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Maldives Tsunami Ready Report

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Community Tsunami Preparedness Programme



- What is your country's ongoing community tsunami preparedness programme?
- The Government of Maldives acknowledges the importance of adopting a proactive risk management approach to disaster preparedness and response. Instead of relying solely on reactive measures that address the aftermath of disasters on an ad hoc basis.
- In alignment with the NDMA Act (2015), the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has introduced the Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) initiative. This program is designed to empower local communities by involving them into the disaster management process.
- Tsunami is one of the hazards addressed within the CBDRM program, recognizing its importance despite its relatively low occurrence rate in the Maldives. The CBDRM initiative incorporates tsunami preparedness to ensure that communities are resilient and equipped to effectively mitigate the risks associated with tsunamis.

Tsunami Ready Implementation



- What is your country's plan for Tsunami Ready implementation?
Including establishment of a National Tsunami Ready Board
- On August 4, 2024, Maldives hosted its inaugural workshop dedicated specifically to tsunami preparedness. This landmark event was held in collaboration with UNESCO-IOC IOTIC, BMKG, and the ICG/IOTWMS. The workshop aimed to enhance national stakeholders' capabilities in tsunami preparedness and emergency response. Key areas are: (Tsunami Risk Assessment, Warning and Emergency Response, Education and Awareness, Implementation of National Initiatives)
- Tsunami preparedness and response are an integral component of Disaster Management (DM) Committee's responsibilities on each island. This committee is formulated within CBDRM program.
- In the future, emphasis should be given to establish specialized task forces or subcommittees dedicated to tsunami preparedness. These groups will focus specifically on tsunami-related issues, while functioning within the broader framework of the Disaster Management (DM) Committee.

Technical Support Requirements



- What kind of technical support is required to implement the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) in your country?

The successful implementation of TRRP in the Maldives involves both infrastructure and community engagement. It will require a multifaceted approach involving technical support across several areas.

Support to implement local strategies/plans to enhance resilience;

providing access to finance for supporting DRR, climate change adaptation and to implement resilience initiatives.

Strengthen the institutional capacity of local authorities to plan, design, build and manage resilient infrastructure.

Technical Support Requirements



Technical Infrastructure: Set up or upgrade tsunami early warning systems. This includes installing and maintaining detection systems

Communication Tools: Develop and implement effective communication tools for disseminating warnings and information. This might include sirens, radio broadcasts, mobile alerts, and community bulletin boards.

Public Awareness Campaigns: Community based awareness programs, strengthen the ongoing DBDRM programme and introduce digitalised tools.



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