announcement regarding severe weather conditions the Department of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs would also like to caution the general public that strong gusty wind of around 30 meter per second is forecasted during the next 72 hours over isolated places of Northern (Gasa and Bumthang) and isolated places of North-west parts (Haa, Paro and Thimphu) of Bhutan.

If you experience strong wind in the areas that you live, the Department would like to advise you to stay indoors and firmly close all windows and doors. In case the weather condition worsens stay on lower floors as the severity of the windstorm increases at higher altitudes. If you are outdoors, take shelter under strong structures. If there are no structures, go to low lying areas, open places away from electrical poles, electrical lines, telephone poles, prayer flags, trees and any hanging objects. If you are driving, pull over to a safe place and stay inside.

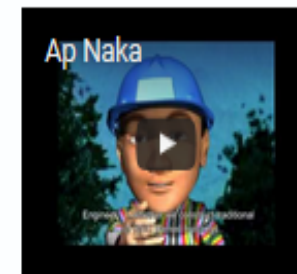
If there are any changes in the forecast the Department of Hydro-met Services, Ministry of Economic Affairs will issue an update.

Preliminary Report on Earthquake as of 14 January 2016 (12:05 BST)

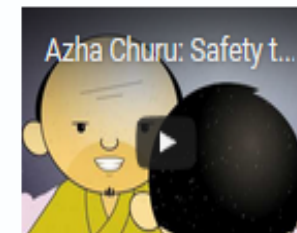


Audio Visual Awareness Info.

Safety tips for Earthquake



Safety tips for Flood



## Issues Pertaining to Climate Information Sharing

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1. Absence of common platform to share information (particularly threatening situation) immediately between Responsible agencies and DDM.
2. Absence of Capacity to analysis information received from Responsible agencies.
3. Improper channel of information dissemination from DDM to vulnerable communities (particularly farmer during harvesting seasons).
4. Needs to strengthen Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) – Role of media should be of more social





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**Thank You**



# CLARIFICATION OF DM PERSPECTIVES

Common views	DM Act 2013
Disaster as an expression of nature when the collective merit of people diminishes	Disaster as seismologic and hydro-meteorological vulnerability exacerbated by climate change and development activities
Disaster management is about response and relief	Pertains to all phases of disasters and its management Must be mainstreamed into development
Disaster management is the responsibility of Department of Disaster Management	Primarily to be delivered by respective sectors under the core management of the DDM. Responsibility of national and Dzongkhag authorities.
Department of Disaster Management is the core agency	DDM is a facilitating coordinator of sectoral duty bearing agencies and other DM actors

