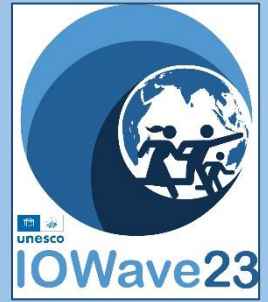


Sri Lanka

Scenarios Exercised:

- Andaman Trench (4 Oct)
- Heard Island (18 Oct)
- Makran Trench (11 Oct)
- Java Trench (25 Oct)



EOC in operation during the exercise



Designated evacuation centres and camp registration process



School evacuation exercise

Exercise Participants = 1929 evacuees

Community: 729 evacuees
 Senthoor & Jayanagar GN Divisions in Trincomalee: 729 persons including PWD, Pregnant & lactating mothers Elderly & Children.

School Exercise: 1200 evacuees

An-Nooriya School:

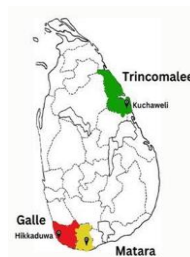
373 including staff

Madampagama School:

526 including staff

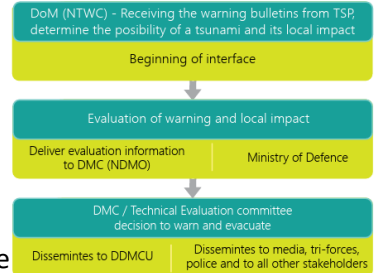
Mahamaya Girl's School:

301 including staff



National Tsunami Warning & Mitigation System

- Department of Meteorology (NTWC) generates national tsunami bulletins
- Disaster Management Centre (NDMO) is mandated to issue evacuation order
- CTRIs were taken as a reference for preparing at-risk communities against tsunamis



National Organisation of Exercise IOWave23

Exercise Planning & Execution:

Awareness and Sensitization of Tsunami Operational Plans

- Efforts extended to all 14 coastal districts in Sri Lanka

Development of Seal-Off Plan

- A plan to execute in case of a real incident - Authority granted to battalion heads for community evacuation and security

Engagement with Non-Governmental Agencies

- Collaboration due to financial constraints

Appointment of Independent Observers

- From the national to community level
- Evaluate exercise procedures, SOPs and communication channels

Conduct the National Tabletop Exercise (TTE)

- Simulated situations for response formulation

Press Release and Media Briefing

- Comprehensive release through major national media channels
- Media briefing to minimise confusion among coastal populations

Exercise Day – 4th October 2023 - Summary

- Tested communication from TSPs to NTWC, NTWC to NDMO, and NDMO to LDMO and other downstream entities and to the community level
- Conducted a functional Tsunami simulation, including people and resource movement, for a realistic on-ground response
- Practised evacuation in selected coastal communities in Trincomalee District and schools in Trincomalee, Galle, and Matara
- Tested the CTRIs of evacuated communities

Lessons Learnt

- SOPs of NTWC, NDMO and the information flow to the community level were successfully validated, while gaps were identified with the revisions required
- Need for dissemination of impact-based warnings was identified
- Identified the need for community-level improvements, including a 24/7 operating early warning mechanism and the consideration of cost-effective alternatives or reinstating early warning towers

Organisation Logo(s)



Further Information:

Please send to UNESCO-IOC IOTIC and ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat:

1. Videos of activities undertaken in IOWave23

Tsunami Drill in Mannar, Sri Lanka

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nutsw27wgG0>

1. Links to social media (X, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn) related to IOWave23

Twitter

https://twitter.com/dmc_lk/status/1709969167053369846

https://twitter.com/dmc_lk/status/1707654544392384734

https://twitter.com/dmc_lk/status/1707654405955228026

https://twitter.com/dmc_lk/status/1707653489864663435

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=716451017188041&set=pcb.716452593854550>

<https://www.facebook.com/dmc.gov.lk/videos/1437911946772518>

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<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=712789024220907&set=a.251925050307309>

1. Links to online media related to news and coverage of IOWave23

National Simulation Exercise IOWave 23 conducted based on 3 districts

https://www.dmc.gov.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1224:03&catid=8&Itemid=125&lang=en

National Stakeholder Meeting – IOWave 23 Sri Lanka

https://www.dmc.gov.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1186:2023-08-29-11-32-01&catid=8&Itemid=125&lang=en

Tsunami drills

https://www.dmc.gov.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1129:2023-03-02-17-13-15&catid=8&Itemid=125&lang=en

World Tsunami Awareness Day 2023

https://www.dmc.gov.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1268:2023&catid=8&Itemid=125&lang=en

Newspapers and News websites

<https://sinhala.news.lk/news/political-current-affairs/item/54149-2023-28>

<https://mawbima.lk/2023/10/03/indian-ocean-tsunami-disaster-rehearsal-program-tomorrow/>

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<https://www.newsfirst.lk/sinhala/2023/10/04/%E0%B6%89%E0%B6%B1%E0%B7%8A%E0%B6%AF%E0%B7%93%E0%B6%BA-%E0%B7%83%E0%B7%8F%E0%B6%9C%E0%B6%BB-%E0%B6%9A%E0%B6%BD%E0%B7%8F%E0%B6%B4%E0%B7%93%E0%B6%BA-%E0%B7%83/>

<https://sinhala.asianmirror.lk/news/local/tsunami-2/>

<https://sinhala.adaderana.lk/news/187651>

<https://colombotimes.lk/sinhala/tsunami-disaster-drills-in-three-districts-2023-10-04.html>

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