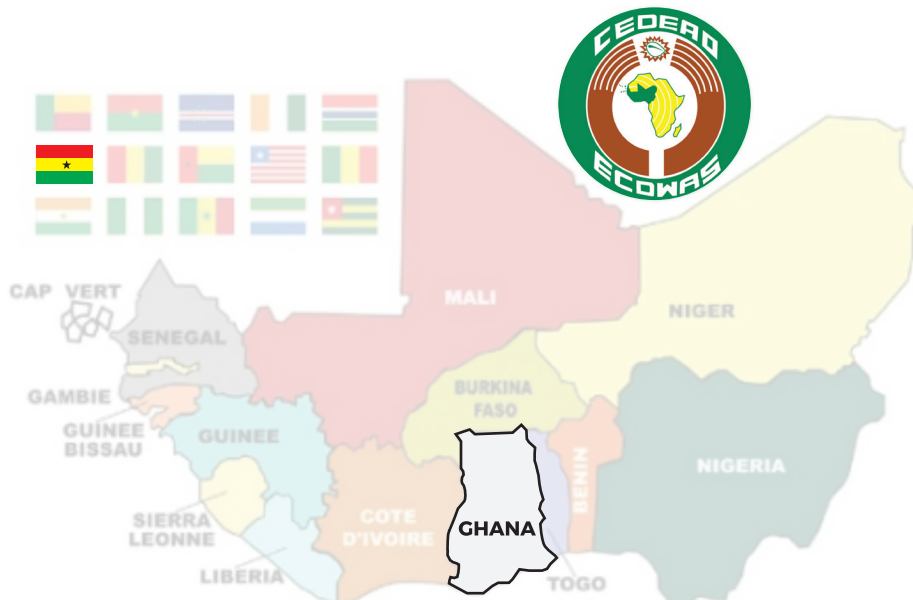




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NCCRM was launched by the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana on the 12th November 2021.



The National Centre for Coordination of Early Warning and Response Mechanism (NCCRM) is a product of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Early Warning Mechanism to provide early warning on threats to national and regional security as well as bridge the gap between early warning and response. Consequent to that, the NCCRM was established to assist the ECOWAS Commission in the timely identification of emerging crisis in West Africa and the implementation of an improved crisis response in respective member states and the sub-region following the endorsement by the ECOWAS Heads of States and Governments at its 45th Ordinary Session held in Accra on 14 July 2014.

The initiative is based on the concept of guaranteeing human and national security through the use of open-source data gathering techniques and transparent methods of information sharing. The goal of the ECOWAS Early Warning and

Response Mechanism is to have in place, a fully integrated and functional early warning system, providing Ghana and ECOWAS Commission with timely reports and analysis to enable effective responses in preventing and mitigating violent conflicts in the country and the sub-region.

The Centre and by extension Ghana occupy unique location in the sub-region. It is surrounded by countries witnessing terrorism, violent extremism and other security challenges that have potential to spill over across borders. Additionally, social, economic and political trends have potential for crisis within and across borders. The Centre as part of the ECOWAS Early Warning Mechanism has a shared interest in maintaining effective and efficient early warning system that informs decision making to prevent and resolve crisis in the country and the sub-region.



# LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CENTRE



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A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Ghana and the ECOWAS Commission was ratified by the Parliament of Ghana on 6 August 2021. On the same day, a Bill on the NCCRM was passed into law by the Parliament of Ghana providing the legal basis for the establishment of the NCCRM. The Act establishing the Centre is the National Centre for Coordination of Early Warning and Response Mechanism Act, 2021 (Act 1070), which came into effect on 16 August 2021. By virtue of the Act, the NCCRM operates as a national agency for strategic research with a public interest mandate.



# MANDATE OF THE NCCRM

**The mandate of the NCCRM includes the following:**

- Employ the concept of human security by making use of open-source data gathering and transparent methods of sharing information.
- Conduct data collection and analysis and preparation of reports for the use of the country and ECOWAS Early Warning Directorate/ECOWAS Commission.
- Work with Civil Society Organizations and other partners to establish a functional conflict early warning and response system for the Country and West African sub-region in order to improve policy and facilitate rapid and appropriate response to emerging crisis.
- Provide recommendations and policy guidance to the National Crisis Statutory

Board in matters of early warning and response and monitor the implementation of responses to the warnings as part of a broader effort by member states of the ECOWAS.

- Make necessary proposals for the strengthening of the Early Warning System.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

**The Strategic Objectives of the NCCRM as established by Act 1070 are:**

- Timely identification of emerging crisis in Ghana and by extension the West Africa sub-region.
- The implementation of an improved crisis response mechanism.





## MISSION STATEMENT

### The Mission of the NCCRM shall be:

- To monitor, acquire sound, timely and accurate information and data, analyse and evaluate the information and data.
- To identify emerging crisis in Ghana and West Africa.
- To identify improved response mechanism or strategies to enhance crisis response.
- To present risk assessments, evaluations and recommendations for response to the national and ECOWAS authorities.

***All in order to assist in the timely identification of emerging crisis in Ghana and West Africa and the implementation of improved crisis response mechanisms.***



## VISION

The Vision of the NCCRM is to operate as a national strategic centre of excellence that shall inform decision-making in response to crisis in Ghana and West Africa.



# FUNCTIONS

## The functions of the NCCRM are:

- Monitor, collect, collate, centralise, analyse and maintain data or information provided by:
  - State parastatals.
  - Local authorities.
  - Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).
  - The ECOWAS Regional Early Warning and Response Centre.
  - Any other relevant individual, group or organisation.
- Recommend response options following an in-depth analysis of challenges or threats related to human security.
- Collaborate with relevant public institutions in matters relating to human security.



# CONCEPT OF OPERATION

**The NCCRM is mandated to operate within five thematic areas as:**

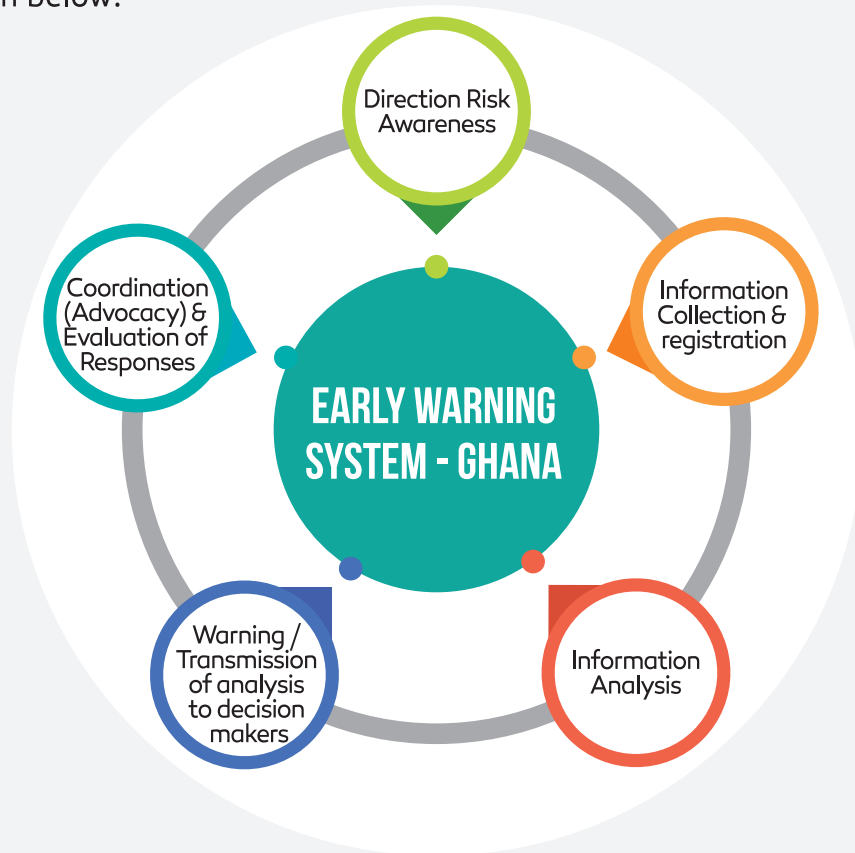
- Security, Terrorism/Violent Extremism and Maritime Security.
- Crime and Criminality.
- Social, Economic and Environment.
- Governance and Human Rights.
- Health and Pandemics.

**In furtherance to the thematic areas, the Centre focuses its assessment on the following risks/vulnerabilities:**

- Governance/human rights and political risk/vulnerabilities.
- Social risks/vulnerabilities.
- Economic risks/vulnerabilities.
- Security risks/vulnerabilities.
- External risks/vulnerabilities.
- Environment and natural risks/vulnerabilities.
- Health and Pandemics risks/vulnerabilities.
- Issues of Security, Terrorism/Violent Extremism and Maritime Security; Crime and Criminality; Social, Economic and Environment; Governance and Human Rights; and Health and Pandemics that impact on governance and human rights conditions in the country and ECOWAS sub-region.



To facilitate the work within the thematic areas, the NCCRM is guided by a concept of operation as shown below:



## CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

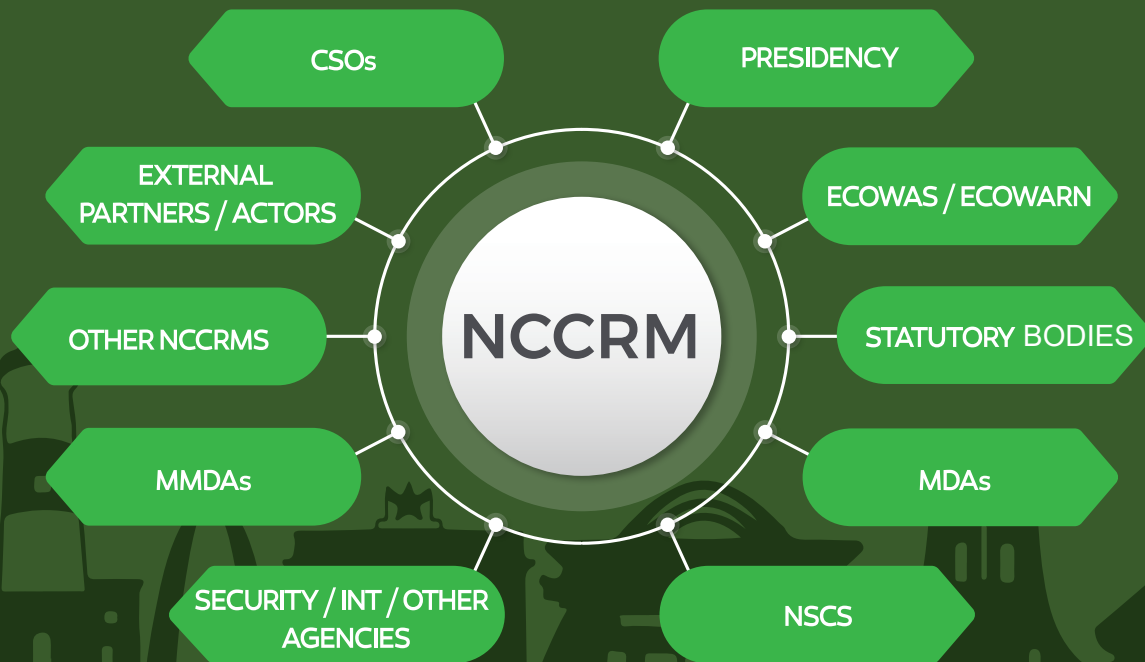
**The following are cross-cutting issues to support the concepts that would be assessed regularly:**

- Effective Governance and Institutional Arrangements creating conditions for:
  - Well-developed governance and institutional arrangements to support the successful development and sustainability of sound early warning systems at the NCCRM.
  - Good governance is encouraged by robust legal and regulatory frameworks and supported by long-term political commitment and effective institutional arrangements. The operations of the NCCRM should continually be regulated by national legislation.
- A Multi-Risk/Threat/Vulnerability Approach – The NCCRM should link all hazard/risk/threat/vulnerability-based systems. Economies of scale, sustainability and efficiency can be enhanced if systems and operational activities are established and maintained within a multi-purpose framework that considers all risks and end user needs.
- Involvement of decision makers, stakeholders and actors.
  - A ‘bottom-up’ approach to early warning, with the active participation of all actors would enable a multi-dimensional response to national and regional crisis.
  - The NCCRM should encourage the direct participation of those most likely to be exposed to risks / threats/vulnerabilities.
- Consideration of Gender Perspectives and Cultural Diversity – Information, institutional arrangements and warning communication systems would be tailored to meet the needs of every group in every vulnerable community.



# STAKEHOLDERS

The Centre collaborates with public institutions/agencies and groups in matters related to human security at both the national and sub-regional levels



# AREAS FOR COOPERATION

## Capacity Building

- Technology Enhancement.
- Staff Training.
- Workshops and Conferences.

## Infrastructure

- ICT Infrastructure.
- Art Library infrastructure.
- Database development.

## Advocacy and Sensitisation

- Community Engagements.
- Engagement with the CSOs.
- Engagement with the Media.
- Public Education and awareness creation.

## Stakeholder Engagement

- Communication and information sharing the identified stakeholders

## Inter-Agency Collaborations

- Research.
- Information sharing.
- Exchange programmes.
- Information gathering.





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