

# Regional Information Management Working Group (RIMWG)

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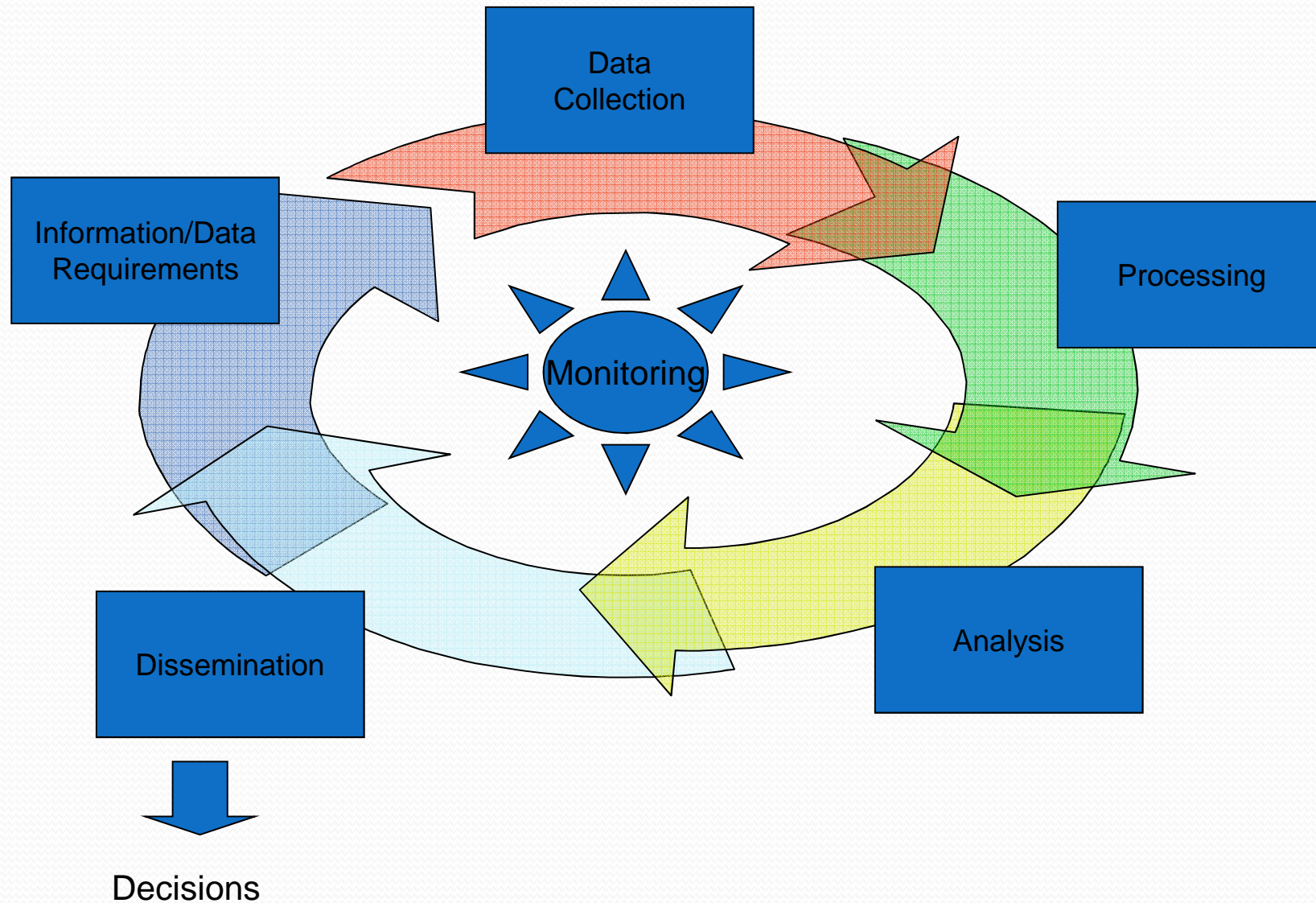
# Outline

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  - Challenges
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# What is IM

- The term ‘information management’ covers ‘the various stages of information processing from production to storage and retrieval to dissemination towards the better working of an organization; information can be from internal and external sources and in any format.’

# IM Cycle



# VAA IM Activities Breakdown

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<b>Data Collection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect Baseline data</li> <li>Training stakeholders on administering assessment forms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administering assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archiving of assessments done and review of the data collection process.</li> <li>Post Disaster/Conflict Needs Assessment</li> </ul>
<b>Processing (<i>collation, cleaning, storage, archiving</i>)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems for easy storage and retrieval of base data and of data to be collected during an emergency i.e. databases, GIS, filing cabinets.</li> <li>Identifying institutions and people who will do the different processing tasks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter, collate, clean collected data into databases/information systems</li> <li>Systematic storage and archiving of questionnaires (hard and soft)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of systems used, both technical and institutional</li> <li>Storage and archiving of data both hard and softcopy, processed and raw</li> </ul>
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# Why RIMWG

- Need to make informed decisions – influence programming
- A common understanding of humanitarian/development issues in the region
- Need for inter-sector analytical products on compound vulnerability and compounding factors/hazards
- Support IM training and capacity in the region

# Achievements/Progress

- ToRs endorsed
- Agreement on;
  - Indicators to be collected (124 indicators broken down into 8 sectors, 36 subsectors )
  - Use of DevInfo as the data collection, processing, analysis and dissemination tool
- Data Collection
  - At national level

# Current Activities

- Data Collection
- Product Development ( analytical products from data collected)
  - e.g Maps, graphs etc
- Database dissemination ( online and standalone CDs)
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- Attend to IM Support Requests from Member States
- Support SADC Secretariat
  - SADC DRR Unit website
  - Livelihood zones map
  - Assist in GIS course development with CoE

# Challenges

- Data collection at sub-national level
- Country focal points yet to be established

# NVAC IM Concerns and Possible Solutions

CONCERNS	POSSIBLE IM SOLUTIONS (RIMWG)
Several Information systems that are not necessarily linked	Mapping of available information systems and their linkages
No mechanisms to share data	Explore dissemination mechanisms Advise on systems to share data
Difficult to measure goals	Identification of indicators tied to goals and then monitoring them through existing systems
Monitor indicators/MDGs	Information systems to enable trend analysis - identification of indicator sources
Differentiation of chronic and transitory issues	Trend analysis i.e systems to store, process, archive information
No systems to manage the information	Development of IM strategy and come up with information flows at regional (SADC) and country level

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