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TSUNAMI EVACUATION PLANNING AND UNESCO IOC TSUNAMI READY PROGRAMME

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TR PREP-1: Community-based Evacuation Maps Guidance

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Tsunami Ready Indicators



UNESCO IOC TSUNAMI READY INDICATORS

I ASSESSMENT (ASSESS)

- 1 ASSESS-1. Tsunami hazard zones are mapped and designated
- 2 ASSESS-2. The number of people at risk in the tsunami hazard zone is estimated
- ASSESS-3. Economic, infrastructural, political, and social resources are identified

II PREPAREDNESS (PREP)

- 4 PREP-1. Easily understood tsunami evacuation maps are approved
- 5 PREP-2. Tsunami information is publicly displayed
- 6 PREP-2. Outreach and public awareness and education resources are available and distributed
- 7 PREP-3. Outreach or educational activities <u>are held at least</u> three times a year
- PREP-4: A community tsunami exercise is conducted at least every two years

III RESPONSE (RESP)

- 9 RESP-1. A community tsunami emergency response plan (ERP) is approved
- RESP-2. The capacity to manage emergency response operations during a tsunami is in place
- RESP-3. Redundant and reliable means to timely receive 24-hour official tsunami alerts are in place
- RESP-4. Redundant and reliable means to timely disseminate 24-hour official tsunami alerts to the public are in place

Prep-1 Easily understood tsunami evacuation maps are approved

Manual and Guide 74:

- Based on Tsunami Hazard Zone.
- Prepared with community consultation to incorporate local knowledge.
- Approved by local authorities.
- In accordance with the community's Tsunami Emergency Response Plan



Prep-1 Easily understood tsunami evacuation maps are approved

The evacuation map should:

- show evacuation zones, routes, safer areas as higher ground or tsunami shelter, assembly areas, critical and sensitive facilities
- □ use the tsunami hazard map as a basis for its preparation (deliverable of ASSESS-1)
- □ The <u>community should be</u> <u>involved</u> in its preparation to <u>incorporate local knowledge</u>



Evacuation map in Praia da Batata, Lagos, Portugal.

TEMPP, and UNESCO IOC Manuals and Guides, 82, 2020: Preparing for Community Tsunami Evacuations: from inundation to evacuation maps, response plans and exercises.



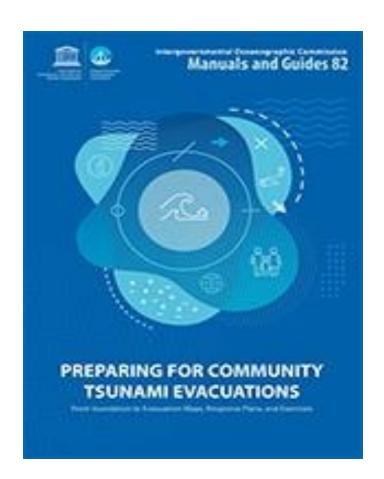






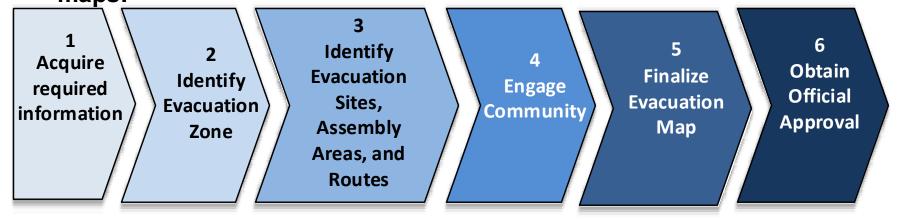


Preparing for Community Tsunami Evacuations
From Inundation to Evacuation Maps, Response Plans,
and Exercises ... communities knowing what to do and where to go



Evacuation maps should be simple and easy to read and should include essential information

The following 6 steps should be followed to develop evacuation maps:



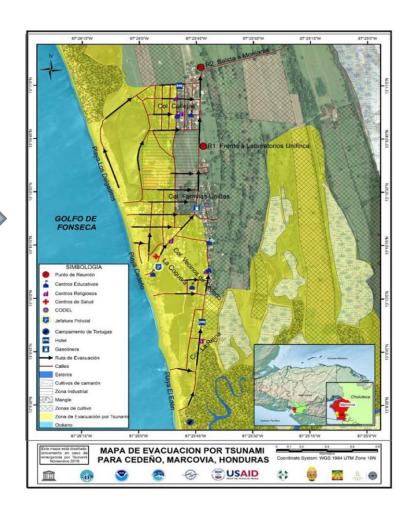


- Tsunami inundation map (gives flooding extent from worst case and credible tsunami scenario)
- Tsunami wave arrival time (useful to do the evacuation planning)
- Geospatial data layers (natural and built environment, population demographics, road systems, infrastructure and critical facilities, houses, etc)
- GIS software (QGIS, ArcGIS) and GIS mapping experts

From inundation map to evacuation map

example from Cedeño, Honduras





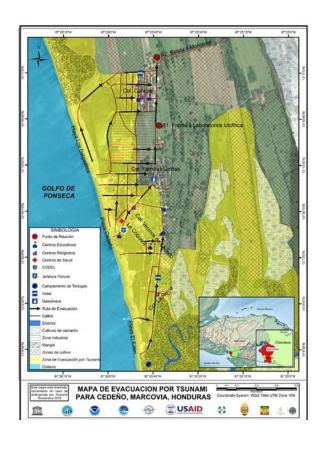
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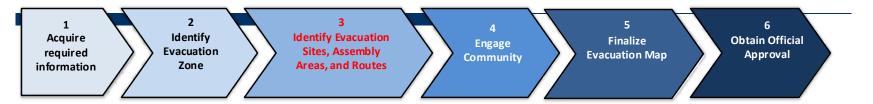
Safety factors to consider when drawing the evacuation zone line are:

- Safety buffer for potential uncertainties in the inundation map;
- Knowledge of flood zones, types of roadways and locations;
- Availability of identifiable landmark locations for easier evacuation routing;
- Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) sites and other potential hazards (secured gates or high fences, lumber yards or harbours with potential floating debris etc.) that could cause evacuation problems;
- Locations of special needs population in evacuation zone (i.e. hospitals, elder care or nursing facilities, schools, day care centres, non-English speakers, transient populations, etc.).
- Proximity and location of high ground (hills, cliffs, man-made vertical refuges (berms, tall buildings, etc);

Sensitive Facilities – Cedeño, Honduras



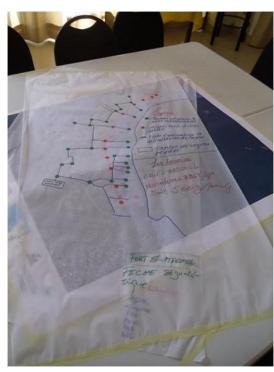


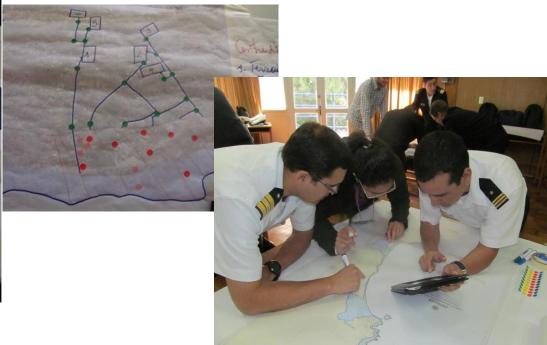


Decide criteria for determining assembly sites and evacuation route. The following are possible bases for selection of the site:

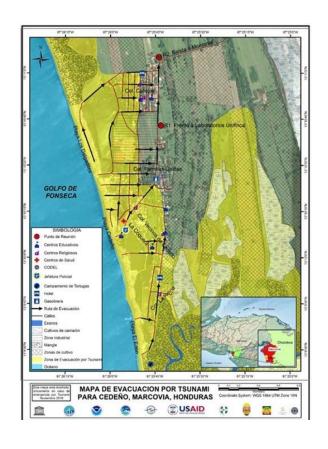
- Site is <u>outside of identified Tsunami Evacuation Zone</u>;
- Site can be <u>reached by foot</u> within the shortest possible time. Ease of egress by foot is 1st priority, including for special needs populations;
- Total area of <u>site can hold expected number of people</u> (or certain percentage of population of the community if several sites selected);
- Site can be <u>easily identified by residents</u>, for example, a prominent hill, a school, an open park among others
- Evacuation <u>routes should avoid areas</u> that <u>could suffer damages</u> from strong earthquakes (collapsed bridges, buildings, power lines and landslides), which may block routes and cause hazardous conditions.
- Route and site can <u>accommodate special needs populations</u> (portion of public sector willing, yet incapable of leaving Evacuating Zone).

Working on Evacuation Maps



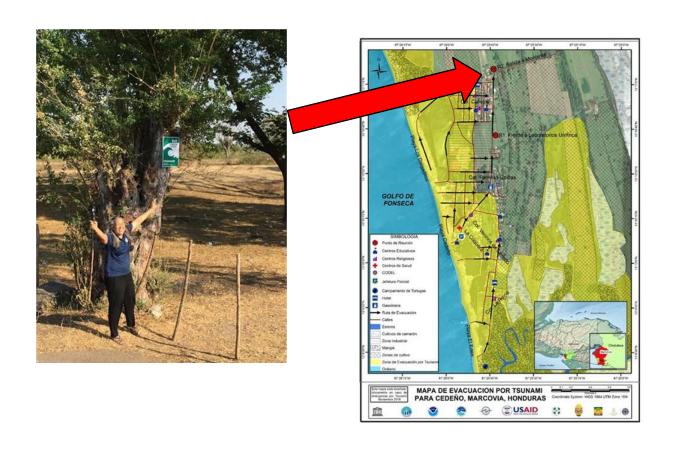


Sensitive Facilities – Cedeño, Honduras





Meeting Point - Cedeño, Honduras example





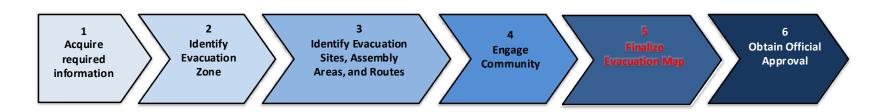
- Meeting(s) should be held with the community and its leaders to obtain their input.
- Invite all <u>stakeholders</u> who have a response, coordination, or special needs requirement (e.g., hospitals, schools).
- Engage and explain inundation mapping results and draft evacuation zone, evacuation areas,
- Assembly sites, refuges, or shelters, evacuation routes, and signage.
- Field visits to view topographic and built environment conditions may be needed. Evacuation
- Routes should be walked by the community to confirm ease and timing for successful egress.

Community Engagement – Cedeño, Honduras





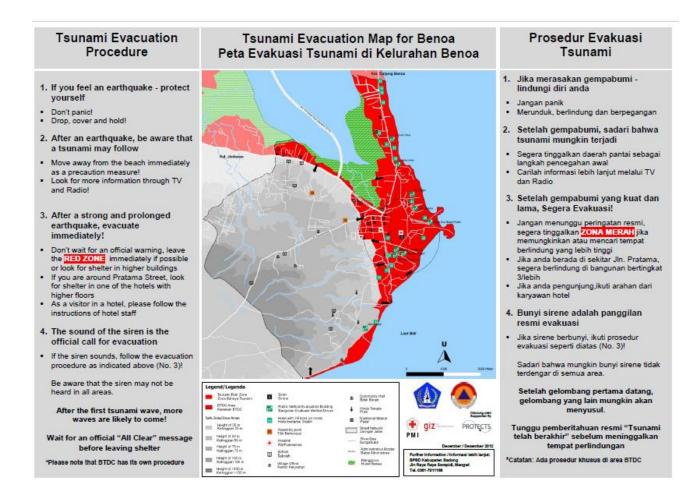


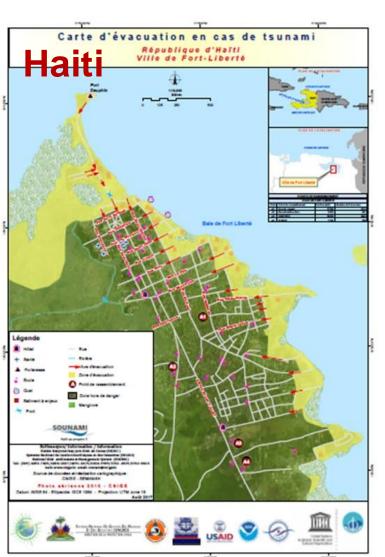


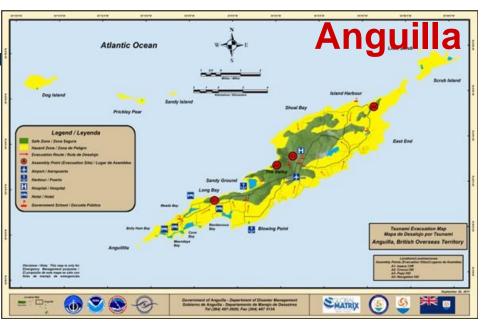
The community input is needed to finalize the drawing of the lines, evacuation/areas and routes, and signage.

- Colours (zones, streets, routes, signage, symbols, topography if shown),
- Legend,
- Inclusion of tsunami warning and safety information (awareness),
- Inclusion of evacuation information (instructions, guidelines).

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Text on back of Evacuation Map Cedeño, Honduras

Mensajes Oficiales de Tsunami para Honduras



Alerta Roja

- Mantenerse en los puntos de



Alerta

Amarilla

- ¡Peligro de Inundación!
- Si está en la zona de evacuación, salga, Diríjase hacia los puntos de reunión
- Siga las instrucciones de los encargados de emergencias



- Posibles corrientes peligrosas
- Salir del agua, playa, puertos marinos
- Estar en Observancia
- Siga las instrucciones de los encargados de emergencia



- No hay peligro
- Estar atento a información oficial

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y CODEL Cedeño En caso de Emergencia llamar 911 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

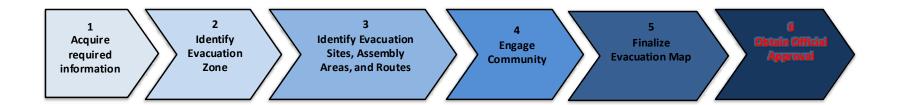
;;PROTÉJASE, VIVA PARA CONTARLO!!!





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Evacuation maps are public safety products that should be approved by the appropriate local governing authority. The type and placement of signage should also be approved by the appropriate authority.



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