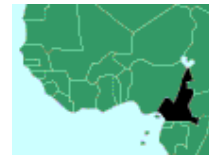




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Cameroon has opted for a globally decentralised multi-agency and multi-disciplinary approach to the prevention and management of disasters, in line with government policy promoting civil defence as the focus for all its partners in the field.

1. Legislation :

A set of regulations governs the conduct of prevention and management of disasters in the Cameroon among which:

In terms of Legislation:

- Law N°67-LF-9 of 12 June 1967 concerning the general organisation of civil defence;
- Law N°86/016 of 6 December 1986 concerning the general reorganisation of civil defence and revoking the law of 1973;

In terms of Regulation :

- Decree N°68-DF-7 of 15 January 1968 requiring that the security of vitally important civilian infrastructure be strengthened;
- Decree N°74/199 of 14 March 1974 regulating the inhumation, exhumation and transfer of corpses operations;
- Decree N°96/054 of 12 March 1996 setting down the composition and remit of the National Civil Defence Council;

- Decree N°98/031 of 9 March 1998 pertaining to the management of the plans of action and rescue efforts in the event of a disaster or major threat;
- Decree N°2002/018 of 18 January 2002 ratifying the framework Convention for emergency aid in civil defence adopted at the Geneva on 22 May 2000.
- Decree N°2005-104 of 13 April 2005 concerning the organisation of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation;
- Decree N°2005/327 of 6 September 2005 on the management of civil aviation security crises in Cameroon;
- Presidential Instruction N°02/CAB/PRC of 18 January 1968 regarding the safeguard and protection of vitally important civilian infrastructure;
- Presidential Instruction N°16/CAB/PRC of 1 September 1972 on the organisation of rescue efforts ;
- Presidential Instruction N°005/CAB/PR of 24 August 1987 on monitoring the Nation's security;
- Directive N°037/PM of 19 March 2003 concerning the establishment, organisation and functioning of a National Observatory of Risks.

2. Mission :

The Civil Defence Executive of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation (CDE/MTAD) is the body which coordinates multi-agency collaboration in matters of disaster prevention and management on a national level. Decree N°2004/320 of 8 December 2004 concerning the organisation of Government has made it the second of the three strategic axis of the Ministry for Territorial Administration and Decentralisation. Further, in the terms of Decree N°2005-104 of 13 April 2005 on the organisation of this ministerial department, the Civil Defence Directorate is responsible for:

- the general organisation of civil defence throughout the country;
- research into civil defence in peace as well as war times, in partnership with the relevant organisations;
- relations with national and international civil defence organisations;
- devising training schemes for civil defence personnel in partnership with the Human Resources Department;
- examining requests for compensation and financial aid made by disaster victims;
- the control of the use of disaster relief;
- the coordination of the measures put in place for civil defence, notably for rescue, logistics and the deployment of back-up and auxiliary services;
- the transfer of corpses ;
- the follow-up and management of assistance.

3. Organisation :

To accomplish its mission, the civil defence sector has at its disposal three complementary groups of structures: for coordination, for facilitation, and for operations.

3.1 The co-ordination structure

In order to co-ordinate government's national multi-agency response and collaboration policy for risk prevention and disaster management, the Civil Defence Executive of the Ministry for Territorial Administration and Decentralisation (CDE/MTAD) has at its disposal:

1/ *Sub-Directorate for Co-Ordination of Interventions (SDCI)* charged, under the authority of an Assistant Director with:

- the organisation of assistance ;
- the assessment of requests for compensation and financial assistance made by disaster victims ;
- controlling the distribution of financial assistance ;
- the coordination of means brought into play for civil defence, notably assistance, rescue, logistics, and the deployment of complementary and auxiliary services.

It comprises the Co-Ordination Service and the Assistance and Interventions Service, each made up of two sections

2/ *Research and Prevention Unit (RPU)* placed under the authority of a Chief and responsible for:

- research relating to appropriate civil defence measures for both times of war and peace;
- preparing training courses for civil defence personnel;
- examining requests for the transfer of corpses.

The Unit also includes three research assistants.

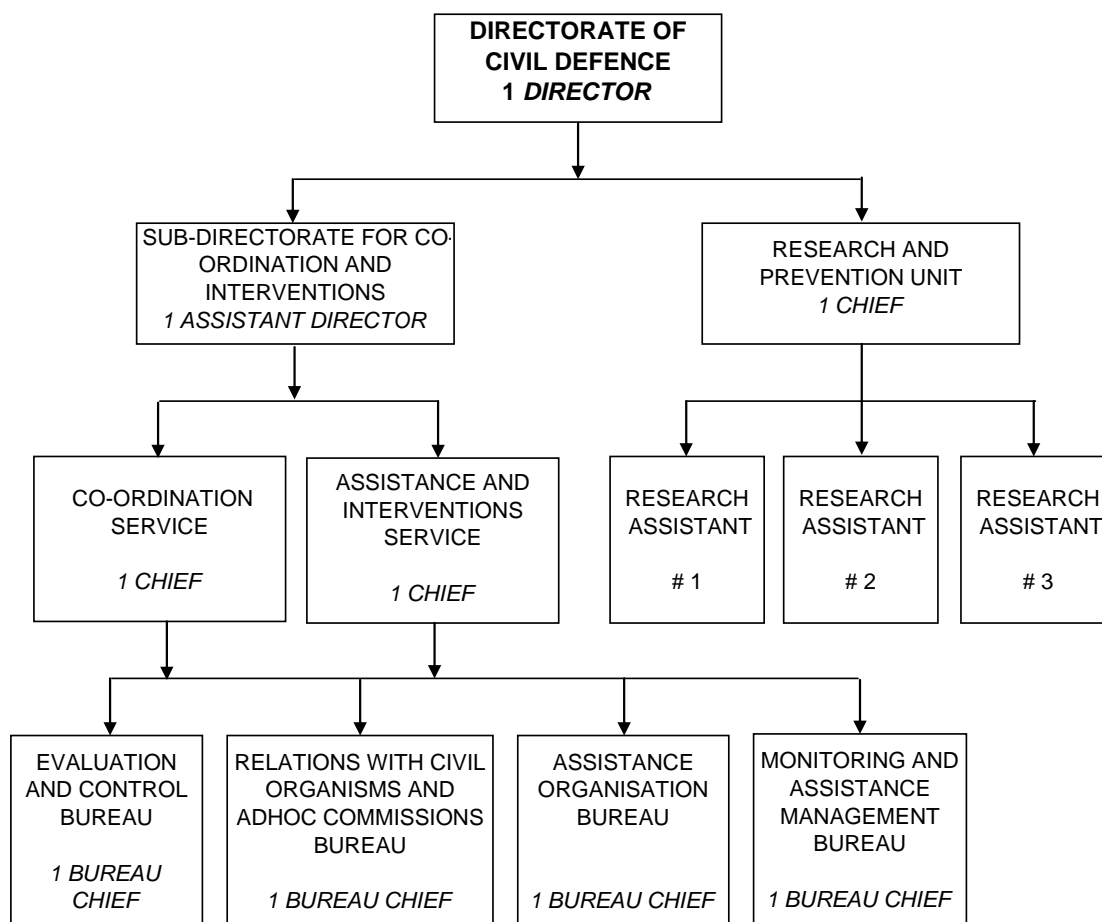
A detailed study of the Civil Defence Directorate's responsibilities reveals a fine balancing act between its administrative, humanitarian and law enforcement duties.

All the administrations implicated and some international organisations, intervene as partners in the field of risk prevention in Cameroon.

In the event of a disaster, MTAD, through the Directorate for Civil Defence, takes centre stage in organising and co-ordinating assistance. The other agencies involved each intervene in their area of expertise.

The fire service, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Cameroon's Red Cross are responsible for assistance and rescue.

ORGANISATION CHART OF THE CIVIL DEFENCE DIRECTORATE



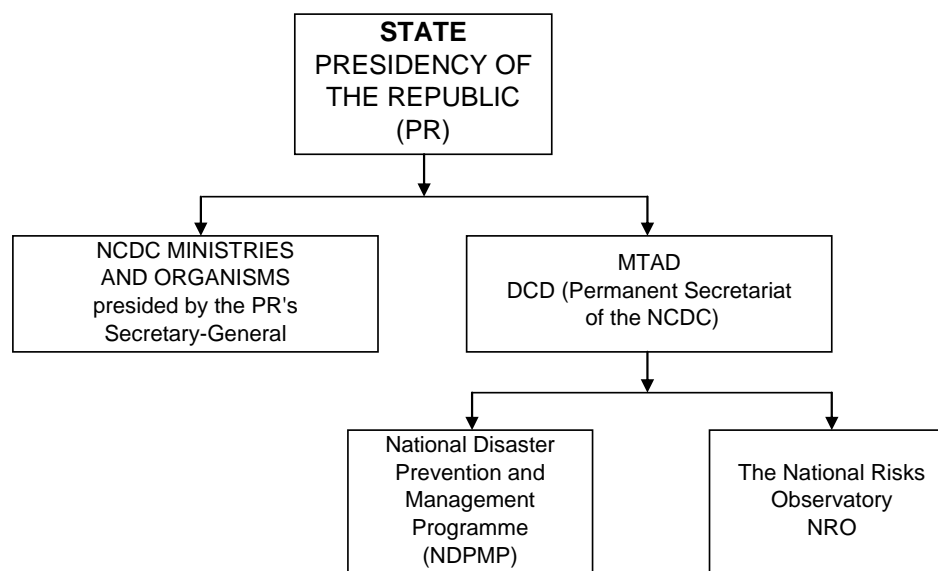
3.2 The assistance structures

The Civil Defence Directorate of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation works in partnership with all the agencies involved in risk prevention and with other parties and support organizations such as:

- the National Civil Defence Council (NCDC), a consultative body working alongside the Secretary-General of the Presidency of the Republic,
- The National Risks Observatory (NRO) responsible for collecting, processing, archiving and spreading information on risks;
- The National Disaster Prevention and Management Programme (NDPMP), is a dialogue organ for participants set up in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with the aim of reinforcing the Government's available managerial, logistical and material means in terms of disaster planning, prevention and management;

- International assistance Organisations (UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, ICRC).

These assistance organisations offer a forum within which multi-agency and multi-disciplinary analysis is possible, and which enables the conception and implementation of governmental disaster prevention and management policies and programmes.

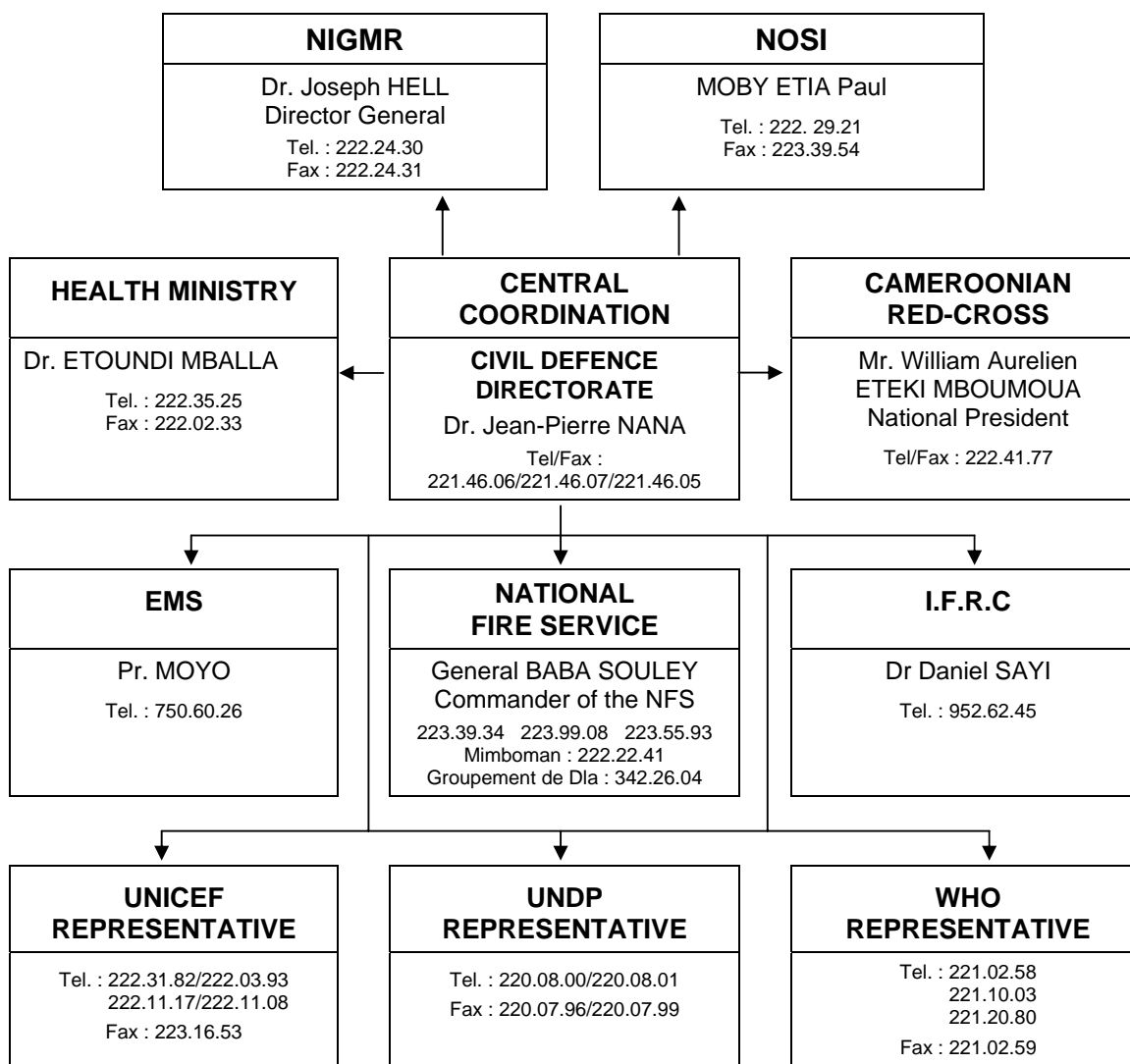


3.3 The operational structures

Made up of government services, United Nations agencies and the Red Cross, they intervene within the framework of their areas of expertise and attributions to manage disasters, under the overall control of the Directorate for Civil Defence.

They include, in particular, the National Fire Service (NFS), the Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the National Institute for Geological and Mining Research (NIGMR), the National Ordinance Survey Institute (NOSI) and the Cameroonian Red Cross (CRC).

PRINCIPAL EMERGENCY DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND INTERVENTION AGENCIES



4. Personnel :

4.1 The Management :

- Director of Civil Defence;
- Deputy-Director for the Co-Ordination of Interventions;
- Chairman of the Studies and Prevention Committee;
- Chief of the Co-ordination Service;

- Chief of the Assistance and Interventions Service;
- Research Assistant #1 ;
- Research Assistant # 2 ;
- Research Assistant # 3.

4.2 Support Personnel :

- central focal point - the National Risks Observatory (NRO) ;
- Chief of the Civil Defence Programmes and Projects Support Secretariat;
- seven Support Managers ;
- four Heads of Bureau ;
- an Accountant ;
- two Senior Secretaries ;
- one Health Manager;
- one Information Technology Manager ;
- two support staff ;
- one liaison staff;
- one full-time secretary;
- three part-time secretaries ;
- two part-time staff;
- three part-time domestic staff ;
- seven Security staff;
- three chauffeurs.

A total of 47 persons.

Under the supervision of the Director of Civil Defence this personnel undertakes and ensures the duties outlined in Section 2 above.

5. Training :

This takes place on two fronts:

Internal :

By way of awareness and education seminars and training workshops, often organised with the support of international partners.

External :

In the framework of international co-operation, through courses intended to reinforce Civil Defence's capacities.

6. Equipment :

Due to its recent creation (10yrs) Civil Defence in Cameroon is yet to fully establish its final structure and organization. With the exception of up to date information technology equipment, and communication and telecommunication equipment which is currently being upgraded, the emergency medical services and the fire services have only modest means at their disposal to respond to their many interventions.

7. Finances :

The Directorate for Civil Defence has presented a budget of FCFA 318.291.985 for 2005.

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