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**NATIONAL SUMMARY REPORT**

**I D N D R**

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**SECTION A: PROFILE**

**1. Composition of National Committee (Focal Point):**

**Government Departments**

**Coordinator, National Emergency Management Office (NEMO)**  
**Director, National Weather Office**  
**Director, Bureau of Public Safety**  
**Director, Public Works**  
**Attorney General**  
**Manager, Palau National Communication Corporation**  
**Director, Bureau of Education**  
**Director, Bureau of Health Services**  
**Coordinator, Nutritionist Assistance Program**  
**Director, Bureau of Public Affairs**  
**Director, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands**  
**Director, Environmental Quality Protection Board**  
**Director, Bureau of Agriculture**  
**Chief, Bureau of Transportation**

**2. Internal Organization of the National Committee**

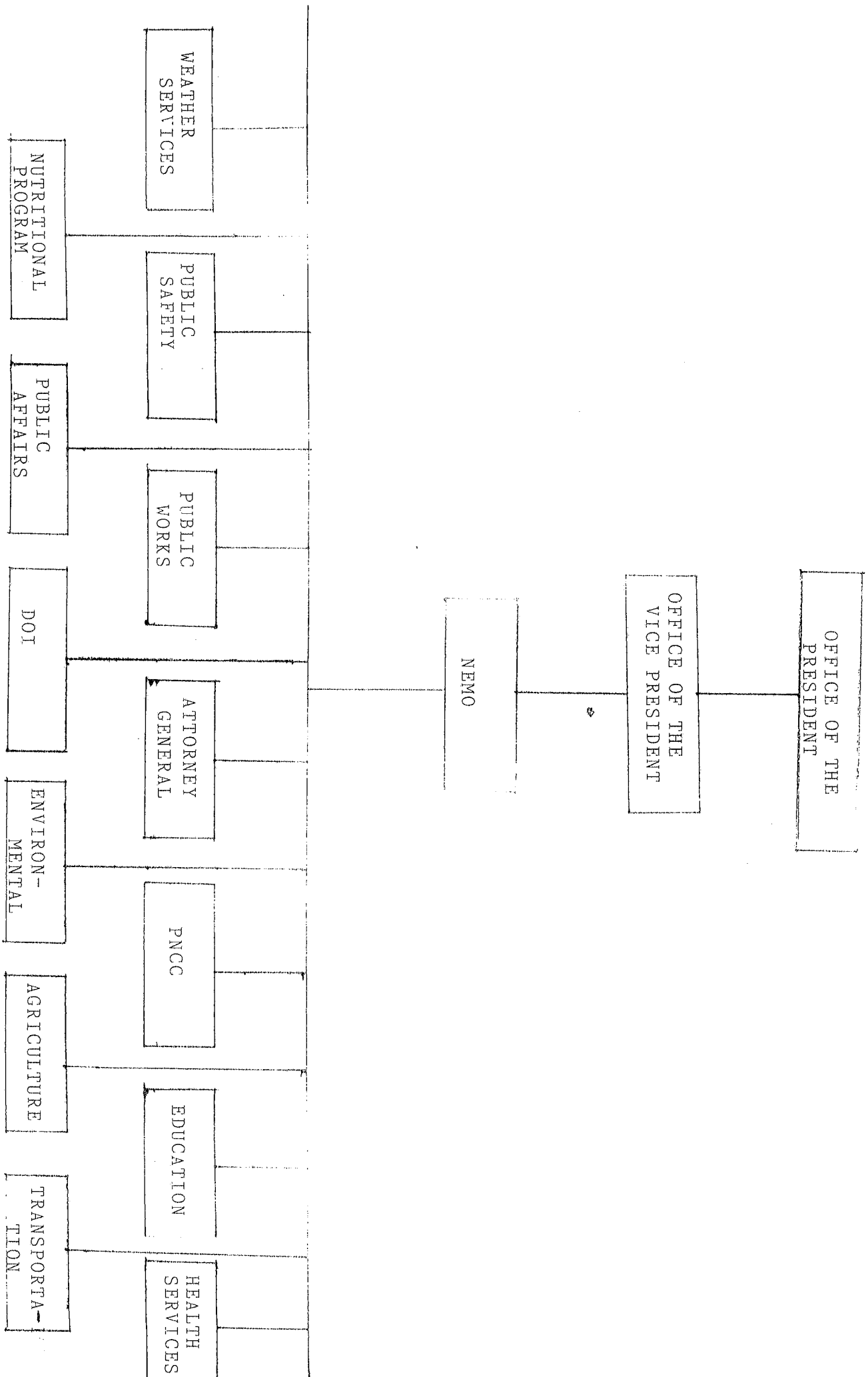
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(Members of National Committee)

See attached chart

NATIONAL DISASTER ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



3. **Prevailing hazards**

Type	Location	Affected Population
Typhoon	All Islands	Entire Country
Earthquake	All Islands	Most of the population
Tsunami	Coastal areas	Most of the population
Floods	Localized areas only	Unknown
Fire	Urban area	Unknown
Boating/Diving	Localized	Tourists (minor)

4. **Recent natural disasters**

Type	Location	Affected Population	Losses
TC Mike (1990)	Entire Country	Entire population	\$3 million
TC Marie (1976)	" "	" "	\$996,000
TC Sally (1967)	" "	" "	\$5 million
TC Louise (1964)	" "	" "	\$5 million

5. **National socio-economic conditions**

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- \* Population: 15,000
  - \* Gross-National Product (GNP): \$49 million
  - \* GDP Per-capita Income: \$3,289

6. **Availability of assistance to other countries in the field of natural disaster reduction**

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None

7. **International assistance required for natural disaster reduction**

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Technical and financial assistance for:

- \* National Disaster Plan, Contingency Plans and Legislation
- \* Formulation and implementation of preparedness and mitigation programs.
- \* Disaster management training
- \* Public Awareness activities and materials

## SECTION B: STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Steps towards achieving the 3 main Decade targets

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- (a) Comprehensive national assessments of risks from natural hazards, with these assessments taken into account in development plans:

Nothing has been done for Palau in this regard and it is proposed that for the rest of the decade, this objective will be achieved.

- (b) Mitigation plans at national and/or local levels, involving long-term prevention and preparedness and community awareness; and

With assistance from FEMA, Palau has a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (See section 4) that has been approved and being implemented over the next 2-3 years.

- (c) Ready access to global, regional, national and local warning systems and broad dissemination of warnings.

Palau depends on the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) in Guam for its early warning service and through the National Weather Service and NEMO, it provides early warning and preparedness messages to the general public. Apart from a few operational changes that will be needed, Palau is well served by JTWC to the end of the decade.

### 2. Present national plan for natural disaster reduction

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Presently Palau has no on-going long term disaster reduction program. Current activities has been a direct result of past disasters (Typhoon Mike). There is a real need to fully utilize NEMO resources to identify, formulate and implement national disaster reduction programs on a continual basis. This is where technical and financial assistance are required. Palau does not have an approved National Disaster Plan or an ongoing disaster preparedness activity.

The present Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from FEMA has been on the pipeline since Typhoon Mike and it will continue for some time. These are mostly structural mitigation and funds for these activities are provided equally by FEMA and by the Palau Government.

The main government agencies directly involved in disaster reduction activities in the country and given the mandate for emergency management is NEMO. Other relevant government departments such as Public Works, Health, Education, Communication, etc. are the cooperating and implementing agencies.

**3. Legislation introduced and enacted in relation to natural disaster reduction**

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There is no approved legislation in existence. A draft legislation has been written but not yet finalized for approval.

**4. Disaster mitigation activities completed**

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**(a) Identification of hazard zones; hazard assessment**

As stated above, this is not a current activity, but through the UN South Pacific Disaster Reduction Program (SPDRP), it is planned to have a program in place during the next 4 years.

**(b) Monitoring, prediction and warning**

All typhoon early warning is provided by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Guam. At the local level (national) level, NEMO issues preparedness messages and warnings. For other types of hazards, NEMO monitors and provides warnings.

**(c) Short-term protective measures and preparedness**

- i. Public awareness program has been proposed but not implemented due to unavailability of funds.
- ii. NEMO staff training - an ongoing activity

**(d) Long-term preventive measures**

**Title of Project:** Ngerbau Typhoon Shelter  
Aging Typhoon Shelter  
Olei Typhoon Shelter

**Status:**

On going project

**Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:**

Local government and the community

**Cost of Project:**

50% State government & community  
50% FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

**Implementing Agencies:**

National Emergency Management Office

**Address (telephone and fax number) of the agency in charge:**

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Koror, Republic of Palau 96940

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**(e) Land-use and risk management**

No project or activity

**(f) Public education and information**

No project or activity

**5. Plans to fully achieve Decade targets by the end of 1999**

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Strengthening of the NEMO and national disaster management generally through the identification, formulation and implementation of a national disaster preparedness and mitigation programs. This will be done in conjunction with SPDRP, which is being implemented over the next 4 years (1994-1997).

Present hazard mitigation programs were not formulated with the IDNDR targets in mind, but were the result of direct response by the Palau Government and FEMA mitigation and preparedness efforts following past disasters.

NEMO has identified the following activities as priority for the country:

- \* Production of a National Disaster Preparedness Plan with appropriate legislation
- \* Complete the implementation of the hazard mitigation project already approved.
- \* In collaboration with SPDRP, implement disaster reduction activities which will be identified and prioritized when the program starts.

SECTION C: INTERACTIONS

(This section focuses on international involvement in the IDNDR)

1. Publications on IDNDR-related subjects:

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(e.g. manuals, brochures, bulletins and other publications of relevance to IDNDR. Please mention title, author, institution, place and year of publication)

None

2. IDNDR meetings and conferences held or planned:

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(Please indicate, date, location, organising agency, national and international participation).

None

3. Current or planned partnerships and cooperation related to IDNDR with other countries

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(Please indicate Governments, National Committees, Institutions or Organisations involved).

None

## SECTION D: EVALUATION

(This section analyzes national progress and outlines possible improvement)

1. **Overall evaluation of national disaster mitigation programmes including, but not limited to, those initiated after IDNDR and achievements up to now**

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(Please elaborate on whether the targets set by the National Committee if any, the national disaster mitigation plans or other IDNDR activities have been met. If not, please indicate reasons).

None

The NEMO Office has not had a real opportunity to work with any UN Agency, but as of this report we have received assistance and help from Department of Humanitarian Affairs in Suva, Fiji.

2. **Review of the IDNDR**

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(Critique of the Decade to date and suggestions for improvement/modifications in the second half).

None