



Lao People's Democratic Republic
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity.

Prime Minister

Reference No; 158/PM



Decree on
Establishment of
National Disaster Management Committee

Based on:

- The constitution of Lao PDR
- The requirement of Disaster Management Affairs within country in order to solve disaster problems and effectively provide relief to the victims.
- The proposal of Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, reference 767/MLSF dated on March 25, 1999.
- The study and the proposal of party Central Committee Organization Board.

Prime Minister issues decree:

Article 1: Establishing National Disaster Management Committee as follow:

1. Minister of Labour and Social Welfare	President.
2. Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry	Vice president.
3. Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Vice president.
4. Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of National Defense	Member
5. Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Interior	Member
6. Director of Budget Department, Ministry of Finance	Member
7. Director of Transport Department, Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction.	Member
8. Director of Industry Department, Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts	Member
9. Director of Hygiene Department, Ministry of Health	Member
10. Director of Mass Media Department, Ministry of Information and Culture	Member.
11. Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Education	Member
12. President of Lao Red Cross	Member
13. Director of Social Welfare Department, MLSW	Member

- The incumbent official will be the representative of his/her organization. The committee has no office, but will work as a network under the direction of Lao Government.

Article 2: Roles and Responsibilities.

1. Responsible for disaster preparedness and management as a center of coordination in national disaster management.
2. Study and plan policies on disaster management then process to Lao Government.
3. Research and collect data and statistic on disaster victims and make requests for assistance.

4. Mobilization from individuals, organizations, internal and external in kinds and money for disaster management.
5. Public awareness about disaster in order to prevent disaster hazards and incidence that may occur. Consider to put disaster management, environment and natural conservation into school curriculums.
6. Direct relief operation, disaster preparedness, response and rehabilitation by using government budget and the contribution of concerned agencies, International organizations and non-governmental organizations. Regularly report to the Government.
7. Coordinate and enhance provincial governors to establish provincial and district disaster management committee. Improve capacity of this matter.

Article 3 :

National Disaster Management Committee will be served by National Disaster Management Secretariat within Social Welfare Department of Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. The role and function of National Disaster Management Secretariat will be designed by National Disaster Management Committee.

Article 4 :

National Disaster Management Secretariat should have their own seal.

Article 5:

National Disaster Management Committee should organize its network from central to local, provinces, districts and villages.

Article 6 :

The following organization: Prime Minister's office, Party central committee organization board, line ministries, government agencies, private sectors and individual, please be noted and follow this decree strictly.

Article 7 :

This decree will be taken into action from now on.

**Vientiane, date 23 August, 1999
Prime Minister of Lao PDR.
Mr. Sisavath Keobounphanh.**