

- Relevance and institutionalizing of early warning systems audit tool kit by the National Disaster Management Organization of Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and the Philippines
- Consolidate the experiences and lesson learnt from the project and discuss way forward to strengthen End-to-End Early Warning Systems in the region

Participants:

- The participants for the Regional Experience Sharing Workshop are representatives / focal points of National Early Warning Agencies, National Disaster Management Organizations, National Red Cross Societies who have been associated with the project implementation of the four target countries, and representatives of regional organizations such as IFRC, UNESCAP, UNDP, UNISDR, UN-OCHA, RIMES etc
- Discussions during the learning workshop will be in English, hence it is requested to consider nominating participant who are conversant in English
- All travel-related expenses, such as visa, air travel, accommodation, and a modest living allowance, will be covered directly by ADPC, while life/major health insurance of the participant is the responsibility of his/her institution.



REGIONAL EXPERIENCE SHARING WORKSHOP ON EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

Supported under *facilitating the integration of tsunami warning by strengthening multi-hazard warning systems in Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines*

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Since the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, countries in the region have made significant progress in establishing tsunami warning systems. Yet, gaps remain to make the system end-to-end to ensure that all high risk communities are connected to the warning system and are prepared to take action to reduce risks while having a multi-hazard approach. To complement various early warning systems initiatives in the region the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), with support from the American Red Cross (ARC) has been implementing a regional project “Facilitating the integration of tsunami warning by strengthening multi-hazard warning systems in Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines” since July 2008. The regional project complements the various past and ongoing initiatives to strengthen early warning systems in the project countries by:



- a) Improving inter-agency collaboration and coordination among early warning information providers and its users through stakeholder forums
- b) Linking mass-based organizations, such as National Red Cross Societies (NRCS), to the national and local level early warning systems for synergy of programs and projects
- c) Building institutional capacities in utilizing hazard risk information for contingency planning and targeted emergency response
- d) Periodic early warning system audits to ensure effective and efficient system functionality and reliability
- e) Ensuring community connectivity, and emergency preparedness and readiness

In collaboration with the National Early Warning Agencies, National Disaster Management Organizations and the National Red Cross Societies of the target countries the project has facilitated the establishment and conduct of regular early warning stakeholders forum

(Monsoon Forum in Indonesia and Sri Lanka and Seasonal Climate Forum in Vietnam), supported the development of country specific training manual on End-to-End Early Warning and adaptation and pilot testing of Hazard Ready Community tool kit for periodic audit on community preparedness in the project countries. While the current phase of the project is nearing its completion it has been proposed to organize a regional experience sharing workshop of project partners to share the lessons and experiences of the project.

Objectives:

The objective of the workshop is three fold:

1. To share experiences and lessons learnt from the key components of the project;
2. To share practices and experiences of NRCS of project countries on the use of early warning information for effective response;
3. To discuss way forward to strengthen End-to-End Early Warning Systems in the region.

Structure:

The regional experience sharing workshop is structured into three parts over two days:

- Regional perspective on Early Warning Systems - Project accomplishments and its challenges, ongoing initiatives by various institutions
- Country perspective and experiences, lessons learned and opportunities to strengthening early warning systems through stakeholder dialogue by the National Early Warning Agencies of Vietnam, Sri Lanka Indonesia and the Philippines
- Feedback on the pilot testing of End-to-End Early Warning Systems training manual by the National Red Cross Societies of Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and the Philippines