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Health

Some Disaster Medicine Thoughts

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CONVID-19

- A Paradigm Shift
- A Two Pronged Approach
- A Health Problem – Sure!

Command and Control (MIMMS)

EC Triage – Outside my EC

Designated CONVID-19 Facilities

Private, Public Health and relevant NGOs

Health Promotion

Surge Strategy – Beds, ICU and High Care (*Stuff, Staff, Systems*)

The Citizen's Daily Journey

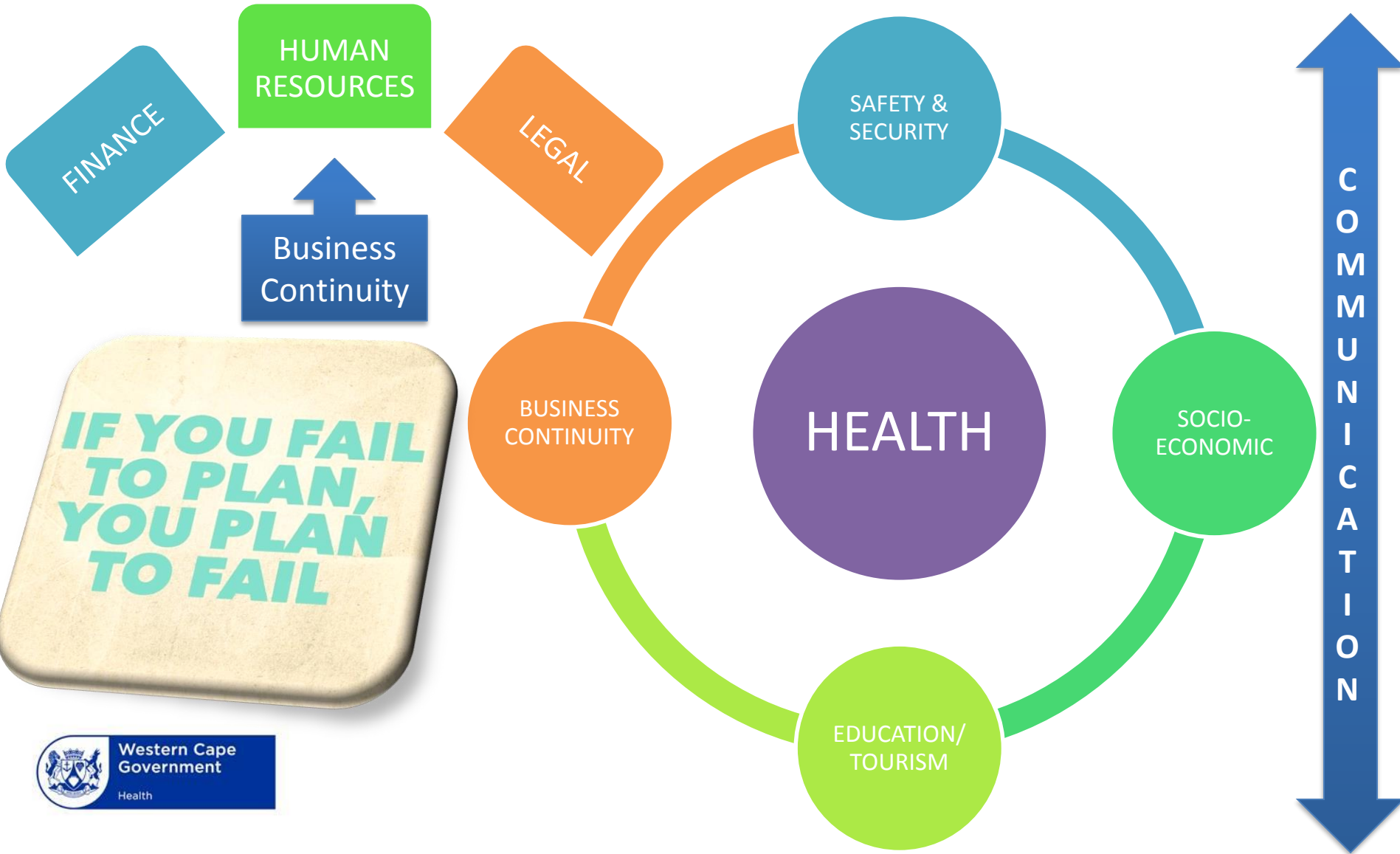


Desktop Risk Assessment:

- Public Gatherings/ Sport and Culture Events;
- Electricity Disruptions/ Prolonged load shedding;
- Water and Food Security;
- Seasonal flu – winter season;
- Municipal Elections;
- Matric/ Tertiary Education examinations;
- Informal Settlement exposure;
- At risk population (HIV/Immune deficiencies/elderly/ underlying illnesses.....)
- Public Transport hubs and means;
- Socio-economic circumstances – unique South African context;
- Impact of any other potential disaster (floods/ fires/ drought/ xenophobia);
- PANDEMIC and potential PANIC/ FEAR



All of Society



Proposed Clusters

Health

Objectives

- Surveillance
- Tracing
- Triage
- Isolate
- Response
- Training

Government Business & Continuity' Advisory Services

Objectives

- Business Continuity Planning
- Legal Advice

Safety/ Security/ Transport

Objectives

- Law enforcement initiatives
- Modes of transport Taxis, Busses, Trains
- Safety strategy

Economic/ Tourism/ Business

Objectives

- Travelling impacts
- Tourist attractions
- Business Conitunity

Education/ Social

Objectives

- Contingency planning for schools
- Identification of Vulnerable Groups

Communication

Objectives

- Communication Strategy
- Social media monitoring
- Training, Education, Awareness

Transport and Logistics

Objectives

- Transport strategy
- _Logistics plan

COMMUNICATION

STIGMA



Challenges

- A new virus – A Developing Story
- Misinformation A Present Day ***Infodemic***
- Worldwide availability of PPE
- Large Sport and Cultural Events
- Panic Mitigation
- Surge
- Collaboration model – Similar to Water with PDMC
- Whole of Society – Health just one of the role players

Thank you



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