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1. Legislation :

The Chad National Civil Defence Service was created on the 16th February 1998 by Order N° 007/MISD/SE/DG/98 and comprises the detailed application procedures contained in the Decree of 10 September 1997 N° 399/PR/MISD/97 relating to the organisation and to the attributions of the Minister of the Interior, of security and of decentralisation.

With respect to the importance of the role played by the National Civil Defence Service in the various catastrophes experienced in Chad, a text aimed at elevating the National Civil Defence Service to the status of an independent Directorate is currently being drafted.

In addition to the above-mentioned Order relating to the organisation and to the attributions of the Minister of the Interior's services, the Order N° 048/PM/98 of 1st October 1998, relating to the creation of a National Committee for Assistance in the event of Flooding and other Disasters (NCAFD - CONASI), lends support to the attributions entrusted to the National Civil Defence Service.

2. Mission :

Under the terms of both the Decree of 19th July 2000 N° 295/PR/PM/SGG/2000 relating to the attributions bestowed on government members and of the Order N° 007/MISD/SE/DG/98 mentioned above, the mission of the Civil Defence Service is essentially to :

- Implement the rules and regulations in the field of prevention, of raising the awareness of civil populations and of lending initial aid to the ministerial departments concerned;

- Coordinate the operations in the event of catastrophes and natural disasters, such as fires, bush fires, war, flooding and other happenings dangerous to man;
- Study the texts relative to organising rescue and help (ORSEC Plan).

The mission of the National Committee for Assistance in the event of Flooding and other Disasters (NCAFD - CONASI), as defined in the Order relating to its founding, is to gather in the resources necessary for getting help to the victims of flooding, namely by:

- Donations and legacies; and
- Contributing to heightening the awareness of diplomatic representatives, NGO's and economic agents with an aim to inciting these bodies to make contributions when natural disasters occur.

3. Regulation and procedure :

The (NCAFD - CONASI) intervenes in the country's provinces through decentralised structures known as Prefect Committees for Assistance in the event of Flooding and other Disasters (PCAFD - COPNASI), which are implanted in the various departments.

4. Organisation :

The National Civil Defence Service intervenes in the management of natural disasters by way of the PCAFD – COPNASI. These interventions are concerned with:

- Bringing assistance in the form of food, blankets, tents and so on, to the homeless people hit by the disasters.
- Providing building materials, such as shovels, rakes and jute sacs to be used in the areas that require to be elevated above the level of the flood waters.

5. Personnel :

The Civil Defence Service does not dispose of executive officers trained in the field of Civil Defence, as such the training of qualified personnel remains to be undertaken.

6. Equipment / material :

Generally speaking, the Civil Defence Service does not dispose of the means appropriate for honouring its obligations.

7. Finances :

Each year, the state allocates a financial package in its annual budget for dealing with natural disasters. However, this package remains insignificant, which is the reason why the State of Chad often seeks help from its international partners for managing emergency situations.

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