

Unit 6.1 Assessment of the Initial Situation

1. INTRODUCTION

This Unit corresponds with Chapter 14 of the FSM book. Developing a FSM plan ensures well-organised and coordinated FS management framework which is essential to prepare action plans and for implementation. Assessment of the initial situation is the first and crucial step in this planning process as it provides the baseline information for decision-making. Furthermore, the assessment also helps in setting the scene, understanding the context, getting to know the stakeholders and providing information to elaborate on the possible FSM scenarios. This Unit focuses on the information and data to be collected and also provides guidance on the collection procedure.

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2. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The learning objectives for Unit 6.1 Assessment of the Initial Situation are to:

- Understand what is important to know at the beginning of the FSM planning process and identify what information needs to be collected.
- Be aware of the different methods and tools for collecting relevant data and know how to apply them.
- Know how to identify the shortcomings and challenges of an existing FSM system and be able to describe an enabling environment.

3. THINGS TO DO; PLACES TO GO

In order to complete this Unit successfully, please do the following:

- Watch the key note speech of Unit 6.1
- Go through the PowerPoint presentation of Unit 6.1
- Read Chapter 14 of the FSM book
- Check the Course page for any recommended reading materials or web pages
- Check the assignment list