#### Risk Management in Projects



Project Management In Action (PMiA)

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Lets start our conversation

Step 1: Write down as many words that you have heard to describe "risk"

Step 2: underline which one is used most of the time?

Step 3: why do you think this is the case?

AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009, describes risk as "effect of uncertainty on objectives"

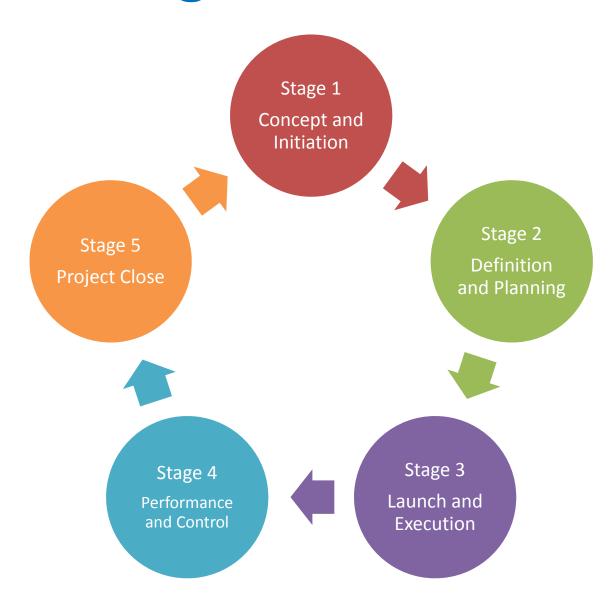
PMBoK describes project risk as

"an uncertain event or condition that, if it occurs, as a positive or negative effect on one or more project objectives such as scope, schedule, cost and quality."

What is a project?

"A project is a temporary endeavour undertaken to create a unique product, service or result"

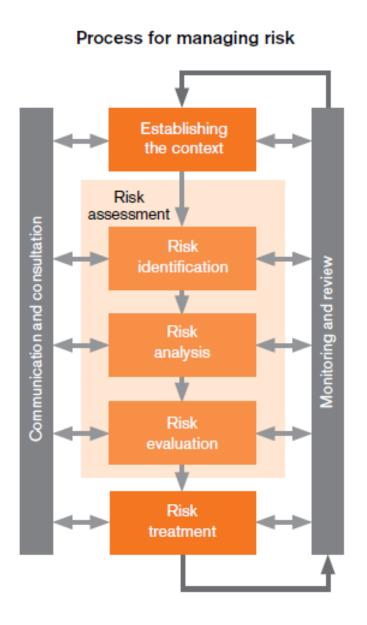
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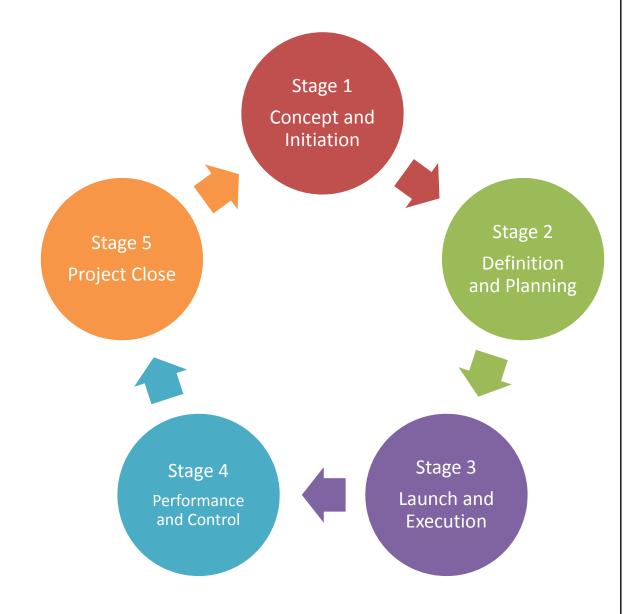


#### **Conversation Discussion**

Thinking about a project you are working on at the moment and the project's objective

- Is it linked to an identified organisational objective ?(strategic or operational)?
- If no, where has the idea for the project come from?
- It is aligned to the organisation's vision, mission and values?





Source: VMIA VGRMF Practice Guide 2016

Risk Management Process - How do you identify your risks?

- what process do use and when?
  - who do you involve?
- What other sources of information do you use?
  - How much time do you spend on this?

#### **Positive Risk Culture**

#### VMIA describes risk culture as

"the behaviors that lead to how every person thinks about and manages risk"

Let's talk about risk being an opportunity for improvement from 2 perspectives:

Strategic/Operational Level: project being a treatment/action to respond to an identified strategic/organisational risk.

Project Level: positive impact on the project's objectives

"When anyone asks me how I can best describe my experience in nearly forty years at sea, I merely say, uneventful. Of course there have been winter gales, and storms and fog and the like. But in all my experience, I have never been in any accident... or any sort worth speaking about. I have seen but one vessel in distress in all my years at sea. I never saw a wreck and never have been wrecked nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster of any sort."

E.J.Smith, 1907 Captain, RMS Titanic

# Thank You

