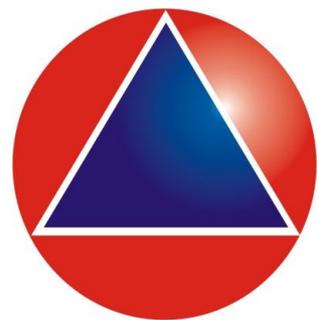


# Camdeboo Municipality Disaster Management Plan



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## PART 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### Foreword

***“Whilst hazards are inevitable, and the elimination of all risks impossible, there are many technical measures, traditional practices and public experiences that can reduce the extent or severity of economic, environmental and social disasters.”***

South Africa is susceptible to a range of hazards, both natural and technological, which have the capacity to impact significantly on national and municipal development strategies and initiatives. The sustainability of such initiatives will therefore depend very much on how successfully risks associated with these hazards can be managed.

This Disaster Management Plan provides a framework through which a holistic and comprehensive risk management can be undertaken within the local municipality.

The focus, as required by the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002, and within the legislated disaster management framework, is on minimizing the effects of hazards on local communities by ensuring a co-ordinated effort in risk management within the Camdeboo Municipality utilizing partnerships of Provincial Government, District and non- governmental bodies with a responsibility or capacity in disaster risk management and emergency response.

This plan has been designed around the identified risks, identified during the Risk Assessment process. The Plan outlines the national disaster management framework. The plan further identifies the risk environment for Camdeboo Municipality and outlines the key institutional and programming components relative to effective risk management and emergency response.

The Plan is not designed to usurp the incident management responsibilities of the various emergency services or other organizations within the community that respond to events which fall within their normal daily activities. Instead the plan is designed to enhance the capacity of the emergency services to more effectively plan for and respond to emergency situations. This is achieved through the combined processes of hazard and risk analysis, which provides more realistic base information upon which to frame operational plans and procedures.

The Plan is a dynamic document which may be extended in the future to incorporate any additional risk treatment options as they are identified following formal hazard and risk analysis. The Plan will also be amended in line with changes in the legislation and current best practice, and to reflect lessons learnt from the impact of hazards and other disaster situations that may rise.

## **Disaster Management Plan – Objective**

To strengthen the capacity of the Camdeboo Municipalities disaster management system to reduce unacceptable risks and improve response and recovery activities.

## **Strategic Focus**

Move disaster management programming efforts from a response and relief emphasis to comprehensive risk management culture.

## **Authority for Planning and Authorisation of the Plan**

*The Camdeboo Local Municipality Disaster Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002, and within the Cacadu disaster management framework, and is aimed at ensuring an integrated and uniform approach to comprehensive disaster management within the Municipality.*

This Plan has been documented by the Disaster Management Center, Cacadu District Municipality, with the support of the Camdeboo Local Municipality.

**Disaster Management Centre**

**Cacadu District Municipality**

*Date: November 2010*

This Plan will be endorsed by the Executive Committee and recommended to Council for approval.

**Municipal Manager**

*Date:*

This Plan is approved.

**Mayor Camdeboo Municipality**

*Date:*