

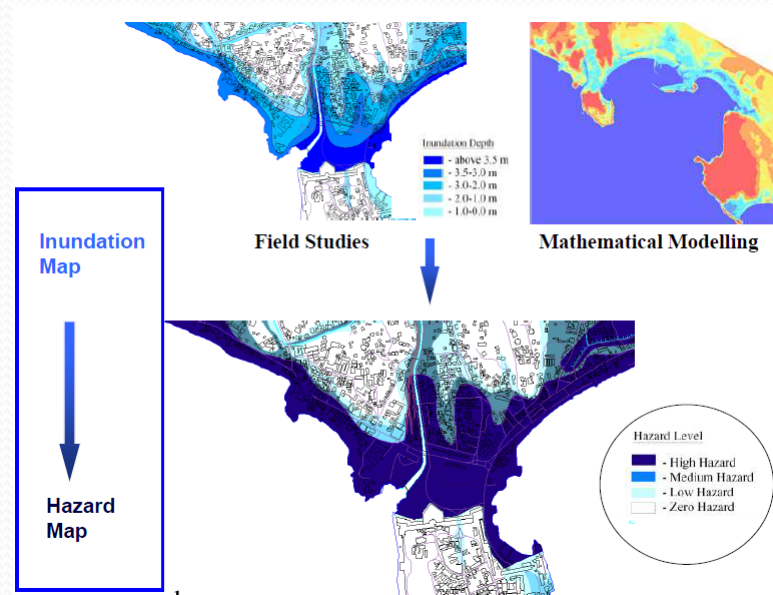
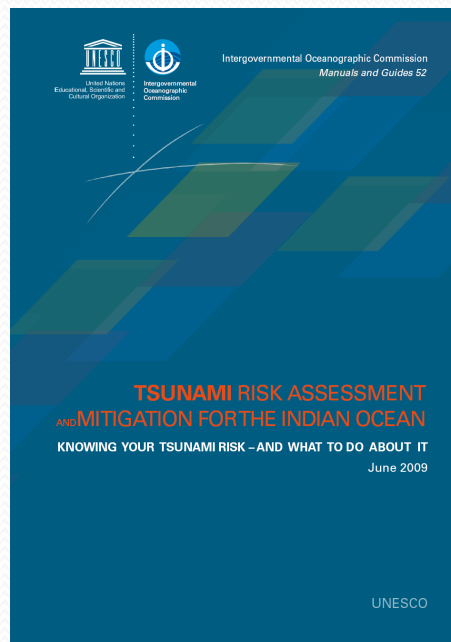
The most important mile: "The Last Mile"

by Rick Bailey

The most advanced warning systems
won't be effective if
the coastal communities at risk
don't know what to do

Risk Assessment

Development of risk assessment and reduction guidelines for countries



Tools



Workshops



Training

Education



Tsunami Information
Centres (TICS)



Child education

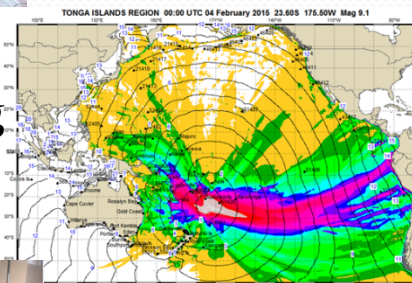


Media training

Preparedness



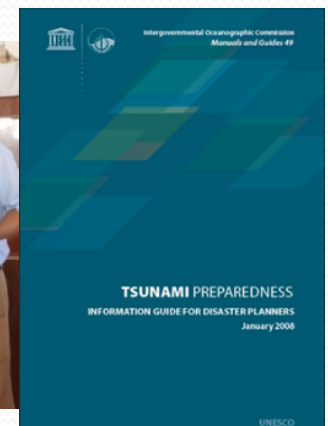
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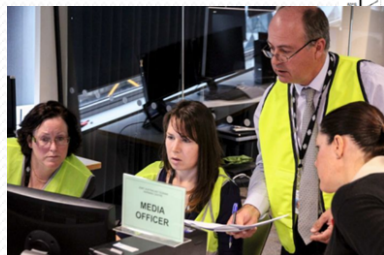
Signage



IN CASE OF EARTHQUAKE, GO TO HIGH GROUND OR INLAND



Training



Exercises and drills



Communications tests

Response

1. Hazard Information



2. Disaster management



3. Community response




Figure 9-4: Overview of an Integrated Emergency Response System



Capacity Assessment





Due to the nature of the
tsunami threat, unfortunately
can never be sure to be "safe".
However, must always be
"ready".

The task is never ending.



Suggested Actions:

1. PTWS through TOWS-WG to develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for national status/capacity in risk assessment, community awareness and preparedness.
2. PTWS to undertake new country capacity assessments and benchmark against previous assessments
3. PTWS evaluate performance of PTWS and countries evaluate own responses for real tsunami events, as well as exercises.
4. PTWS help countries implement guidelines and best practices developed by TOWS-WG
5. Countries integrate national tsunami awareness and response activities into multi-hazard programmes to sustain awareness and prioritise overall effort and resources.
6. PTWS to put more effort into the "last mile", start by including M for Mitigation in PTWMS !!



Mahalo!