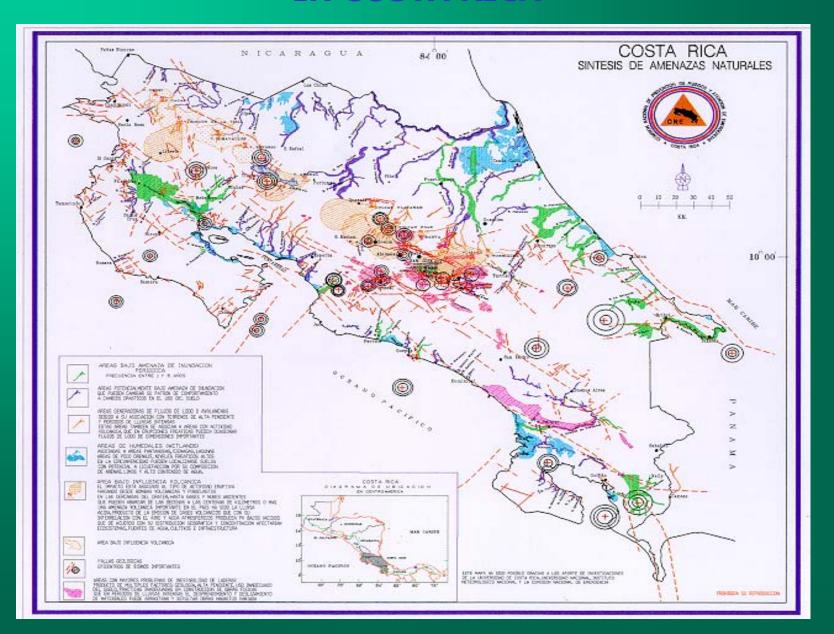


NATURAL HAZARDS AND VULNERABILITY IN COSTA RICA



CURRENT STATE OF DISASTER PREVENTION IN COSTA RICA

THE PUBLIC POLICY FRAMEWORK

Costa Rica's risk reduction and emergency response plan is linked to the National Development Plan through its environment and public safety thematic areas.

This approach breaks with traditional disaster management models by addressing these issues from a development perspective.



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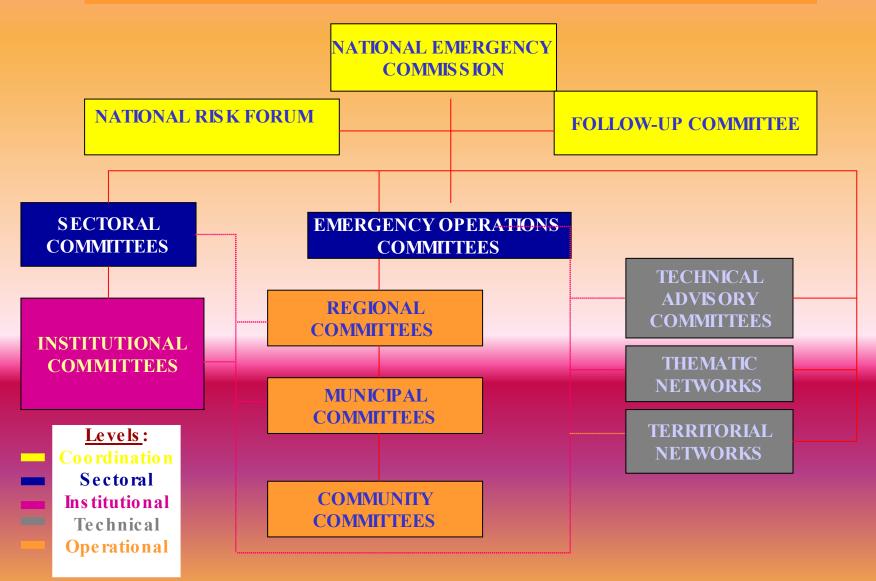
THE PUBLIC POLICY FRAMEWORK

Risk reduction and emergency response is a stand-alone policy within the National Development Plan. It is also a crosscutting issue for all public policies that comprise the National Development Plan.



This new strategic approach addresses the underlying risks and not only the effects of disasters. As such, it has an direct impact on Costa Rica's development.

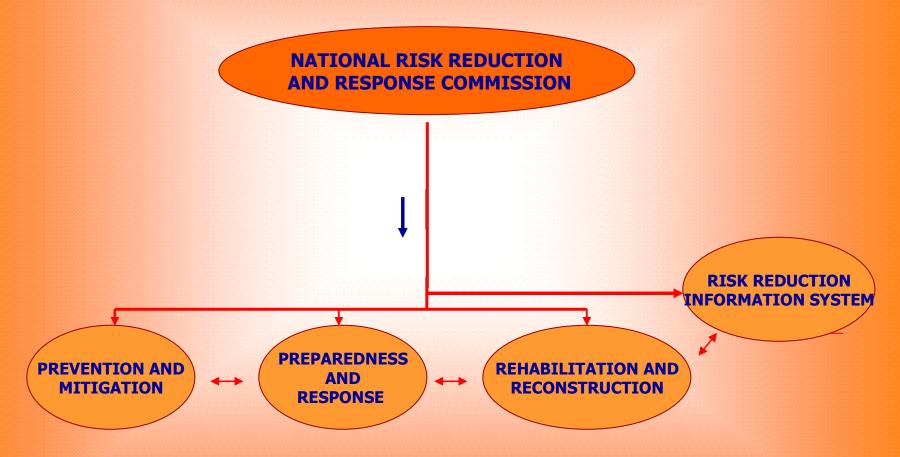
COORDINATION SCHEME OF THE COSTA RICAN RISK REDUCTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

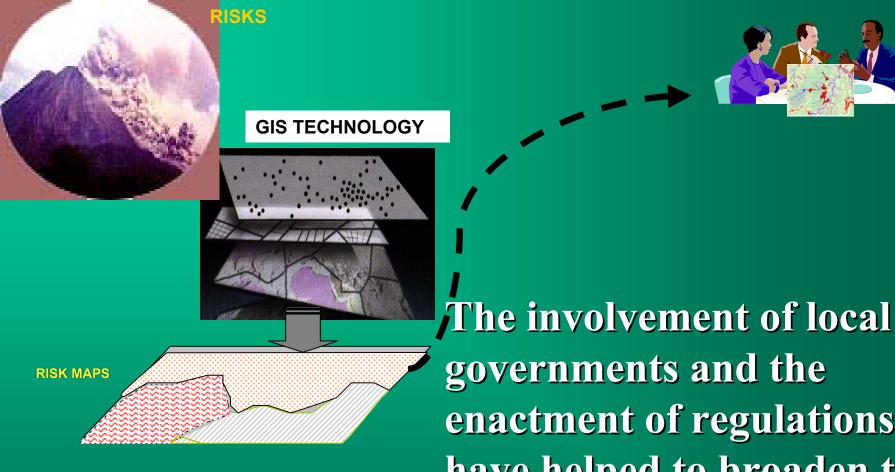




RISK REDUCTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

PROGRAMATIC SCHEME





DISASTER PREVENTION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

enactment of regulations have helped to broaden the traditional focus on disaster response by incorporating a culture of disaster prevention.

DISASTER PREVENTION AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL





ACHIEVEMENTS

Local governments participate in 85% of the Emergency Committees.

By law, local governments will have budgeted for emergency response activities.

Regulations (building codes, land use, etc.) developed for at-risk urban areas.

Environmental departments created in municipalities working on the issue of risk management.

Municipal outreach risk reduction initiatives directed to communities.

TOWARD A CULTURE OF DISASTER PREVENTION

CHALLENGES IN COSTA RICA

- Consolidation of the national risk reduction and emergency response system.
- Decentralization of decision making and resource allocation at local level to strength local risk reduction and response.
- Encourage public-private partnership and all satakeholder involvement into national risk reduction and emergency response activities.
- Improve information sharing among institutions and public awarness.

MUCHAS! GRACIAS!