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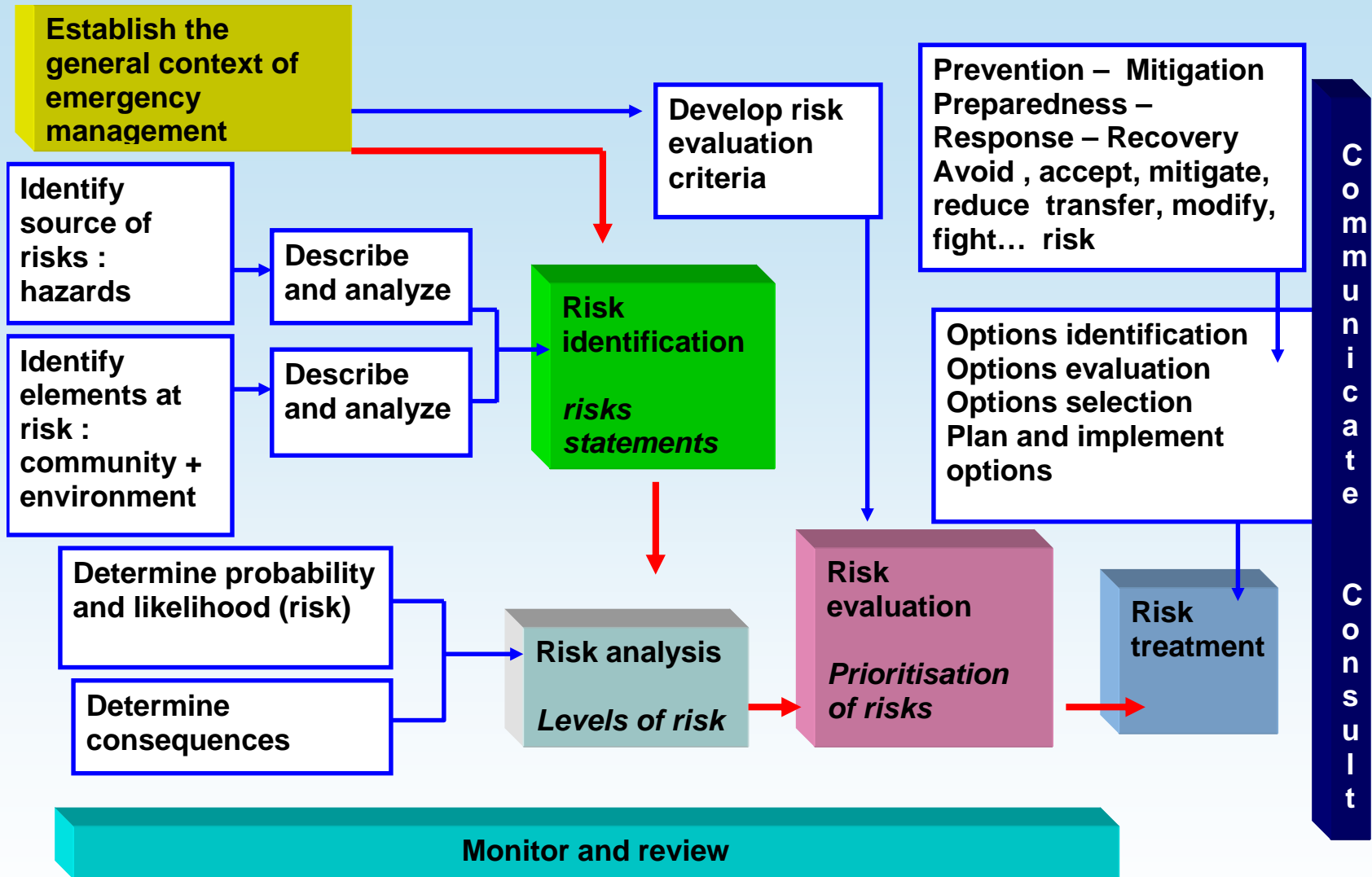


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# THE HEALTH SECTOR CONTRIBUTION TO DISASTER REDUCTION

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# The 5 strategic components

1. All hazard approach
2. Inter-sectoral cooperation
3. Prepared community
4. Holistic approach
5. Intra-sectoral synergy



# *Mitigation is the key of disaster reduction*

- **Disaster Mitigation Strategy**
  - *Promotion of risk management for safer, sustainable communities. The role of Mitigation National Committee is to progress national efforts towards the reduction of emergency and disaster risk through “measures taking in advance of an emergency or a disaster aimed at decreasing or eliminating its impact on society and environment*
  - *the important link between post-impact recovery and mitigation in that recovery activities can reduce the risk of recurrent emergencies or disasters....*



## How to link programs and plan with development?

- **RISK is proportional to HAZARD X  $\frac{\text{VULNERABILITIES}}{\text{READINESS}}$**



## How the health sector can contribute to disaster reduction?

- **Decrease the numbers of deaths and injuries**
- **Anticipate population displacements**
- **Surveillance for new cases of disease and disability**
- **Management and prevention of increased numbers of cases of psychological and social behaviour disorders**
- **Plan for possible food shortages and nutritional deficiencies;**
- **Monitor for disease from environmental health hazards**
- **Mitigate for damage to health facilities and other infrastructure;**
- **Anticipate disruption to routine health services**
- **Anticipate disruption to routine disease surveillance and control services**
- **Avoid diversion of development resources to emergency relief**
- **Avoid diversion of capital investment funds to the rehabilitation or reconstruction of essential infrastructure**



# *The health sector and emergency preparedness....*

- **MoH ...emergency preparedness unit**
- **Integration strategy**
- **Using existing resources**
- **Coordination (intra-sectoral – between programmes)**
- **Policies, plans and procedures for all relevant technical and administrative programmes**
- **Mitigation as important as readiness**

