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Vulnerable Communities

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this plan is to ensure to reduce the hazards within the Overstrand Area.

Define vulnerable communities

Vulnerable communities can be defined as a part of a “population” that experience a higher risk of poverty and social exclusion than the general population. This sector requires particular effort to be made at all levels of policy planning and implementation to inform amongst other resource allocations.

Disaster risk reduction (DRR) protects the lives and livelihoods of communities and individuals who are most vulnerable to disaster or any emergencies. Disaster can be caused by both human & nature (or a combination of both) The DRR main focus is to ensure that there is a reduction in the communities by concentrating on the following dimension within the vulnerable communities:

- Exposure to hazards
- Vulnerability and capacity
- Characteristics of each hazard

The above-mentioned items will minimize or prevent any new risks, it can also ensure that the existing risk can be reduced and increase resilience overall.

Three important factors involving Disaster Management in vulnerable communities include the next phase:

- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery













RELIEF ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT OFFICE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING THE BASIC SUPPLIES:

- Bedding (matrasses, blankets, pillows)
- Sanitation supplies
- Assistance from NGO's
- Assistance from Business Sectors

In closing, the Overstrand Municipality's disaster management perspective is centred around a proactive and collaborative approach that prioritizes the needs of vulnerable communities. Through continuous improvement of our contingency plans, the Overstrand Municipality is committed to building resilience and ensuring the safety of its citizens. By fostering partnerships with stakeholders, leveraging technology, and adhering to relevant legislation, the Overstrand Municipality aims to minimize the impact of disasters and provide effective support to those affected.

Through conducting of disaster risk reduction initiatives and risk assessments of specific hazards affecting our vulnerable communities, we continuously enhancing our understanding of the level of vulnerability our communities are faced with and how to effectively prepare, respond and recover from threats. Our efforts to regularly enhance our disaster management strategies will undoubtedly contribute to a safer and more resilient future for all residents.

