



## CAPE VERDE



### **National Civil Protection Service**

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#### **1. Legislation :**

- Law no 100/v/99 of 19 April laid out the bases of Civil protection.
- Decree-Regulation no 15/99 of 21 June 1999 outlined the composition and functioning of the National Civil protection Council (CNPC), the National Centre for Emergency Operations and Civil protection (CNOEPC) and the Municipal Centres for Emergency Operations and Civil protection (CMOEPC);
- Decree-Regulation no 18/99 of 20 December 1999 outlined the organization of the National Civil protection Service (SNPC).

#### **2. Mission :**

Prevent risks caused by serious accidents, catastrophes, man-made or natural disasters, mitigate their consequences on people and properties.

#### **3. Regulation and procedure :**

The National Defence System is composed of:

- The National Civil protection Council (CNPC)
- The National Civil protection Service (SNPC)
- The National Centre for Emergency Operations and Civil protection (CNOEPC)
- The Municipal Centre for Emergency Operations and Civil protection (CMOEPC)

The Prime Minister is responsible for the political orientations of Civil protection and directs operations whenever there are serious accidents or disasters that affect the national territory as a whole. He may delegate responsibilities to the National Defence Ministry. In each Municipality, this responsibility is that of its President.

#### **4. Organization :**

The National Civil protection Service is made up of:

- The President of the SNPC
- The Civil protection Inspection
- Directorate for Planning, Operations and Telecommunications (operational centre, prevention and relief plans, telecommunications, signaling and alert)
- Training, Studies, Research and Risk Prevention Directorate (training and instruction, studies and investigation, risk evaluation)
- Directorate for Administration and Finances (staff management, financial management, logistics, secretariat and archives).

The National Centre for Emergency Operations and Civil protection (CNOEPC) which is composed of representatives of the Government and member institutions of the National Civil protection Council whenever a municipality can no longer cope with an emergency situation itself.

In the municipalities, the responsibility of activating and directing the CMOEPC rests with the municipal president.

#### **5. Staff :**

Civil protection organisms do not have an operational staff of their own (prevention, alert, intervention, relief and assistance) so these functions are ensured by the Fire-Brigade, the Armed Forces, the maritime, harbour and airport Authorities, Hospital services and the Red Cross.

#### **6. Training :**

The Directorate for Training, Studies, Research and Risk Prevention conducts and supports the training of Civil protection agents. A programme for practice and continuous training is presently under study to improve the competence of Civil protection staff.

#### **7. Equipment/appliances :**

During emergencies the SNPC coordinates the different resources placed at its disposal by other State bodies.

#### **8. Finances :**

As a newly-created body the National Civil protection Service is not financially autonomous. It depends financially on the Ministry of Defence.

## **ANNEX**

### Members of the National Civil protection Council:

1. Government (Ministers): National Defence, internal Administration, Economy and Finances, Infrastructures and Transport, Health, Telecommunications, Agriculture and Fishing, Energy, Education, Social Communication (press)
2. Head of Staff of the Armed Forces
3. Commander General of the Police and Public Order
4. President of the National Civil protection Service
5. The Red Cross
6. Representatives of the Municipalities.

### Members of the National Centre for Emergency Operations and Civil protection :

1. Members of the National Civil protection Council
2. Representatives of other public and private services

### Organization of the National Civil protection System

