



National Mechanisms for Inter-Agency Coordination

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SETTING THE SCENE

- LESSONS LEARNT FROM RECENT
FLASH FLOODS
- MECHANISM DEVELOPED TO
IMPROVE INTERAGENCY
COORDINATION

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Lessons Learnt from recent Floods – Solomon Islands

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Opportunities

- Good coordination within health sector (MOH report)
- Sector specific assessment form (MOH)

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Challenges/constraints

Information

- Minimum information for initial decision-making (govt., donors, organisations) and declaration
- Assessment (initial overview, initial damage assessment, sector assessments)
- Baseline data
- Information sharing
- Reporting

Coordination & Communication

- Coordination within the sector
- Coordination among sectors
- Coordination between central and province
- Coordination with international actors and expectations
- Inter departmental process for communication and roles and responsibility/authority

Resource Mobilization

- Availability of immediate funds
- Need for specific request for assistance and decision-making
- Availability of equipment/items (MOH)

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Operational capacity

- Capacity to respond (MOH), prepositioned stocks, number of staff
- Logistical constraints/access to affected areas
- Delay in response (weather and safety issue etc/MOH)
- Monitoring of distributions

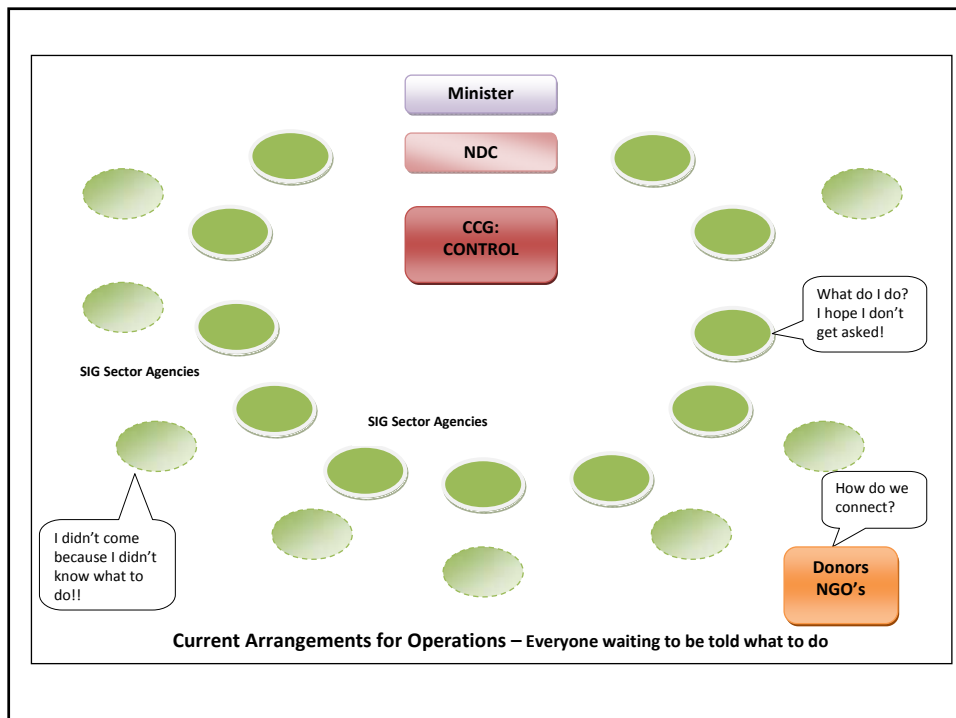
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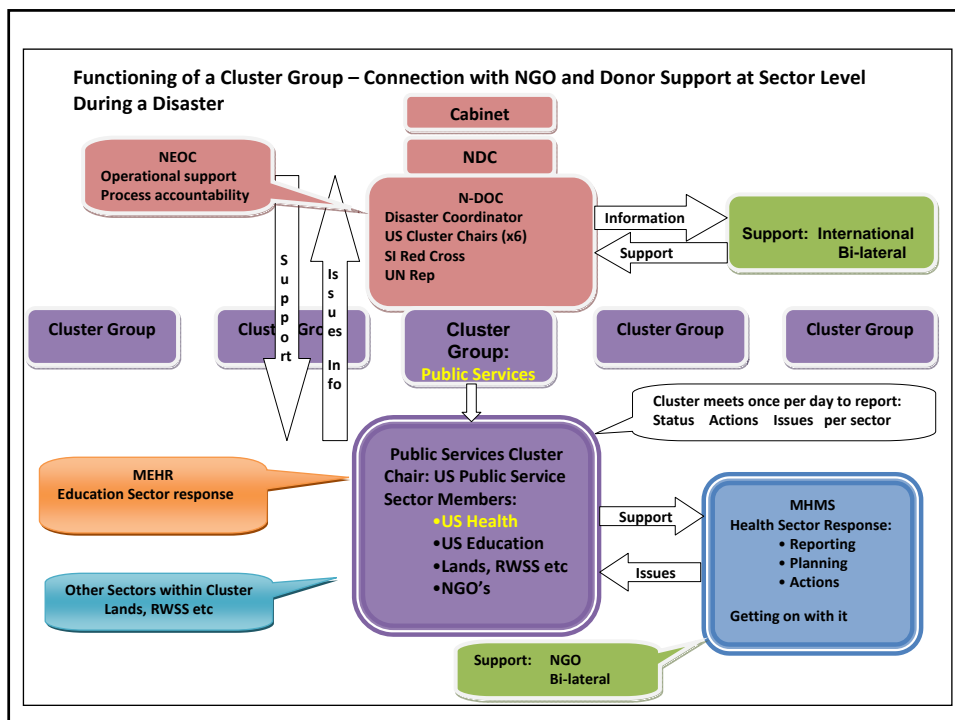



Assessment

- Different assessment forms
- Assessment form not comprehensive
- Duplicating assessment
- Which information is correct?

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Commentary – cont.

This set of arrangements will:

- It will provide a framework for the coordination of SI Govt agencies across levels of Government and into the community
- It also provides a framework for embracing support from partners, NGO's and civil society
- It is based on this model for DRM adopted by SI Govt to inform its new DRM arrangements:

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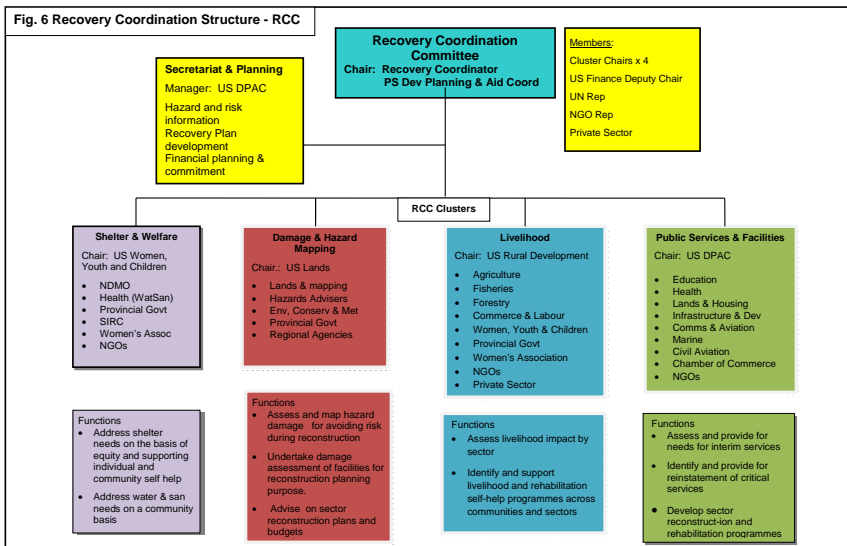


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- This is the Solomon Islands Cluster Structure
- It is replicated in a simpler form at the Provincial level
- It is also replicated for Recovery coordination

which looks like this:

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Commentary – cont.

- When this is in place we will have a strong “National Mechanism for Inter-Agency Coordination”
- which we will expect Sub-regional, Regional and Global Mechanisms to work through
- and the efficiency of coordination for disasters and recovery should improve dramatically

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Commentary – cont.

- We are embarking on implementing our national framework and have a three year work program ahead of us
- Donors and other partner agencies are sceptical about whether we can do this
- However we are committed and need your support
- Please work your arrangements to fit our structures

Can we work together on this in-country?

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