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# Structure of the Presentation

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# Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU)

- The Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit is a permanently established statutory government agency, forming part of the Office of the Vice President.
- It is charged with the responsibility of ensuring the achievement of the nation's disaster management objectives.

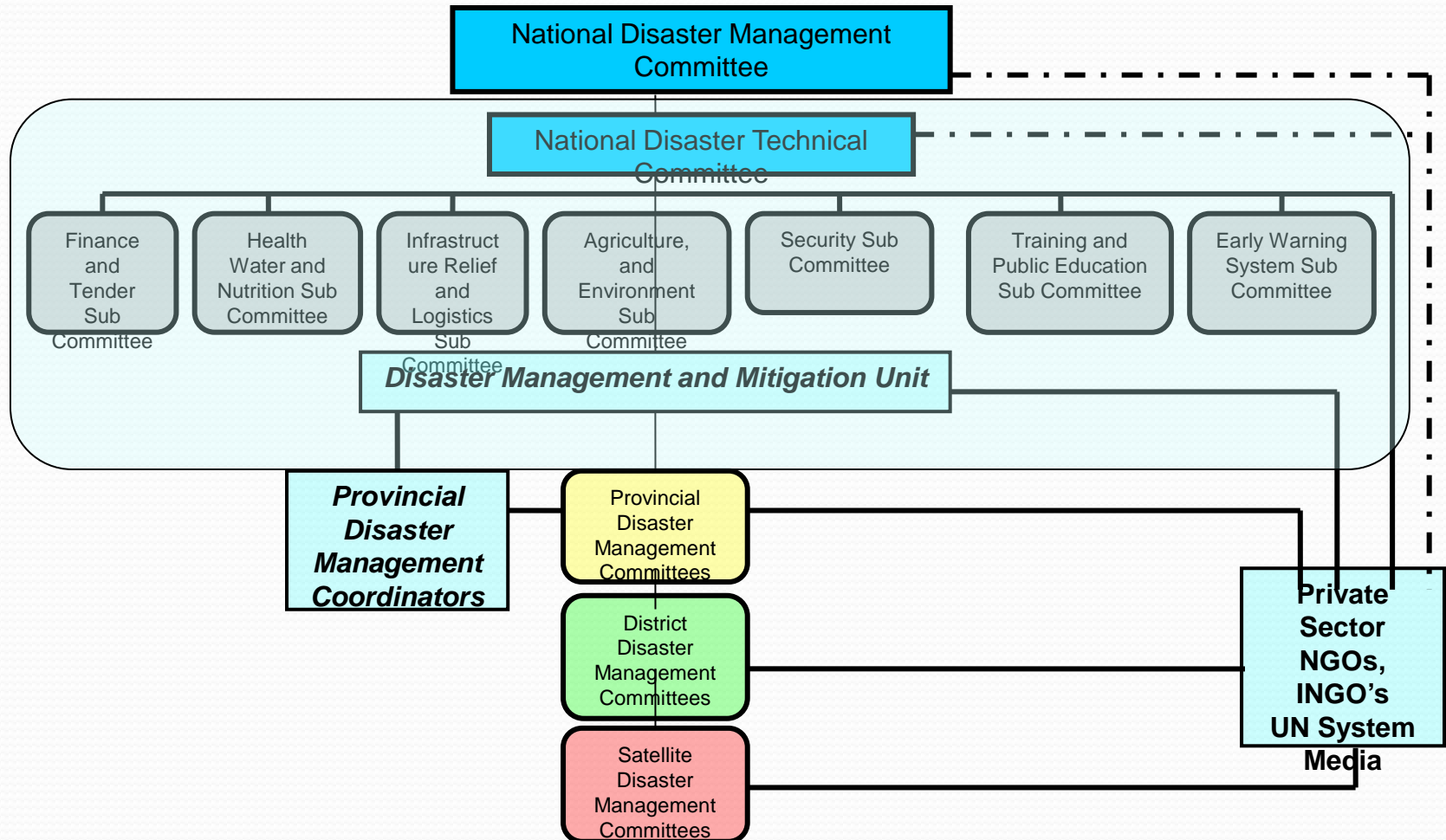
# Vision and Mission of DMMU

- The vision of the DM regime is to promote a 'safety net' for the protection of the citizenry, assets and environment against disasters through a pro-active, community based, developmental and multi-sectoral approach.
- The mission is to effectively and efficiently manage disasters in order to minimize loss of lives, damage to property and environment through harmonization of national efforts

# National Disaster Management Structure

- The National Disaster Management Structure has vertical and horizontal linkages as shown in Figure 1. The figure shows how the district structure is linked to the provincial and national structure.

# DISASTER MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE



# Types of Hazards in Zambia

Some of the main hazards in Zambia are:

1. Droughts,
2. Floods,
3. Epidemics,
4. Environmental degradation,
5. Earthquakes,
6. Internally displaced populations
7. Accidents.
8. Pest infestation,

# Zambia national contingency plan for Floods

- Developed every year.
- This contingency plan covers the forthcoming rainy season with the likely scenario of having floods as a hazard. This scenario is based on the rainfall forecast for the country obtained from the Zambia Meteorological Department (ZMD). It anticipates a total population of people (households) residing in districts who are likely be affected by floods. The activities to be carried out before and during the floods will receive priority over those to be conducted after the floods when resource mobilization is conducted.



# Types of warnings on impending weather and flash floods.

- DMMU receives information from Zambia Meteorological Department as a Member of Disaster Committees at all the levels
- This information is basically on floods and drought situation
- Direct communication with the appropriate levels of Committees
- Through the media like news papers, television, radio and internet

# **Disaster Risk Reduction is the Responsibility of Everyone!**

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***Thank you for Your Attention!!***