



Welcome to RESPOND SA

1. Who We Are:

RESPOND SA is a national Christian disaster preparedness and coordination network. We exist to equip, prepare, and coordinate churches, faith-based organisations, and communities to support effective disaster response across South Africa.

RESPOND SA does not replace first responders. We strengthen community readiness and coordination in support of formal disaster management structures.

2. Our Vision and Mission:

Vision: A trusted, national, faith-based disaster readiness and response network strengthening community resilience.

Mission: To equip, mobilise, and coordinate churches, NGOs, and volunteers for effective disaster preparedness and response.

3. Our Christian Foundation:

RESPOND SA is guided by:

- Compassion and servant leadership
- Stewardship of people and resources
- Unity across the Body of Christ
- Faith expressed through action

4. How RESPOND SA Works:

RESPOND SA operates as a coordinated network:

- Members collaborate, not compete
- Communication is unified and verified
- Regions operate within a national framework

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5. Organisational Structure (At a Glance)

- Members' Board – Governance and strategy
- Steering Committee – Oversight and coordination
- Backbone Organisation – Administration and compliance
- National Coordinator – National leadership
- Regional Coordinators – Regional coordination
- Task Teams – Project-based delivery

6. What Membership Means:

As a RESPOND SA Member, you commit to:

- Upholding Christian values and mission
- Participating in coordination and communication
- Representing RESPOND SA appropriately
- Active contribution of sharing skills, resources, and learning.

Each member organisation holds one vote on the Members' Board.

7. Communication Expectations:

- Disaster communication must be coordinated
- Regional Coordinators speak on behalf of RESPOND SA
- Independent disaster declarations are avoided

8. What RESPOND SA Provides:

- Orientation and preparedness training
- Coordination frameworks and tools
- Access to a national support network
- Shared learning and best practices

9. Next Steps for New Members:

1. Formal confirmation of membership
2. Orientation session
3. Sign Respond SA – Constitution and Membership Document
4. Introduction to Regional Coordinator
5. Inclusion in communication platforms



10. Welcome!

We are grateful for your willingness to walk this journey with us. Together, we seek to serve communities affected by disaster with faith, unity, and integrity.

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