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UNESCO-IOC / NOAA ITIC Training Program in Hawaii (ITP-TEWS Hawaii)

TSUNAMI EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

AND THE PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER (PTWC) ENHANCED PRODUCTS
TSUNAMI EVACUATION PLANNING AND UNESCO IOC TSUNAMI READY PROGRAMME

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15.2 TR PREP-3 and PREP-4: Building Awareness and Community Preparedness

Strategies and examples

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PREP-3: Outreach and public awareness and education resources are available and distributed



The community should have **Public Awareness and Education Resources**:

- That include tsunami evacuation maps, evacuation routes, safety tips, and information about when and how to respond to warnings (including natural warnings for regions with a local tsunami threat)
- Tailored to meet local information needs and be based on locationspecific tsunami threats
- Distributed in <u>three or more</u> widereaching diverse methods physically or electronically.
- Distributed to community residents, businesses, and visitors.

Outreach methods

A wide range of outreach methods can be employed and new methods can be devised. Outreach material should always be tailored to meet local information needs and should be based on location-specific tsunami threats. <u>Three or more</u> methods should be used, including:

- Brochures and flyers distributed at public venues and/or bulk mailed to local residents and businesses.
- Comics and boardgames
- Newspaper articles and inserts.
- Public utility/service industry bill safety notices
- Local faith-based and civic organization bulletins/mailings.
- Local radio and television.
- Billboard, roadside, highway or educational signs.
- Historical markers and interpretative signs.
- Websites/Social media.
- Bulk email.

Possible physical locations for distribution of material

Locations for the distribution of outreach material will depend on the nature of the material, some other examples include:

- Schools
- Visitor centres and local tourist businesses (e.g. restaurants, bars etc)
- Hotels, motels and campgrounds
- Public libraries
- Community centres

Kiosks or information centres (e.g. malls,

stores etc)

- Childcare centres
- Banks
- Utility companies
- Health centres
- Ports of entry

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Audience: Who?

- Everyone!
- Technical / Professional
 Knowledge Building
- Targets
 - Schools and Communities
 - Industries and businesses
 – factories, hotels & tourism, Planning
 - Government /Responders what, how
 - Private sector: Infrastructure (utilities, transportation, lifelines); Small business (contingency plans); Engineers/building design guidance
 - Media

Public Awareness

- Tsunami science and hazards
- Historical tsunami events and their impacts
- Tsunami Warning System
 - Sources
 - Modes of dissemination
 - Types of messages
 - Timing
- Tsunami Emergency Response System
 - Safety actions
 - Services available
- Tsunami Safety Rules

Public Awareness

What is a tsunami

- Type of tsunamis
- Key Facts about tsunami

Knowing the signs

- What are the warning / Official Warning
- Natural Signs / Natural warnings





Remember

New Zealand's entire cost is at risk of Tsunami. The absence of tsunami signage does not mean an absence of tsunami risk

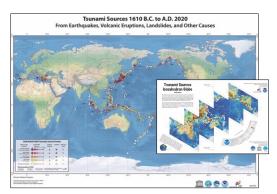
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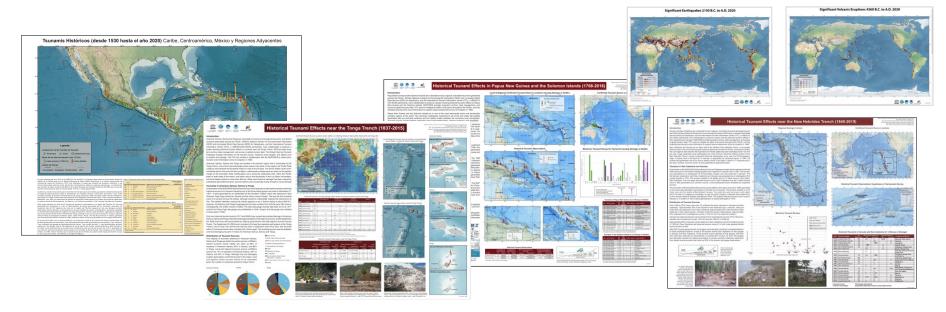


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ITIC Awareness: Historical Hazard Maps

- □ Global Tsunami, Earthquake, Volcanic Eruption Maps (update through 2022)
- Regional Historical Tsunami Effects Maps
 - Caribbean, Central America, Mexico (update 2020)
 - American Samoa /Samoa/Tonga (2017, rev 2022)
 - Papua New Guinea/Solomons (2019)
 - Vanuatu / New Caledonia, New Hebrides (draft 2020)
 - South America (2022 planned)





IOTIC Awareness: Historical Tsunamis

2015 1945 Makran Tsunam



1945 Makran Tsunami 38 videos

2016



1950 Ambon Tsunami 28 videos

2018



1992 **Flores** Tsunami 45 videos

2019



1994 Banyuwangi Tsunami 46 videos

2020



Central Sulawesi **Tsunamis** (1927, 1938, 1968, 1996,





2021



2000 Tsunami Banggai 60 Videos Tsunami 72 Videos

2022



2023

1995 Dili Tsunami **East Timor** 37 Videos



2023

2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami in Seychelles 8 Videos

2024



Global Tsunami Survivors (Indonesia, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Chille, Greece Turkey) 15 videos

2024



1979 Lembata Tsunami 21 Videos

2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami in Maldives 10 Videos

2025



1998 Taliabu Island Tsunami 11 Videos

IOTIC Awareness: Historical Tsunamis

Video Documented 383 Stories of Eyewitness and **Survivors of Past 14 Tsunamis** (252 in YouTube IOTIC 131 in Process)



Created playlists

Cerita Saksi Hidun dan Penyintas Cerita Saksi Hidun dan Penyintas





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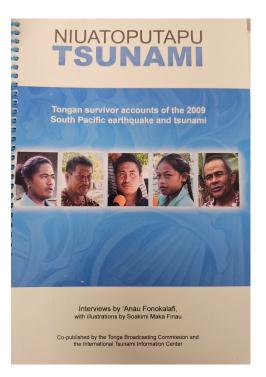












ITIC Awareness materials - General

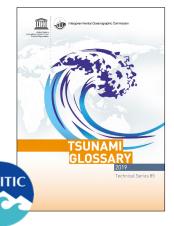
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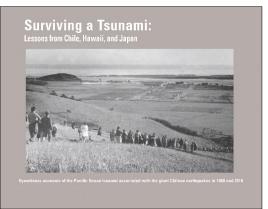












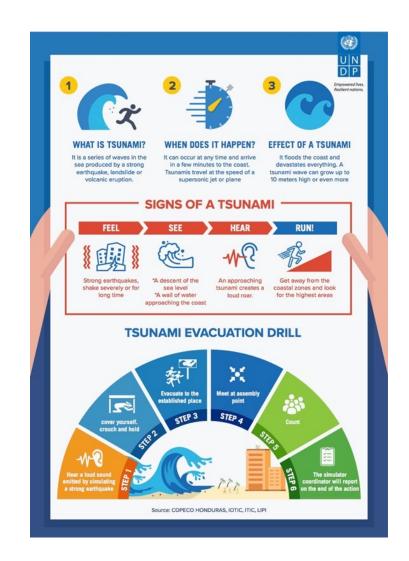




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En Honduras Sí Ocurren Tsunamis

Los Tsunamis en Honduras no son tan frecuentes pero sí han ocurrido y pueden volver a ocurrir en cualquier momento. Las costas Sur y Norte son vulnerables.

En Centro América han ocurrido unos 49 tsunamis desde los tiempos coloniales. Se generaron a consecuencia de terremotos en fallas cerca a las costas del Pacifico, como del Caribe y también distantes.

Uno de los tsunamis que afectó las costas hondureñas ocurrió el 4 de agosto de 1856. El mismo se generó en el Golfo de Honduras cerca de Belice y bañó toda la costa norte: Tela, La Ceiba, Trujillo y llegó hasta Gracias a Dios.

También se han registrado tsunamis en la parte sur, en el Golfo de Fonseca.

¿Qué es un Tsunami?

- Un tsunami es una serie de olas causada por una fuerte perturbación de un cuerpo de agua.
- Estas olas pueden llegar en unos minutos, pero continuar por horas. Las olas arrasan con todo lo que encuentran a su paso ya sea cuando inundan la costa o cuando retroceden.
- Los tsunamis pueden ser producidos por grandes terremotos localizados en la costa o en el fondo marino, un deslizamiento o una erupción volcánica.
- En Honduras se encuentran fuentes potenciales de tsunamis que se pueden generar localmente y también existen fuentes regionales y distantes, al otro lado del océano.

Alarma Personal Para Terremotos y Tsunamis LOCALES

Los Terremotos ocurren de forma súbita, y en el caso que sean cercanos y generen tsunamis, las olas pueden llegar antes que le llegue una alerta oficial. Siga estas recomendaciones:

Protéjase durante el terremoto: Agáchese, Cúbrase y Sujétese

Salga rápidamente de la zona de evacuación por tsunami en cualquiera de las siguientes situaciones:

- Después de SENTIR un terremoto fuerte que te tumbe o dure más de veinte segundos
- Si **VE** un repentino aumento o disminución del nivel del mar
- Si OYE un ruido extraño o fuerte que viene del mar

¡¡PROTÉJASE, VIVA PARA CONTARLO!!!





Text on the back of an vacuation Map Cedeño, Honduras

FOR YOUR SAFETY!



EARTHQUAKE READY

- Be alert, a strong or long earthquake may trigger a tsunami in short time.
- Move away from beaches and river banks, and seek information on what has happened.





- Seek warning information from BMKG on national TV, local radio, or public announcement in your area.
- If there is a sound of siren or other warning dissemination devices, evacuate immediately.

BMKG Warning information provides tsunami THREAT LEVEL for each region

MAJOR WARNING

Highest threat level , The communities must evacuate!

WARNING

Medium threat level, but still dangerous,

ADVISORY

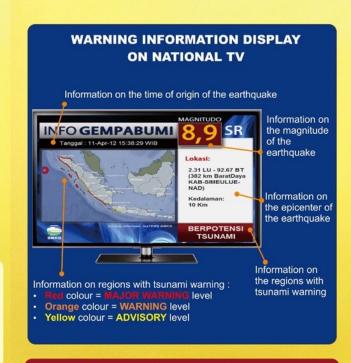
The communities must evacuate!

Low threat level, The communities must move away from beaches and riverbanks!

EVACUATION READY



- Upon feeling the earthquake or receiving tsunami warning, evacuate immediately to designated safe locations.
- Follow the evacuation route and signage, if available.
- If you don't know the location of the safe zone, run as far as possible from the coast



Prepare yourself from now!

- · Learn about tsunami and its signs!
- Find information from your local government about tsunami evacuation procedures in your area!
- Plan with your family on how to respond to a tsunami!

Education: What, Who

- □ Formal
- ☐ Structured
- ☐ Standards
- □ Science-based

Curriculum

Content, Language, age-appropriate
Teaching Materials

□ Targets:

- Schools: Elementary, Primary, Secondary, High
- Out-of-school, Home-school children
- Adults may be non-formal education program
- Individuals
- Professional
- Vulnerable & special needs

Education: Formal







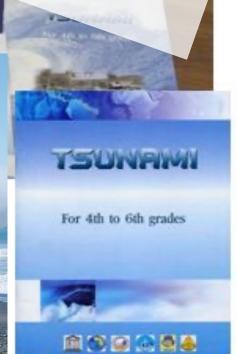






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Education

Tsunami Ready Tools for Tsunami Preparedness



Online Courses Online Courses on Tsunami Awareness and Tsunami Ready



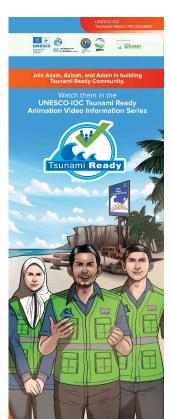


Tsunami Ready Short Animation Video Series

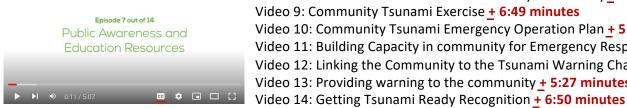
Story line:

Following the journey of Azam, Azizah, and Adam in building their Village "Nami" to be a Tsunami Ready Community based on UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Indicators

Video 1: Tsunami Ready (an introduction) + 7:10 minutes







Video 2: Tsunami Hazard for Tsunami Ready Community + 8:02 minutes

Video 3: Knowing people at risk of tsunami + 4:48 minutes

Video 4: Resource and capacity for Tsunami Ready Community + 6:57 minutes

Video 5: Public Tsunami Information in Community + 5:32 minutes

Video 6: Tsunami Evacuation Map for the community + 5:15 minutes

Video 7: Public Awareness and Education Resources + 5:07 minutes

Video 8: Outreach Activities in Tsunami Ready Community + 4:39 minutes

Video 9: Community Tsunami Exercise + 6:49 minutes

Video 10: Community Tsunami Emergency Operation Plan + 5:28 minutes

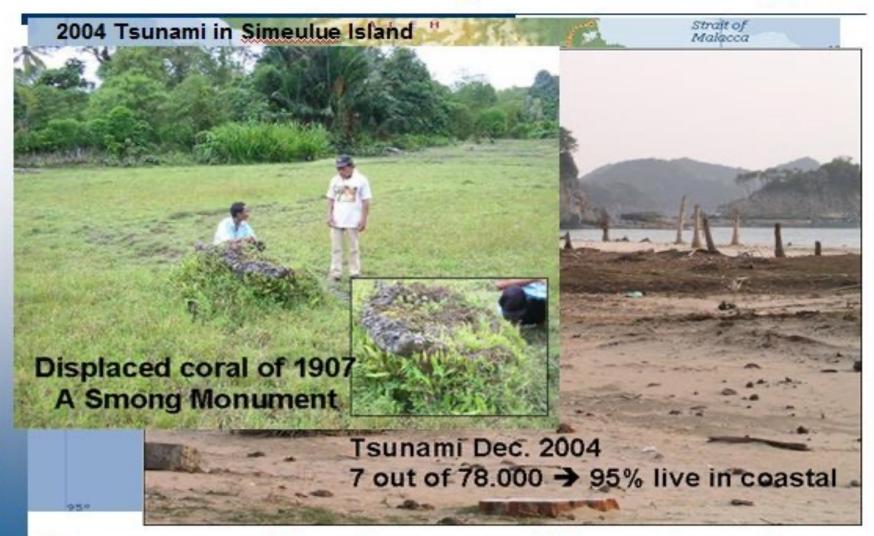
Video 11: Building Capacity in community for Emergency Response + 7:50 minutes

Video 12: Linking the Community to the Tsunami Warning Chain + 4:40 minutes

Video 13: Providing warning to the community + 5:27 minutes

Traditional knowledge



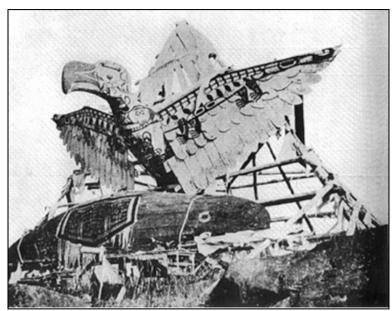


Smong = earthquake + receding water + tsunami

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Traditional knowledge – US Pacific NW

"Among the signs of danger, the elders warn, is long—lasting shaking moving from west to east, and sand that becomes so loose people walking on the beach sink into it — Elders tell the young they must run to high ground"







Run to High Ground (Children's video)

"Thunderbird and Whale" is a story is told by various Native American tribes. The event is thought to be associated with the 1700 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami.



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Educate Stakeholders: Media

 Ensures clear understanding of tsunami hazard, tsunami risk, warning messages, NTWC/TWFP &

DMO SOP, and their own SOP

Media guidebooks should be accompanied by regular training and materials

for Natural Hazards



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Useful sources of information



 ITIC – International Tsunami Information Center

http://itic.ioc-unesco.org

 IOTIC – Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre

http://iotic.ioc-unesco.org

 CTIC – Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre

http://ctic.ioc-unesco.org

 NEAMTIC – North East Atlantic and Mediterranean Tsunami Information Centre

http://neamtic.ioc-unesco.org

World Tsunami Awareness Day, Nov 5



"Tsunamis have enormous destructive power.

Knowing your risks and having a tsunami plan in place is the best way to reduce human and economic losses if a tsunami hits."



Mami Mizutori
the UN Secretary-General's
Special Representative
for Disaster Risk Reduction

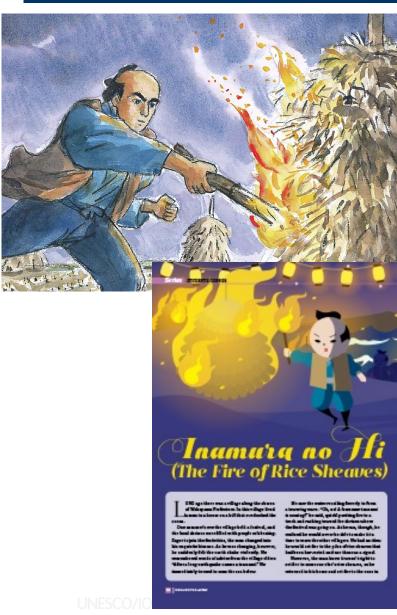
#TsunamiDay







World Tsunami Awareness Day, Nov 5



"Inamura-no-hi" (burning of rice sheaves):
during the 5 November 1854 (Japan
calendar) Ansei-Nankai earthquake and
tsunami in Japan, local leader Hamaguchi
Goryo noticed the low tide and set fire to
his entire harvest to warn villagers, who
fled to high ground. He also funded the
"build back better" effort, building an
embankment and planting trees to act as a
buffer

December 2015: UN General Assembly Resolution A/70/203 designates
5 November as
World Tsunami Awareness Day

World Tsunami Awareness Day, Nov 5

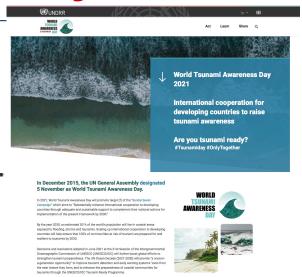
Tools and Products

- Dedicated Web page (https://tsunamiday.undrr.org)
- Videos UNDRR, UNESCO IOC

General, Tsunami Ready, ITIC WTAD

- Social media Are you tsunami ready? #Tsunamiday #OnlyTogether
- Infographics, Press releases, news stories,
 Op-Eds
- Coverage of celebrations and drills, to share outcomes

"Be Tsunami Ready: Invest in Tsunami Preparedness".







Important considerations in developing awareness material and campaigns

Local or traditional knowledge:

This can be a **powerful tool to support scientific knowledge** in community preparedness. It may be most **effective means in a more traditional or remote** community. Additional information on warning systems and evacuation and return arrangements is required.

Community needs:

Awareness material and activities should be **tailored to the specific community**. Factors such as geography, demographics, language, cultural, religious and social orientations should influence the awareness approach. They will present both strengths and opportunities.

Coordination and collaboration:

Working together among the different agencies involved is essential.

Important considerations in developing awareness material and campaigns

A multi-faceted approach:

Target a variety of **formal and informal education**, and awareness-building and preparedness activities.

Content:

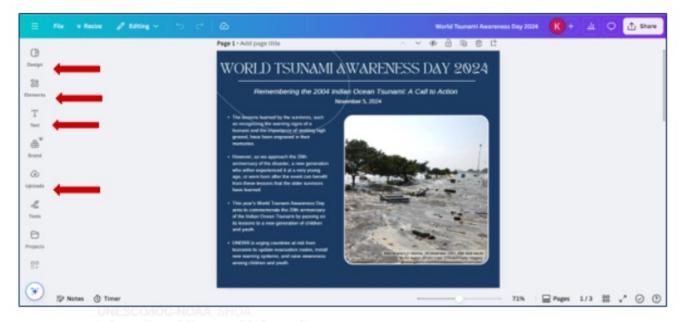
Should anticipate and answer the obvious questions of the target audience simple and clear.

Use different platforms:

Printed materials, videos, and Social Media

Using Online Tools Such as Canva to Create Materials

- Free account
- Many themes and elements
- Highly customizable
- Accessibility





Examples ITP 2024 Chile



MEDIDAS DE PREVENCIÓN ANTE UN TSUNAMI

ANTES

- · Identifica y señaliza las zonas de seguridad.
- · Reconoce las rutas de evacuación para llegar con facilidad y en el menor tiempo a las zonas de seguridad.
- · Ten a la mano siempre una mochila con artículos básicos de emergencia.











- · Si observas que después del temblor el mar se recoge y deja en seco grandes extensiones del fondo marino, dirigete rápidamente a zonas de seguridad.
- . Si no hay lugares altos cerca, un bosque frondoso y alto o los pisos altos de edificios pueden ser alternativas.
- · Aléjate rápidamente de la línea de costa.



- · Comprueba cómo se encuentra físicamente tu familia, verifica si falta alguien.
- · Evita áreas inundadas hasta que las autoridades indiquen que es seguro regresar.
- · Sigue las instrucciones que emitan las autoridades competentes.













PREP-4: Outreach or educational activities are held at least 3 times a year



The community should have outreach and educational activities:

- To educate community residents, businesses, and visitors, especially in the tsunami hazard zone.
- Educate on hazards, evacuation warning, and response.
- Hold three or more activities annually of which one is community wide.
- Multi-hazard that includes tsunami.
- These activities can be workshops, exhibits, school campaign, cultural activities, etc.

PREP-4. Outreach or educational activities are held at least three times a year.

- Leveraging of national, state and regional campaigns, including use of social media.
- Multi-hazard events or presentations.
- Booths at community events and fairs.
- Community tsunami safety workshops, town hall or similar public meetings.
- Presentations or workshops for faith-based or cultural organizations, community or civic groups.
- Local public safety campaigns, such as
- "Tsunami Preparedness" week/month.

- Media workshops.
- Local business workshops to help them develop response and business continuity plans.
- Information for business owners foremployee training, outreach or education that targets high-occupancy businesses in tsunami hazard zones (e.g. hotels, restaurants, fisheries, industrial sites).
- Door-to-door safety campaigns targeted to residents and businesses living or working in the community's tsunami hazard zone.



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