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USAR CAPACITY BUILDING IN SOUTH AFRICA, Musiwalo Moses: SM, Fire Services

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Purpose of presentation

- To provide a high-level summary of the USAR capacity building approach adopted by South Africa.
- To request the Regional Group to take note of the initiative.
- To request support from possible partners in this process.

USAR Legal and institutional framework

- South Africa adopted a National Framework for USAR in February 2014.
- This Framework is governed among others by the –
 - ❖ Constitution, 1996;
 - ❖ Disaster Management Act, 2002
 - ❖ National Disaster Management Framework, 2005, and
 - ❖ Fire Brigade Services Act, 1987.
- NDMC is Country Focal Point for INSARAG & is responsible for overall coordination, policy and strategy development, support to sub-national and municipal spheres of government on USAR activities.



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Purpose of USAR Framework

- The purpose of USAR Framework is to elucidate the exact scope wherein USAR is organised and thereby guiding the development and operational functioning thereof.
- The USAR framework also intends to provide a single framework and enabling environment for Disaster Management Centres at all levels of government, other government departments and stakeholders to deal with USAR in the country.

Framework Guiding Principles

In striving to meet the USAR framework objectives, the national government is guided by the following broad principles:

- The need to save lives;
- The promotion of USAR as critical facet of disaster management;
- Integrated and co-ordinated USAR is based on partnerships and co-operative governance between all spheres of government.
- Efficient and cost-effective USAR must be based and built upon existing capacity in government and civil society.

USAR capacity assessment

- NDMC is busy assessing USAR capacity across the country.
- Emerging trends from data already gathered reveals that major cities/ metropolitan municipalities have fairly adequate capacity.
- Major gaps are found in resource poor provinces and municipalities.
- Intervention strategies will prioritise these areas.
- Final assessment report to be finalised in March 2016.



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USAR capacity building

- The NDMC recognises that some areas require light team capabilities.
- NDMC procured two USAR Equipment caches that are placed strategically in Johannesburg and Cape Town.
- RSA can manage with 2 IECd Medium Teams & build on this to establish a Heavy team.
- Arrangements will be made for the Medium Team (busy with IEC) from Gauteng to respond to major incidents in areas without capacity.
- Provinces such as the Western Cape also have ongoing USAR capacity building programs.

USAR capacity building

- Existing USAR training facilities will be utilised for training of USAR personnel from other areas.
- South Africa welcomes initiatives to support its capacity building initiatives from the Region and or international partners.
- South Africa is confident that the classification of a medium team from Gauteng will enhance its capacity.
- South Africa recognises the critical role it can play in building USAR capacity within the SADC region.

A dramatic landscape photograph showing a volcanic eruption. In the foreground, a lush green vineyard with rows of grapevines is visible. The middle ground features a steep, rocky hillside where a fire is burning, with bright orange and yellow flames and thick white and grey smoke rising into the air. The background shows a mountain range under a sky filled with dark, billowing smoke and a bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or moon, partially obscured by the smoke. The overall scene is one of natural power and contrast between the peaceful foreground and the active volcano.

Thank you