

SHARING EXPERIENCE ON RISK AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT AT COUNTRY LEVEL

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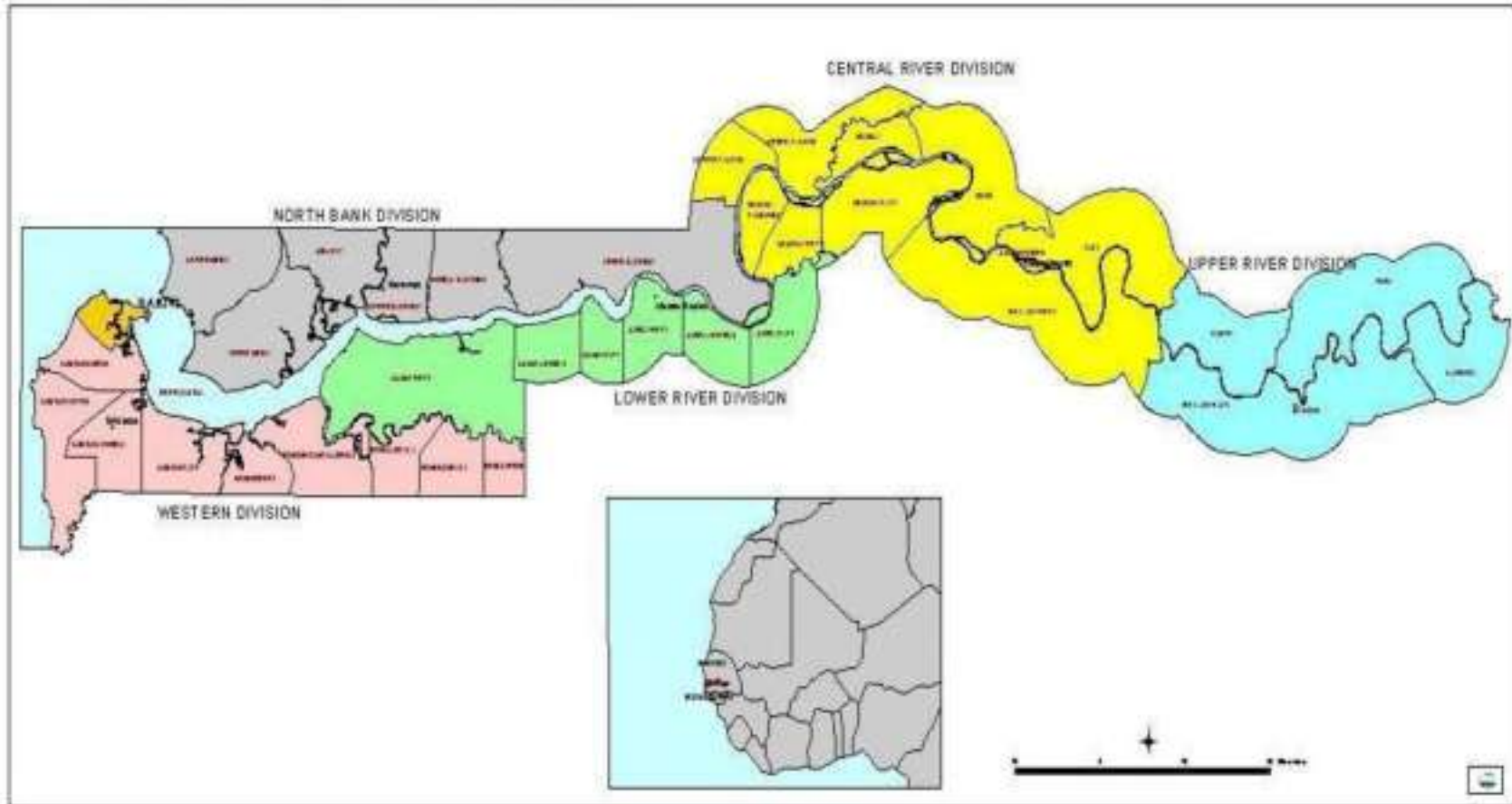
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Risks

- Risk
 - A serious problem expected. When, degree, how etc not known
- Disaster
 - A serious problem just happening or happened very recent
- Risk and Disaster can be:
 - Region and even Country specific
 - Though communalities are experienced

The case of The Gambia

Figure 1: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS OF THE GAMBIA

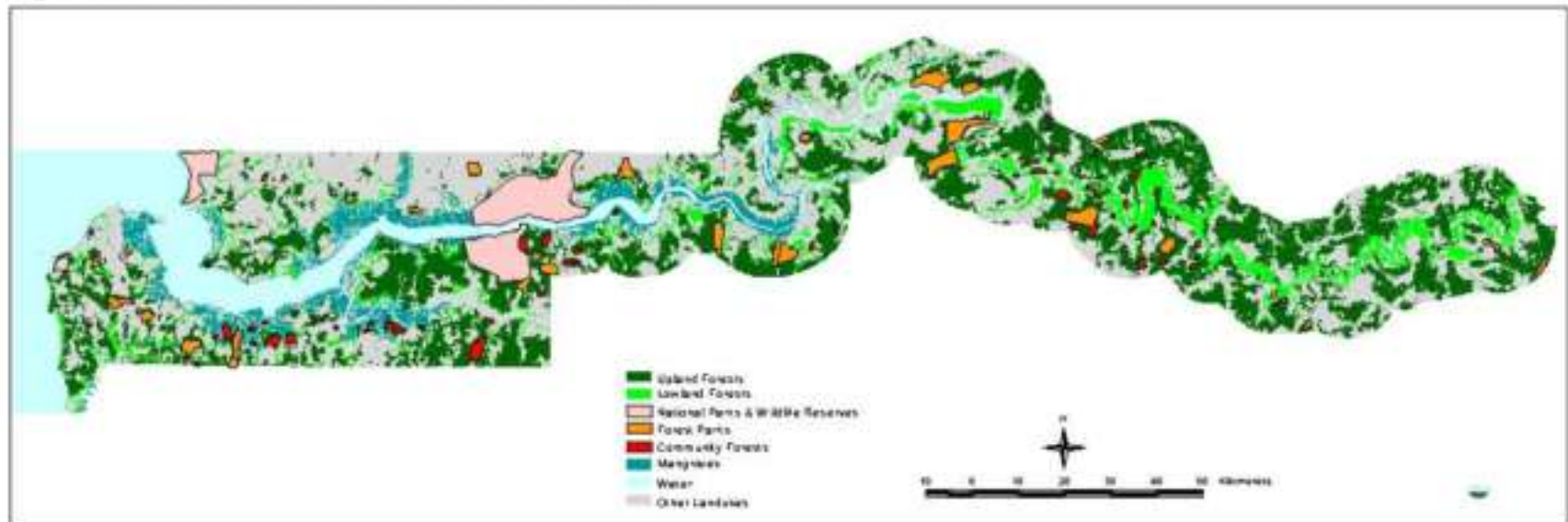


COUNTRY PROFILE

- ***Some key socio–economic indicators***

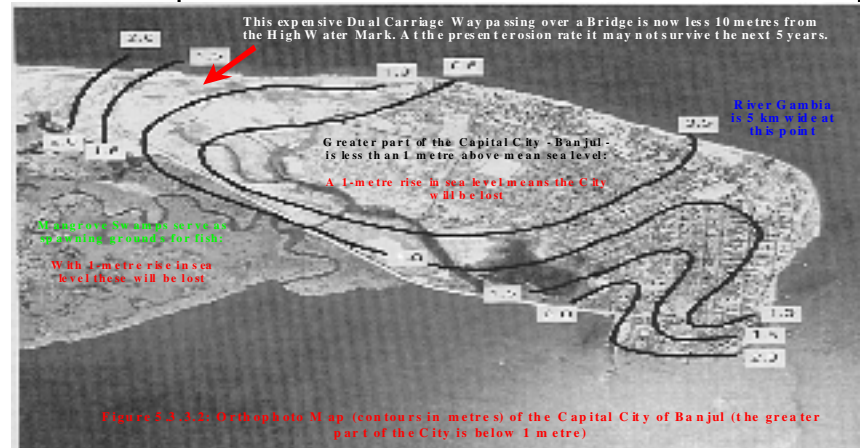
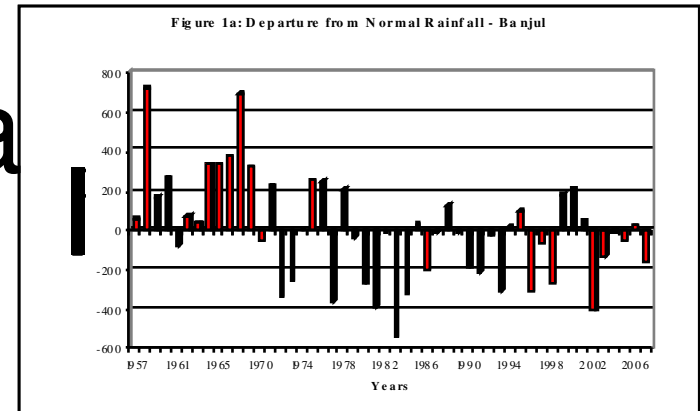
– Population (total)	1,360,000
– Population: urban (% of total)	37.12
– Population: rural (% of total)	62.88
– Population growth (annual %)	2.7 %
– Life expectation (years)	58
– Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	84
– GDP Per Capita	\$310
– National poverty rate (% of population)	63%

Figure 4: FOREST COVER OF THE GAMBIA AS OF 1993



Risks – The Gambia

- Drought
- Flood
- Insect infestation
- Fires
- Diseases
- Migration
- Food scarcity



Disasters

- Drought
 - Sahel region, low rainfall, high temperatures
- Fires (home & bush)
 - Poverty, elephant grasses
- Flood
 - Low laying (Max. 4m)
- Migration
 - 20% pop. immigrants
- Food scarcity
 - Right diet
- Diseases
 - Malaria,
- Insect infestation
 - Locust



Risk & Disaster Management Coordination

National – Chair VP

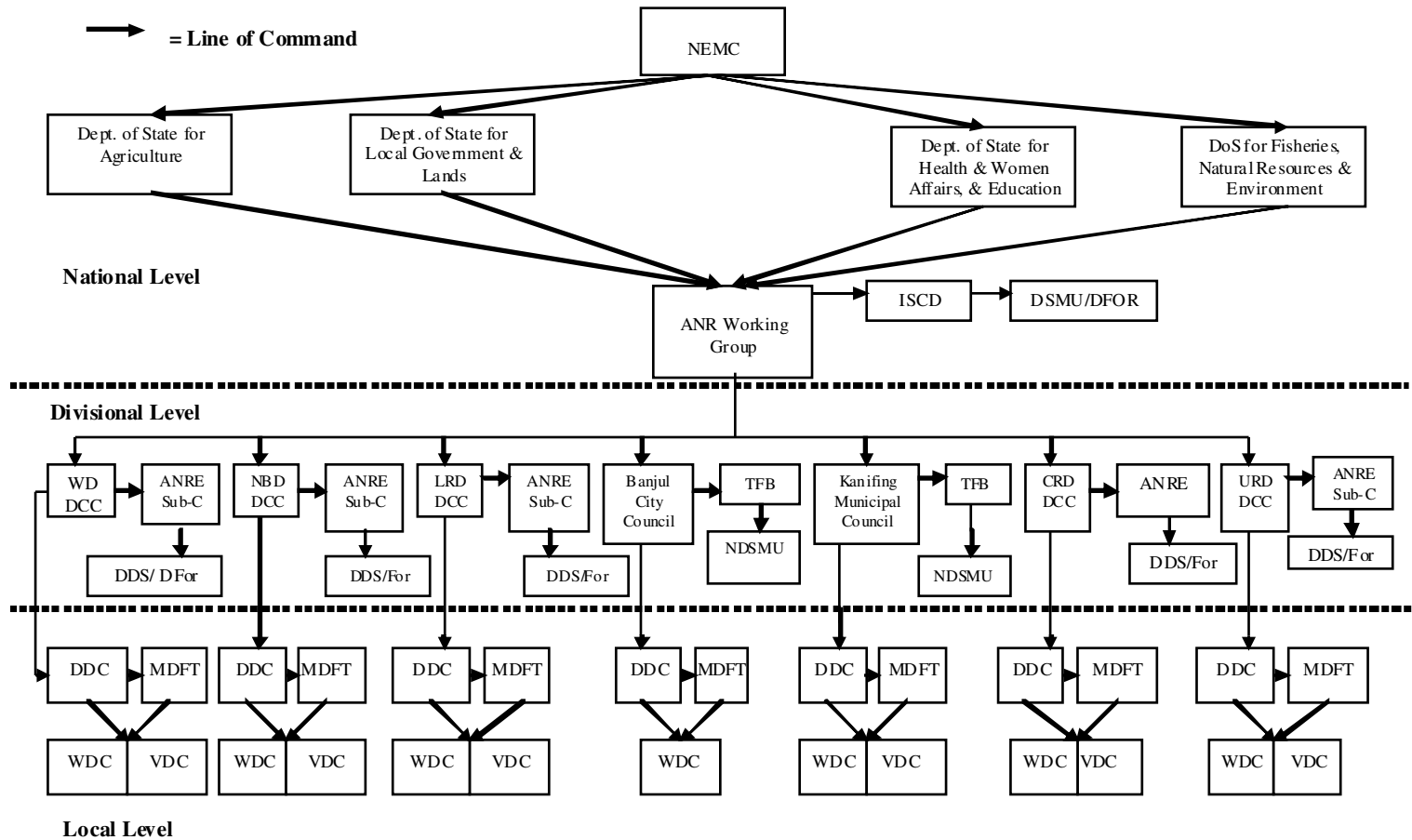
Advisory Committee –
Policy, technical, finance

Coordinating Institution
National Environment Agency

Regional Coordination –
Chair Governors

District Committee –
Chief

The Gambia



Risk reduction in The Gambia

- Diagnose all potential risks for the country/region
- Involvement and implication of all stakeholders, in particular the population
- Prepare all relevant necessities



Risk Management in The Gambia

- Coordinating bodies: Three main Levels
 - National level chaired by the VP
 - Regional level chaired by Governors
 - District level chaired by Chiefs
- Information systems
 - Early warning
 - Possibilities of immediate outreach (free tolls)
 - Regional collaborations
- Availability of Stores
 - Requirements
 - Facilities

Risk Management Food



Risk Management-

Forest, tools readiness, etc



Disaster Management

- Information
 - Free calls to NEA Forestry & Fire service for fires etc
 - Vehicles, motor cycles, bicycles
- Speed
 - locals, vehicles
- Readiness
 - Stores

