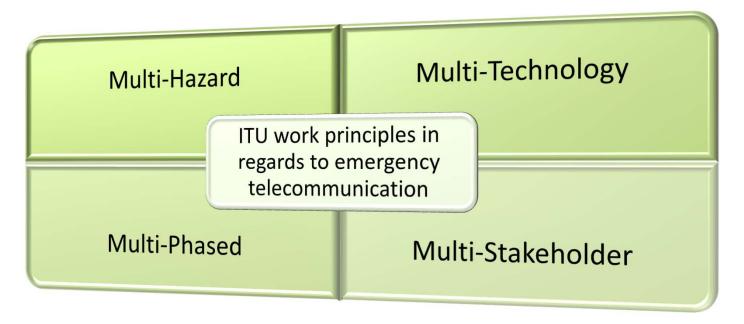
# Emergency Telecommunications (ET) & National ET Plan

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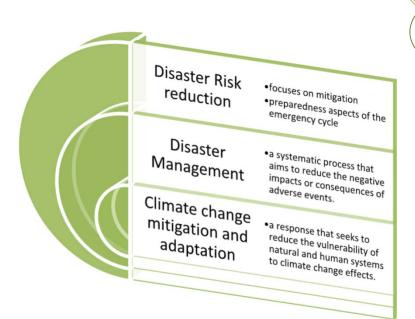
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#### **ITU & Emergency Telecommunications**

Emergency telecommunications is an integral part of Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT). Emergency Telecommunications division implements **activities** related to telecommunications/ICTs in disaster management and disaster risk reduction.



#### **ITU Areas of Action**



Development and Review of National Emergency Telecommunication Plans

Formulation and review of Standard Operating Procedures, Policies and Appropriate Regulations

Deployment of Emergency Telecommunication Equipment for preparedness, response and reconstruction.

Human and Institutional Capacity Building through workshops, conferences and various forums.

Forging Stakeholder Partnerships as a form of resource mobilization.

Project Design and Implementation (Early Warning Systems, Remote Sensing, etc)

#### **ITU Emergency Telecommunication Assistance**



#### During disaster ITU provides assistance with:

- Satellite Phones
- Satellite Terminals (BGANs, VSATs, etc)
- Training on Equipment if needed
- Airtime Costs
- Freight Costs to and from the country

#### Providing a communication equipment for the government that is critical in:

- Coordinating rescue and relief operations;
- Setting up telemedicine links between hospitals and medics in the field;
- Providing call centers where disaster victims can contact their loved ones.
- Coordinating infrastructure recovery/re-building operations.

#### Partners donate equipment and cash

















#### **COUNTRIES RECENTLY ASSISTED BY ITU**

- Fiji, Cyclone Winston, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- Nepal, 7.9 earthquake, 25th August 2015
- Micronesia, Cyclone Maysak, 30th March 2015
- Vanuatu, Cyclone Pam, 13th March, 2015
- Kenya, Extreme floods, 15th May, 2015
- Mozambique, Severe flooding, 16th January, 2015
- Malawi, Severe floods, 15th January, 2015

#### ITU deploys emergency telecom equipment to Fiji

- Category-five Cyclone Winston crashed into Fiji Islands on February 20, 2016 bringing winds of over 325km/h, torrential rain and high sea waves.
- The Cyclone caused loss of lives and destruction to infrastructure including telecommunications, power lines and roads. Many villages have been destroyed on the island of Koro, North-East of the main island Viti Levu where the capital Suva is located.
- ITU deployed emergency telecommunication equipment in response to the Government of Fiji request for assistance.
- The emergency telecommunication equipment provided include satellite phones, satellite broadband terminals and accessories, which are being used to support relief and coordination efforts.









#### **ITU Emergency Assistance: Philippines**

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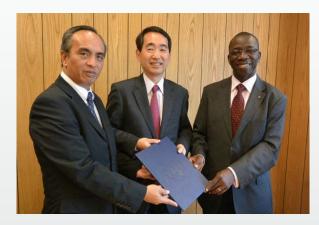
- ITU deployed satellite telecommunications equipment to be used for relief activities in areas of the Philippines severely affected by the recent Typhoon. (2014)
- ITU deployed satellite telecommunications equipment to be used for relief activities in areas of the Philippines severely affected by Typhoon Haiyan one of the most powerful typhoons ever recorded. ITU has deployed a number of Thuraya satellite telephones, Iridium satellite phones, Inmarsat satellite phones, Inmarsat Broadband Global Area Network terminals, VSAT Terminals and QUALCOMM Deployable Base Station. (December 2013)





#### **Deployment of MRDUS: ITU-Japan-Philippines**

- Philippines and Japan along with ITU signed a cooperation agreement for the development of a Movable and Deployable ICT Resource Unit (MRDU) that can be deployed in areas to provide broadband communications before, during and the conduct of relief operations after natural disasters.
- MDRU can be quickly deployed to restore communications in communities in the aftermath of a disaster. The unit is self-reliant running on its own power source and/or is able to harness other power sources such as power generators or local active power lines. The unit is in its final R&D phase.
- The MDRU is approximately the same size as a 12-footlong shipping container. It is equipped with an array of communications equipment, servers, storage devices, and designed to bring not only a communications infrastructure but also data center functions to a disaster-stricken area in a very short time.





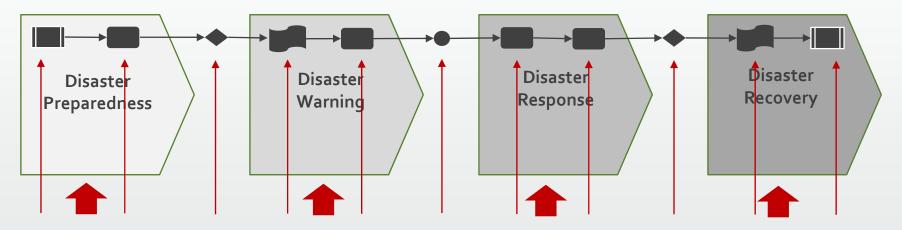
## **Disaster Management Phases**



# National Disaster Management Plan

**National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO)** 

# Disaster Management Business Process / Workflow



ICTs | Telecommunications | ICTs | Telecommunications | ICTs



# National Disaster Management Plan

**National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO)** 

# **Key Areas**

Resource Inventory ICT Infrastructure Human Capacity Building Procedural Measure

Coordination/ Cooperation Mechanism Institutional Arrangements

Stakeholder Engagement & Outreaching

Funding Mechanism

### ITU Project Proposal on NETP Development

- Proposal to Australia
- Expected outputs:
  - Case studies
  - o NETP development framework / guidelines
  - o NETP development in three countries of the Pacific
  - o Human capacity building
- Key stakeholders: NDMO, national telecommunication regulatory authority, ministry of communications/ICT
- Timeframe: 2017 2018

