
UN concerted approach in support of Indian Ocean tsunami early warning system

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- ❑ Flash Appeal process for humanitarian response
- ❑ Project approach, wide UN roles, with IOC, first steps
- ❑ Strong donor response, tsunami in context
- ❑ What ISDR brings to the situation
- ❑ Progress, current status and next steps

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The humanitarian Flash Appeal and TEWS project

- ❑ Urgent UN-OCHA appeal, for short term humanitarian needs, totaling nearly US \$1B
- ❑ Tight timeframes and rules, first-ever involvement of ISDR
- ❑ Proposal for cross-UN project, with UNESCO-IOC technical leadership role
- ❑ Strongly supported by donors
- ❑ Preparations only – substantial additional funds required for building the fully fledged TEWS
- ❑ Provides coordination, supports an interim EW system, assessments, conferences, training, awareness information, pilot studies etc.

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The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – the UN umbrella for disaster reduction

- ❑ Initiated and supported by UN General Assembly
- ❑ Interagency Task Force, major UN agencies and civil society; wide networks
- ❑ Long activity on early warning, including International Conferences, the ISDR Platform for the Promotion of Early Warning in Bonn, and the International Early Warning Programme
- ❑ World Conference on Disaster Reduction, and Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015
- ❑ Secretariat presence in Americas, Africa and Asia
- ❑ Advocacy, policy development, information, country support



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Project progress

- ❑ Special sessions at World Conference on Disaster Reduction
- ❑ Support to regional meetings, e.g. Jakarta, Phuket, Beijing, Delhi
- ❑ Policy dialogue for high level administrators, Tokyo
- ❑ Supporting IOC activities (including this meeting)
- ❑ Supporting WMO upgrading/training programme
- ❑ Specific multi-partner projects under design for donors
- ❑ Regular interaction with IOC and other UN bodies
- ❑ Donors (currently): Japan, European Commission, Norway, Sweden, Germany and Netherlands



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Next steps – a work in progress

- ❑ Support IOC processes including follow up to Paris meeting
- ❑ Coordination across UN of project implementation, including through Interagency Task Force (IATF/DR)
- ❑ Strengthen the support capacities in Asia and Africa
- ❑ Develop accessible information base on the project
- ❑ Map disaster risk reduction capacities and needs in support of tsunami early warning systems (cf Hyogo Framework)
- ❑ Support tsunami risk reduction (including EWS) in other disaster reduction policies, activities, regions



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