

There are several disaster situations that could be mainly found in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Balapitiya

	Disaster	How it can be happened
1	Tsunami	Earthquakes that may occur suburb to Indonesia
2	Flood followed by high rainfall	Blockage prevail at drainage system in the area and unauthorized constructions
3	Flood	Blocking of river mouths of Madu Ganga and Duwemodara River
4	Cyclone	Depending on the climatic conditions
5	Lightening	Depending on the climatic conditions
6	Earth slips	Illegal excavations

Flood

The water level is recorded at the water gauges installed near the Madu River and the Kosgoda Duwe Modara River, and the occurrence of flood conditions can be identified based on observations of those water levels and the readings of the rain gauge installed at the Divisional Secretariat.

Tsunami

Information given by the District Secretariat Galle.

Cyclone

Messages given by the Department of Meteorology via the District Secretariat.

Lightening

Messages given by the Department of Meteorology via the District Secretariat .

Landslide

Grama Niladhari Reports

When a disaster occurs within a Grama Niladhari division, steps will be taken as per the above organizational plan and the Grama Niladhari will provide the following information to the Divisional Secretary and the Disaster Relief Services Officer through a short message.

Grama Niladhari Division -Incident- Date -Time- Number of affected families- Number of people

Updating information on disaster situations is done in the same way, and written information regarding the need for cooked food or dry rations will be provided by the Grama Niladhari to the Divisional Secretary.

Volunteer officers of the Rural Disaster Management Committee will work with the Grama Niladhari to collect information during disaster situations.

Support will be provided to the Grama Niladhari to make aware the public, to make lists of affected people, camp setting and to carry out relief activities.

Regional Disaster Management Committee

The Regional Disaster Management Committee is operated within the Divisional Secretariat, headed by the Divisional Secretary.

1. As a preparatory measure to face possible disaster situations, the committee will convene twice a year, that is, within the months of March and September each year. All members of the committee will participate in these meetings. During these meetings, the main focus will be on discussing the preparedness of the division and the actions that can be taken in the future.
2. In emergency disaster situations, this committee will be convened immediately to coordinate the necessary actions. Committee members will be informed through short messages sent to them and through notifications issued via the Divisional Secretary's official Twitter account. Accordingly, the committee members will take steps to provide prompt relief to the affected people in the division.
3. The Disaster Management Committee consists of officers representing various institutions in order to manage incidents that may occur within the division. Through these officers, the officials of those institutions will be directly connected. Responsibilities related to disaster management have also been assigned through the Disaster Management Sub-Committee, and the relevant activities will be implemented by them accordingly.
4. This process is further planned by the disaster management sub committee of the area.

Preparedness for Disaster Situation

1. Preparedness within the Grama Niladhari Division

Establishment of a rural Disaster Management Committee under the leadership of the Grama Niladhari.

Conducting training programmes on preparedness for disaster situations. -DMC

Identifying the disasters that may occur and the risk-prone locations within the Grama Niladhari division.

Evacuation when necessary and identifying safe centres suitable for relief camps.

Organization Plan within the Grama Niladhari Division

Regional Disaster Management Committee



Disaster Relief Services Officer



Grama Niladhari

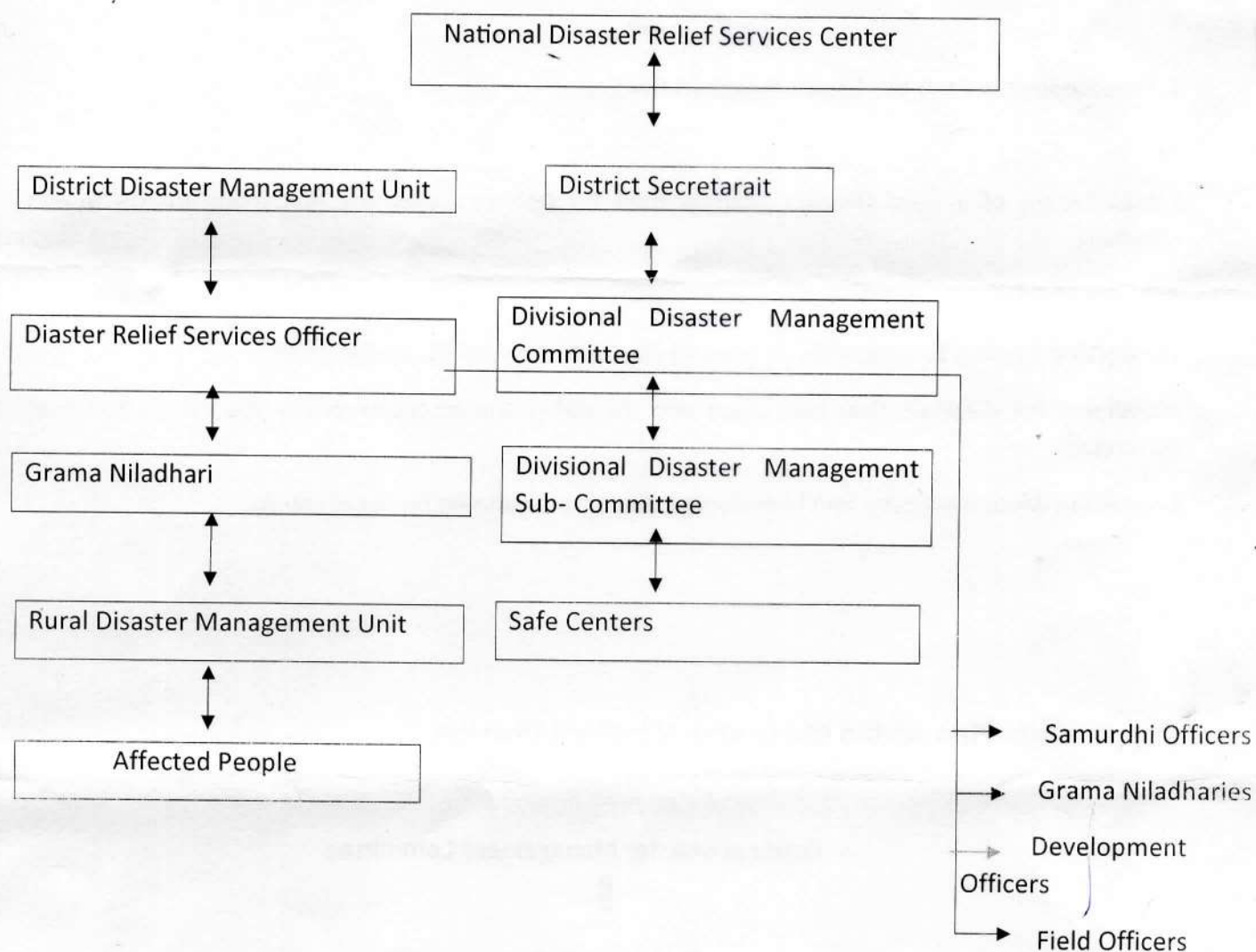


Rural Disaster Management Committee



Affected People

Organization Plan of the Division on an Emergency



According to the above organizational structure, the disaster report prepared by the Disaster Relief Services Officer, based on the information received from the Grama Niladharies, is forwarded to the District Secretariat under the direct supervision of the Divisional Secretary. Accordingly, the provision of immediate government relief assistance is carried out through the National Disaster Relief Services Centre.

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| Divisional Secretary | - Supervision of all matters . |
| Assistant Divisional Secretary | - Coordination of officers, planning of damages caused to houses . |
| Assistant Director Planning | - Supervision of development officers, coordination of voluntary organizations, supervision of acceptance of materials and equipment. |
| Administrative Officer | - Distribution of supply services. |
| Accountant | - Coordination of financial supervision. |
| Headquarters Grama Niladhari | - Coordination of Grama Niladharies. |