

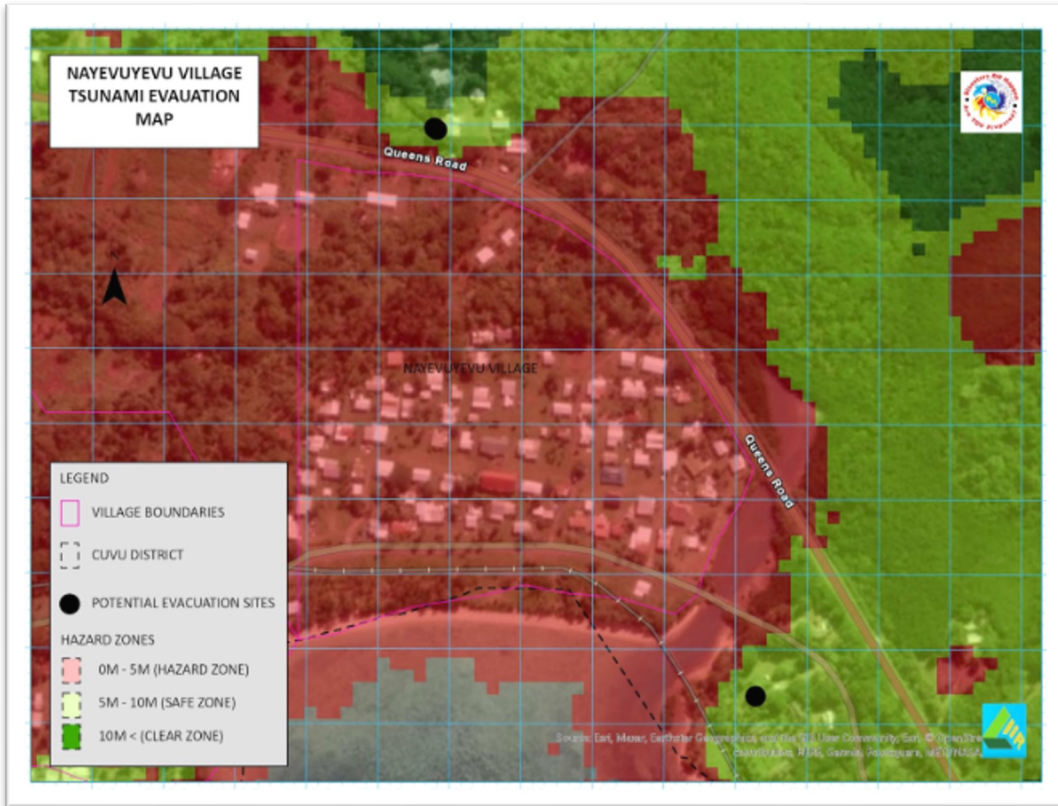
TSUNAMI READY RECOGNITION PROGRAMME - FIJI

Introduction

- The Seismology Unit – Mineral Resources Department is the National Tsunami Warning center for Fiji.
- Since 2018, the Seismology unit takes lead role in commemoration of World Tsunami Awareness Day. Last year was a bit different as Fiji launched its first Tsunami Ready Community under the UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme.
- Selected communities – Sila & Naevuevu covered the 12 Tsunami Ready Indicators
 - I. ASSESMENT
 - II. PREPAREDNESS
 - III. RESPONSE



i. Assessment



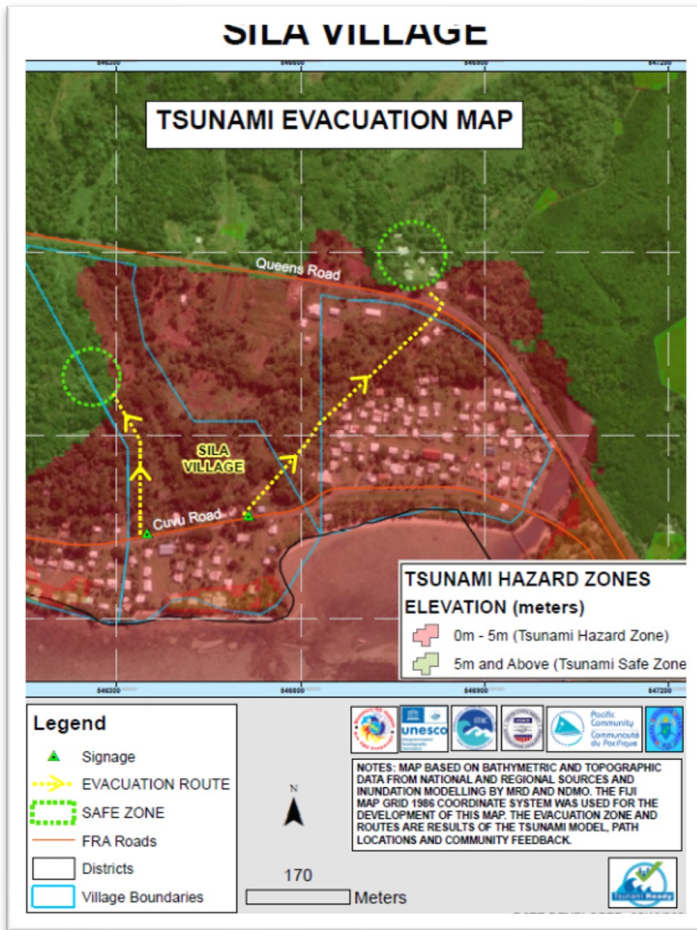
Tsunami hazard zones are mapped and designated

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHY							
1.0 Total number of households in the community						27	
1.1 Total number of families in the community						130 population	
1.2 Population Breakdown (include people living in the community but temporary away for a certain period of time for a particular purpose e.g. studies)							
Age Groups	Males	Females	Others	People Living with Disability (use Washington Group of Questions- attachment #)			Total
				(PWD not counted here)	Male	Female	
0-5 years	8	5					13
6-17 years	13	23					36
18-35 years	19	11					30
36-65 years	17	22		1	1		41
66 years & above	3	5		1	1		10

Village profiling

- No of people at risk
- Economic, infrastructural resources identified

ii. Preparedness



Tsunami evacuation map



Installed tsunami signboards



Conducting public awareness

Tsunami Drill Exercise

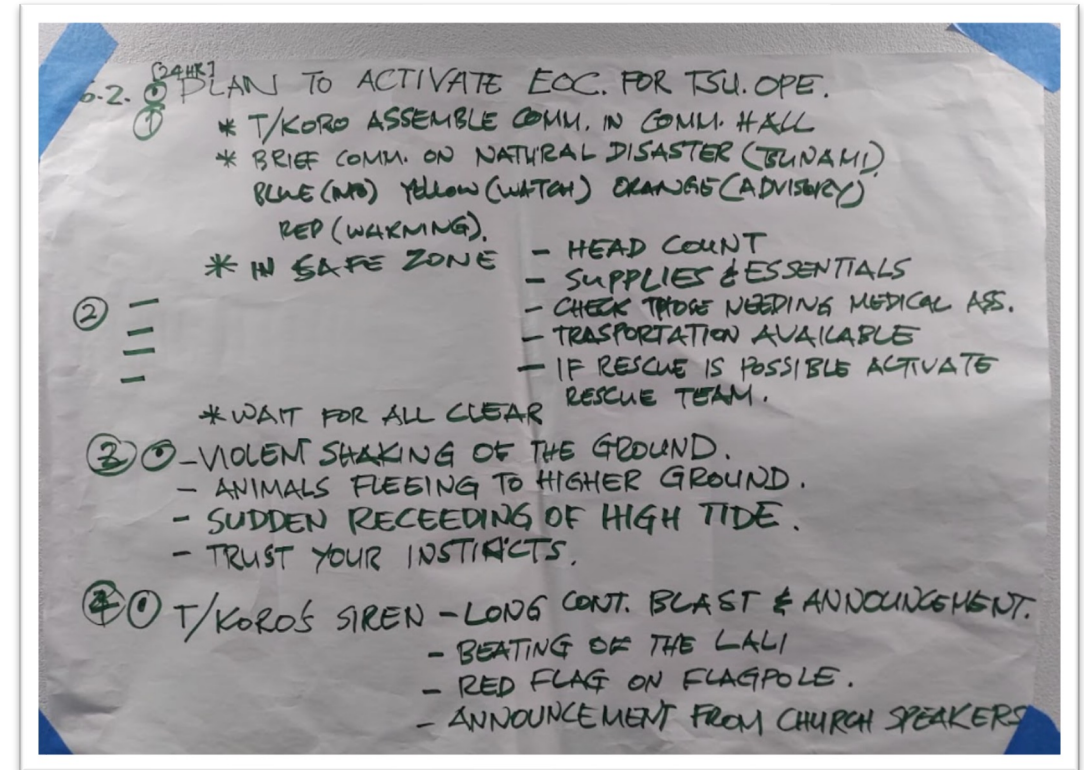


- Final indicator for TRRP
- Villagers showcased what they've learn and how to respond to different warnings
- Communication test – EOC
- Evacuate to designated safe haven

iii. Response



Approved tsunami response plan



Activation of EOC

Challenges

- FIRST TIME EXPERIENCE- TIME MANAGEMENT
- Scheduling Brief Meetings with communities and Local Govt Officials- Briefing on the project, Plans, Individual's functions and support for Exercise.
- Need to have timeline/Milestone deadlines for signed paperwork
- Need to review:
 - NTRB (National Tsunami Ready Board) – review of Terms of Ref, members
 - TRLC (Tsunami Ready Local Committee) – review of ToR, members
 - NTRB, Letter of Intent should be sent as soon as known – don't wait for last moment
 - TR Application -
 - NTRB should meet to evaluate TR Application (confirm that all indicators satisfied)
 - Must be signed fully
 - Put supporting docs into google Drive Folder – use file naming convention

Way Forward

- Create a guideline to be used by NGO's in Fijian context.
- Implementing colored vests during exercise for different players.
- Identify how key stakeholders (NGO's) can assist along the way rather than MRD (National Tsunami Warning Center) and National Disaster Management Office (NDMO).

Thank You



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