

## Landslide and Flooding

April 4th 2021

Timor – Leste

A Coordination Lesson Learnt

Civil Protection Authority Timor-Leste 2022

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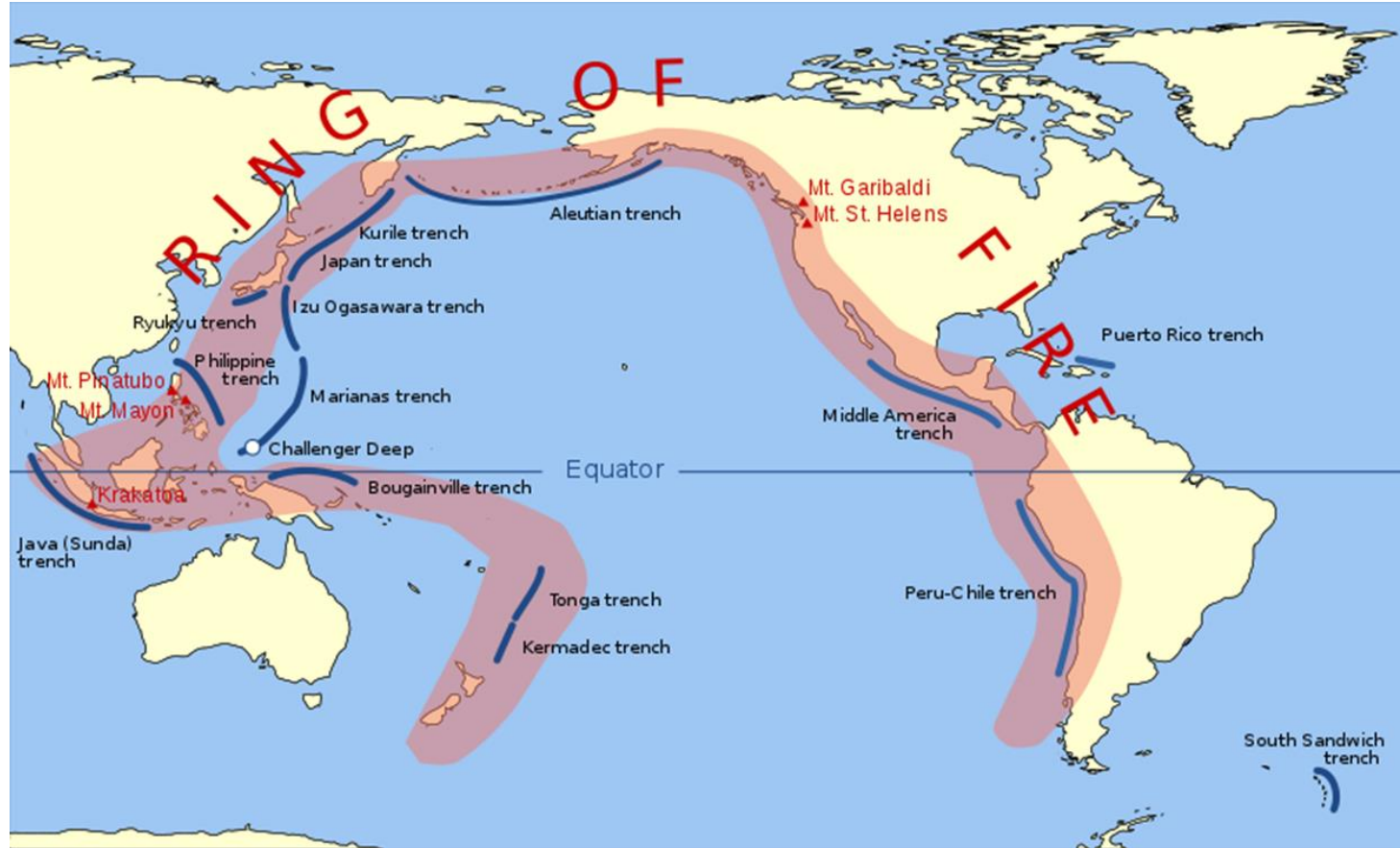
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## A Proteção Civil em Timor-Leste



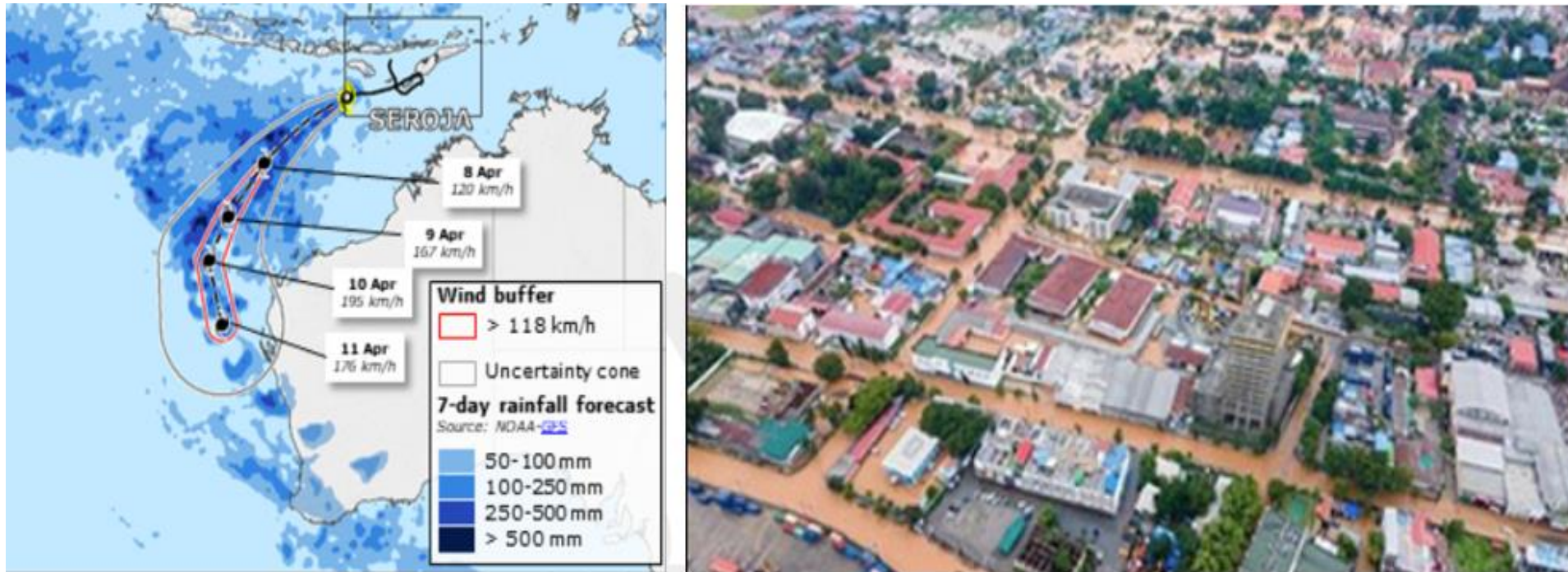
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Heavy rains due to Cyclone Seroja , culminating in landslides and massive flooding in Dili Municipality and other municipalities on 29 March - 4 April 2021



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- The process:

4 April (Day 1): Government and humanitarian partners start emergency response



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8 April (Day 5)  
Government declaration  
of state of calamity in  
Dili for a period of 30  
days and call for  
international  
assistance



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## 13 April (day 11) Government organizes the Emergency Development Partners Meeting



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13 April (Day 11)  
Government and humanitarian partners start rapid needs assessments (in evacuation facilities, at household-level and at suco-level)



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4 May (day 30)  
President  
promulgated the  
amendment to the  
2021 General State  
Budget to respond  
to the impact of  
COVID-19 and the  
flooding



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## 28 May (day 54) Joint Appeal/ Response Plan launched



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## WFP SUPPORT FOR 2021 FLOOD RESPONSE

- Direct logistics and logistics coordination support
- transported a total of 469MT of relief cargo
- Chartered flights to conduct rapid impact assessments across the country
- Supported the receipt and transport of donations
- Provided IT equipment to emergency internet capacity
- the CPA emergency food basket, and provided USD 20 000 in cash to procure emergency food items



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## Challenges:

**Inter-ministerial coordination, including roles and responsibilities of different ministries in emergency response**

## Follow up:

- Promulgation of Civil Protection Decree in March 2022.

Its given right to Civil Protection Authority Office to lead coordination when a disaster occur.



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## Civil Protection Law

- National Security Law – Defines Civil Protection activities in Timor-Leste
- Basic Law - Fundamental Principles of Civil Protection
- Organic of the CPA – Structure of Civil Protection Authority
- Single Emergency Number Law – Co-ordination from a single contact point
- Integrated System of Protection and Relief Operations SIOPS – Coordination
- Status of APC Professionals – Ready to approve
- CPA Staff Discipline Regulation – Ready to approve
- CPA Uniforms Regulations - in progress
- National Emergency Civil Planning System - in progress



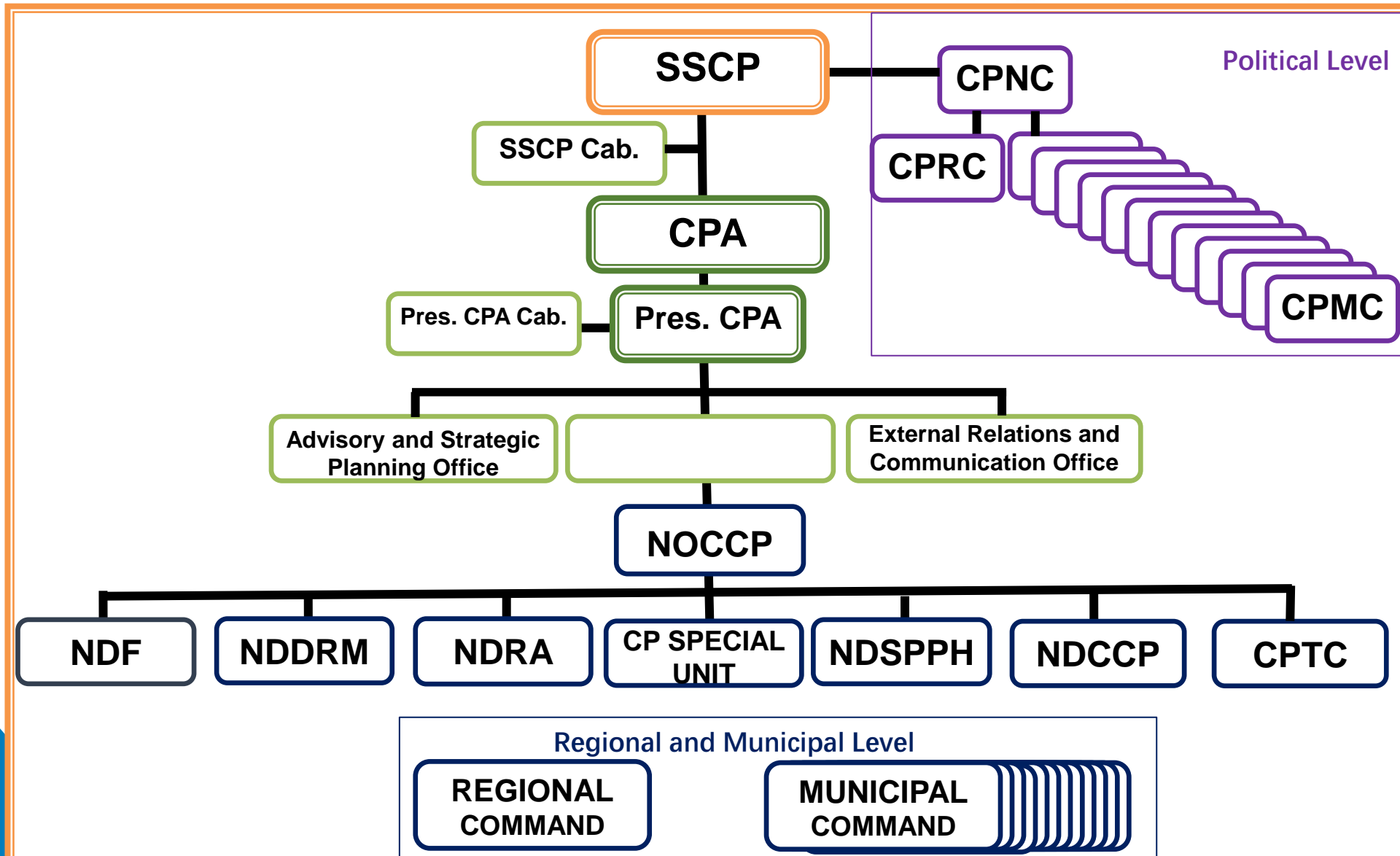
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Political Level

ORGANOGRAM OF THE CIVIL PROTECTION AUTHORITY



## Challenges:

- De-concentration issues; Humanitarian leadership are mainly based on Capital.

## Follow up:

- CPA is going to build offices in region and municipalities by 2023 with



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## Challenges:

- Some sectors did not meet until over a month after the disaster
- (language barrier)
- Many – if not most – sectors do not have dedicated sector coordination capacity



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## Follow up:

Multi-stake holder seminar in April 2022 to improve coordination between government offices, between UN agencies (sector) and NGOs (international and National)

## Table Top Exercise

- Supported by Australian and US Embassies.
- Decision makers from related government offices, UN agencies and NGOs

## Objective:

- Simulation exercise of an emergency situation.
- to clarify roles and responsibilities and to identify mitigation and preparedness needs.



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## Expectation of Table Top Exercise:

- The exercise should result in action plans for continued improvement of policy, plans and procedures.
- Calendar for annual training cycle, in sector also in Civil Protection Office staff.



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## Standing Memorandum of Understanding to achieve joint SDG goals in Partnership with WFP



- 1. Provide technical support to the CPA in strengthening emergency response and supply chain / logistics management practices and capacities.
- 2. Strategic policy support where needed in the formation of disaster preparedness and response activities.
- 3. Improving local capacity in the provisioning of emergency cash based assistance.
- 4. Coordinate activities with multiple partners to create continuity in the response.



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## WFP PROVIDES GREAT SUPPORT TO CIVIL PROTECTION

- Continue technical support and guidance in the areas of emergency logistics and response, sectoral coordination and supply chain/logistics management.
- Logistics Augmentation Support where needed, including training of CPA logistics personnel in commodity management practices, currently transfer of 2000mt of donated rice to the CPA from the port to the Government storage facilities, including eventual fortification and onward distribution of this rice.
- Donated 38.5MT of High Energy Biscuits for distribution to disaster victims by the CPA, WFP committed to including basic training on the use of HEB and support in its including in the CPA emergency food basket and transport/distribution.
- WFP committed to supporting a CPA delegation to Australia as part of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) 2022



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## Opportunities :

- **Civil Protection Directorate became Civil Protection Authority.**
- **US Embassy is going to build Command centre.**

## Needs:

- **To Training for CPA's middle echelon staff.**
- **To build Communication infrastructure and communication training.**
- **Warehouses infrastructure/system and logistic training.**



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