

SEDIBENG DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN



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In accordance with Section 53(1)(a) of the Disaster Management Act (Act 57 of 2002, as amended) each municipality must, within the applicable municipal Disaster Management framework, prepare a disaster management plan for its area in accordance with the prevailing circumstances. Section 53(2) (a) of the Disaster Management Act specifies that the disaster management plan for a municipality must form an integral part of the municipality's IDP and Section 26(g) of the Municipal Systems Act reinforces this requirement by listing "applicable disaster management plans" as a core component of an IDP.

The Disaster Management Plan seeks to achieve the integration of disaster management functions into the strategic and operational planning within the municipality against assessed disaster risks by providing a framework and direction to the municipality for all phases of the Disaster Management Cycle. The plan is in accordance with the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, (Act 57 of 2002), the guidance given in the National Policy Framework, the Provincial Framework, the Sedibeng Disaster Management Policy Framework and the established national practices. The SDMP recognizes the need to minimize, if not eliminate, any ambiguity in the responsibility framework. It, therefore, specifies who is responsible for what at different stages of managing disasters. The SDMP is envisaged as ready for activation at all times in response to an emergency in any part of the country. It is designed in such a way that it can be implemented as needed on a flexible and scalable manner in all phases of disaster management:

- a) mitigation (prevention and risk reduction),
- b) preparedness,
- c) response and
- d) recovery (immediate restoration to build-back better).

In accordance with the Disaster Management Act, (Act 57 of 2002, as amended) municipalities must conduct a disaster management risk assessment before preparing a disaster management plan. The Emergency Management Services Directorate, as a custodian of disaster management conducted Disaster Risk and Vulnerability Assessment exercise, in consultation with the locals, which highlighted the following risks for the regions:

- Floods
- Fires (Informal settlement)
- Fires (Veld/Urban)
- Hazardous Materials Disasters
- Storms and Tornadoes

- Dolomite (Sinkholes)
- Mass casualty incidents (stampede).
- Major transport incidents
- Disease Outbreak Disasters

The Sedibeng Disaster Management Plan therefore attempt to specifically focus on addressing the above-mentioned or identified disaster risks.

Key strategic focus areas

Strengthening institutional capacity

Objective: To ensure the establishment, maintenance and strengthening of the integrated municipal disaster management capacity in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Management Act.

Disaster risk assessment

Objective: To establish a uniform approach to assessing and monitoring disaster risks that will inform disaster risk management planning and disaster risk reduction undertaken by organs of state and other role players.

Disaster risk reduction actions

Objective: To integrate the implementation of disaster reduction strategies.

Disaster response and recovery actions

Objective: To ensure effective and appropriate disaster response and recovery mechanisms.

Rehabilitation and reconstruction

Objective: To develop and implement measures ensuring a holistic approach to rehabilitation and reconstruction in the aftermath of a significant event or disaster.