



GRENADA RED CROSS SOCIETY

**Presentation for the
Caribbean Emergency Legislation
Project**

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Background



- Affiliation to IFRC
- Principles
- Mandate



REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM



- **Coordinating Unit Panama – PADRU**
- **Magnitude of event**
- **GRCS Ability**
- **DREF**
- **Regional Intervention Teams (RITs)**
- **IFRC/GRCS Assessment**
- **Appeal**
- **Emergency Relief and Recovery**



LOCAL RESPONSE SYSTEM



**NaDMA Draft Emergency Plan – 7th Sept, 2005,
Version 3.1**

- **Chapter 6 – Role of Private Sector, Non-Governmental Organizations and Service Clubs**
- **6.2.- Red Cross Society.**





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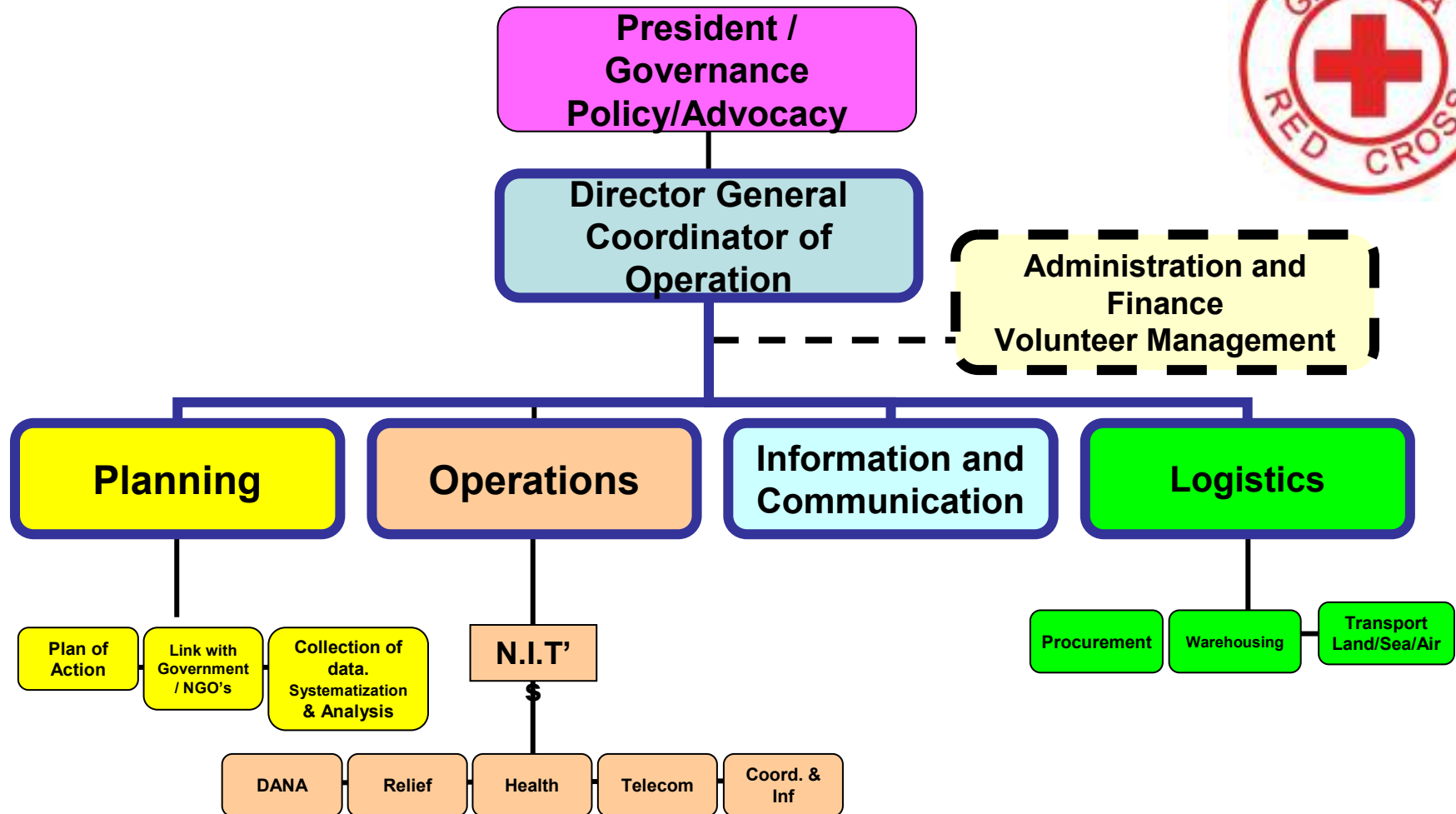
- To design, update, test and evaluate continuity of operations and emergency response plans and procedures.
- Assist with First-Aid training
- Provide relief supplies
- Assist with distribution of relief supplies
- Assist with Emergency Shelters
- Co-ordinate activities of voluntary organisations
- International tracing
- Assist in search and rescue
- Education
- Water and sanitation
- Liaise with health services re: health issues/risks following disasters
- Psychosocial support and counselling



SWOT Analysis

- **Experience from 2 recent hurricanes**
- **Trained volunteers and staff**
- **Increased visibility and dependability**
- **External partners – government, media, IFRC**
- **Credibility**
- **National Coordinating Mechanism**





HUMAN RESOURCE



Regional Intervention Teams (RITS)

- **3 General**
- **3 Health in Emergency**
- **6 Logistics**
- **2 Telecommunication/IT**
- **1 Information /Reporting**
- **1 Leader in Field Assessment &Coordinating Team**
- **1 FACT trained**



COMMUNITY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS



- FIRST AID
- PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
- RADIO COMMUNICATION
- DISASTER RESPONSE MANAGEMENT
- HIV/AIDS IN EMERGENCY
- SHELTER MANAGEMENT
- DAMAGE AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- RECOVERY, RECONSTRUCTION & REHABILITATION
- RELIEF DISTRIBUTION



WAREHOUSING



SWOT Analysis



- **Competition – adhoc groups**
- **Unsolicited goods**
- **Lack of funding - subvention**
- **Loss of staff and volunteers**
- **Replacement stock**
- **Clarification of roles and responsibilities – coordinating vs implementing**
- **Other priorities**



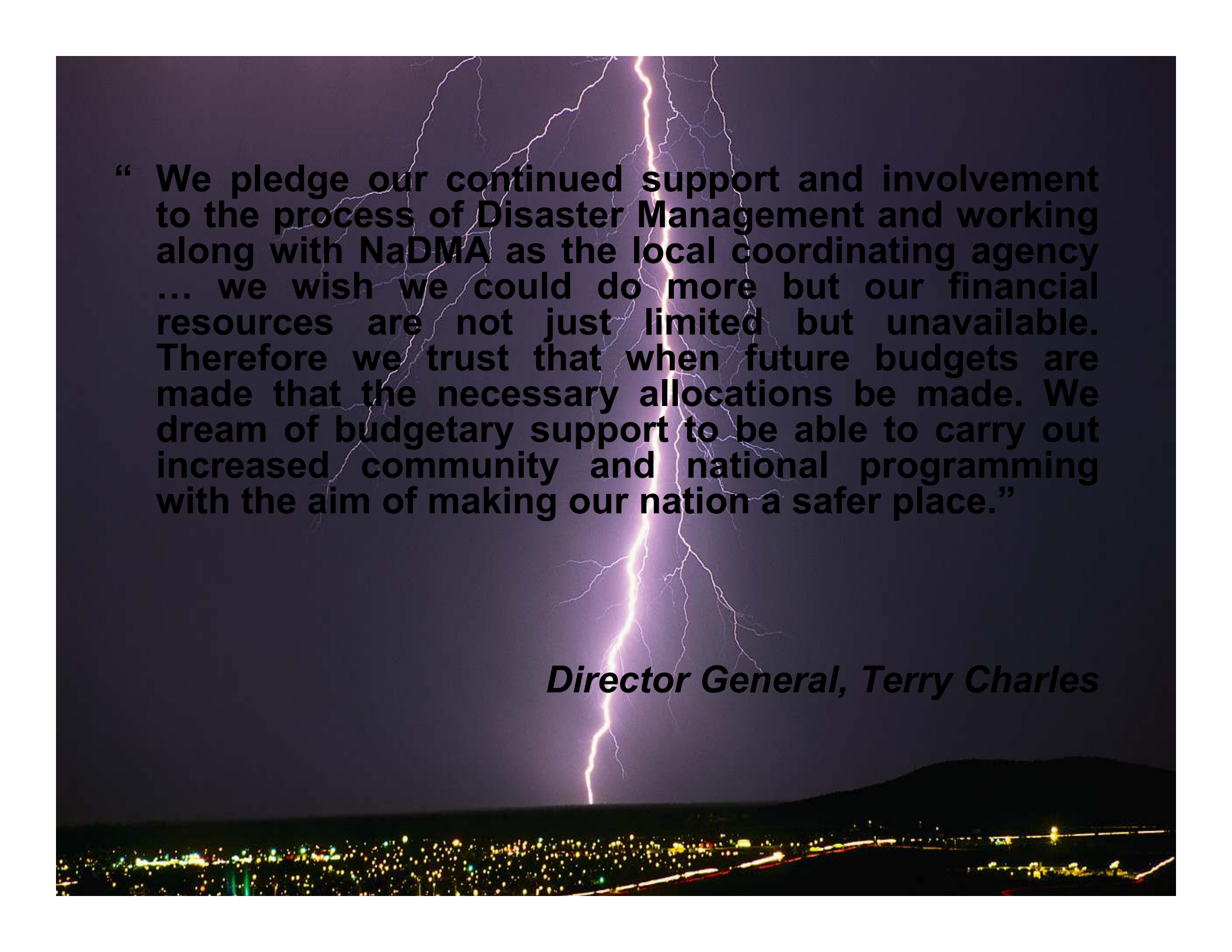
Recommendations



Legislation

- **Continuous training – community, volunteers, simulation, media**
- **Definition of relief goods**
- **Funding allocation for disaster management**
- **Functions clearly defined**





“ We pledge our continued support and involvement to the process of Disaster Management and working along with NaDMA as the local coordinating agency ... we wish we could do more but our financial resources are not just limited but unavailable. Therefore we trust that when future budgets are made that the necessary allocations be made. We dream of budgetary support to be able to carry out increased community and national programming with the aim of making our nation a safer place.”

Director General, Terry Charles

