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Preface

This brochure is a summary of "The InaTEWS Tsunami Early Warning Service Guidebook" published in 2012 by the National Agency for Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics (BMKG), as the tsunami warning provider for the Indonesian Tsunami Early Warning System (InaTEWS).

The guideline consists of 12 principles that clarify the roles and responsibilities of institutions and key actors of InaTEWS in receiving, understanding, and responding to tsunami warnings from BMKG. It targets local government institutions at all levels, especially those in charge of disaster risk management, preparedness and emergency response in the regions, amongst others the *Badan Penanggulangan Bencana Daerah* (BPBD, Local Disaster Management Agency), and especially those officers with the authority to make decisions in emergency situations.

The guideline also provides recommendations on how to improve local earthquake and tsunami awareness and preparedness, and is considered a vital tool for building a common understanding of the tsunami risk, InaTEWS, and tsunami preparedness—a prerequisite for synergy amongst all stakeholders and for building an effective tsunami early warning system.

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Principle	1:	Indonesia is prone to local tsunamis
Principle	2:	InaTEWS – Indonesia Tsunami Early Warning System and Community Empowerment
Principle	3:	Roles and Responsibilities of Institutions and Communities in the Tsunami Early Warning Communication Chain
Principle	4:	Instruments for Earthquake and Tsunami Observation
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Dissemination of Tsunami Warnings and Guidance by Local

Standard Strategy for Community Reaction to Natural Tsunami Warning Signs, Earthquake Information, Tsunami Warnings from the BMKG and

Guidance from Local Governments

Principle 12: Recommendations for Local Tsunami Preparedness

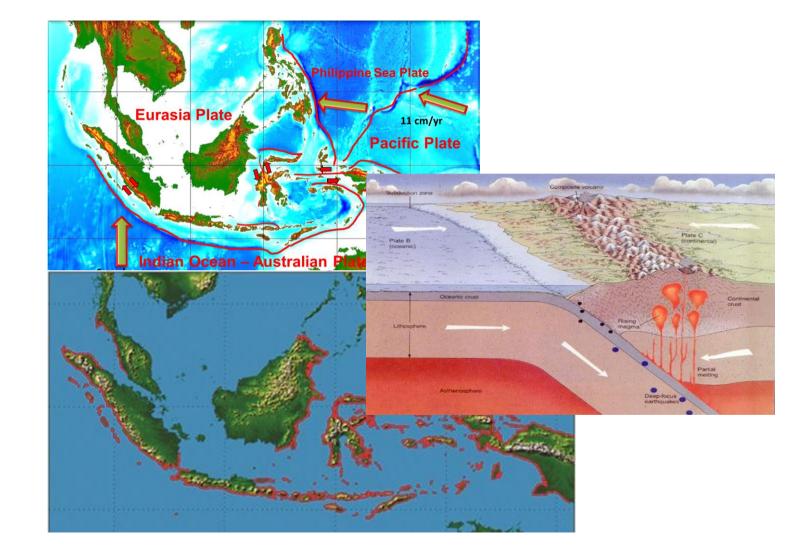
Governments

Principle 10:

Principle 11:

Principle 1: Indonesia is Prone to Local Tsunamis

Indonesia is prone to local tsunamis due to the fact that its coastline is generally very close to tsunami sources. Local tsunamis can reach the shore in less than 30 minutes after an earthquake occurs.



Principle 2: InaTEWS — Indonesia Tsunami Early Warning System and Community Empowerment

Early warning is a combination of technology and community capacity that responds to information provided by the technology. As a component of disaster risk reduction, early warning is not only about the production of timely, technically accurate warnings but also an understanding of risk, a reliable link between providers and users of warnings and the capacity, on the part of communities and authorities, to respond appropriately to warnings. A failure in any one of these elements can mean failure of the whole warning system.

The Four Elements of People-centered Early Warning

and the related principles described in the InaTEWS Tsunami Early Warning Service Guideline

Conduct risk
assessment and collect
data systematically
Principle 1 & 12 describe
the risks faced by
Indonesia
and the importance of risk
assessments and provide

information how to do it

and whom to involve

Provide information, warnings and guidance
Principle 3 describes roles & responsibilities of the actors involved in the warning chain.
Principles 7-9 explain the roles and responsibilities

provide warnings and guidance.

Principle 10 describes how local governments can disseminate warnings

and guidance.

of local governments to

Risk Knowledge

Are the hazards and the vulnerabilities well known?

What are the patterns and trends in these factors?

Are maps and data widely available?

Dissemination and Communication

Do the warnings reach those at risk?

Do people understand the warnings?

Do they contain relevant and useful information?

Monitoring and Warning Service

Are the right parameters being monitored?

Is there a sound scientific basis for making forecasts?

Can accurate and timely warnings be generated?

Response Capability

Do communities understand their risk?

Are response plans developed, practiced and up to date?

Do the people & institutions know how to react to natural and official warnings?

Develop observation technology and warning service

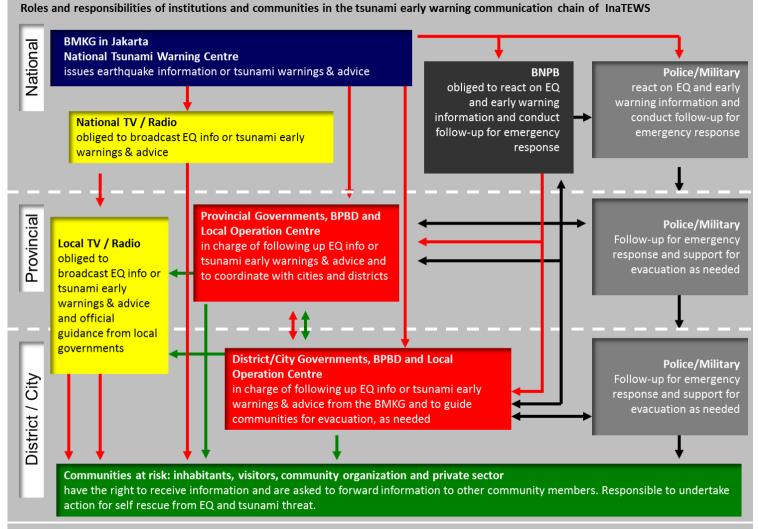
Principle 2 & 4 describe the InaTEWS concept, the earthquake and tsunami as well as the simulation system used by BMKG to generate earthquake information and tsunami early warnings.

Principle 5 & 6 explain the sequence and contents of tsunami early warnings as well as the communication channels for dissemination to local governments and media.

Build people's and institutional preparedness Principles 11 – 12 illustrate the importance of preparedness at community level for the effectiveness of InaTEWS.

Principle 3: Roles and Responsibilities of Institutions and Communities in the Tsunami Early Warning Communication Chain

The BMKG provides earthquake information and tsunami warnings to BNPB, local governments and the media. Local governments are responsible for guiding their community's reaction to this information and for deciding whether or not to call for evacuation.



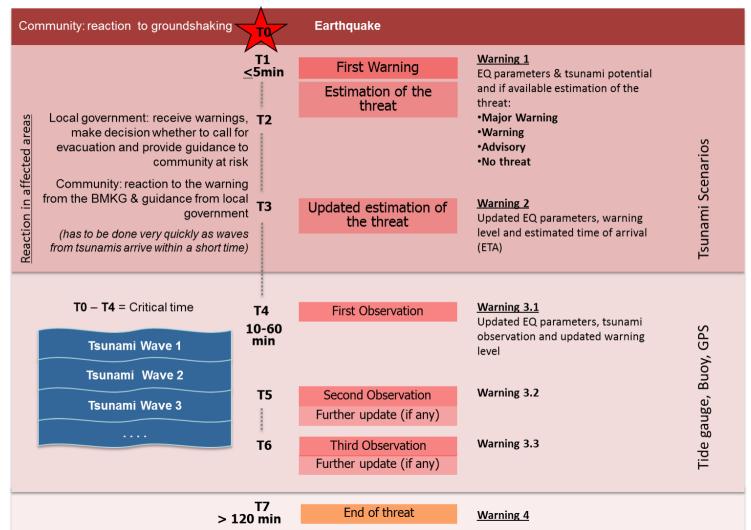
Principle 4: Instruments for Earthquake and Tsunami Observation

There are three kinds of observation instruments, seismographs for earthquake observation, GPS for earth plate deformation observation, and the tide gauges, buoy, CCTV and tsunami radar for tsunami observation. Through communication networks, data from these instruments are sent to BMKG, to be processed and used as the basis for developing tsunami threat scenarios.



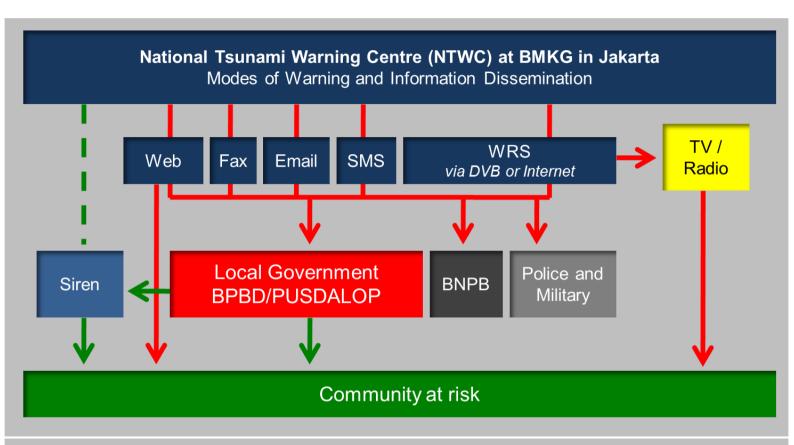
Principle 5: Sequence and Content of Tsunami Warnings

The BMKG publishes earthquake information or tsunami warnings five minutes after an earthquake, which are followed by several updates and/or an all-clear message. The warning messages contain the tsunami threat level by district: "Major Warning" (Awas), "Warning" (Siaga) and "Advisory" (Waspada).



Principle 6: Dissemination of Earthquake Information and Tsunami Early Warnings by BMKG

The BMKG sends earthquake information and tsunami warnings to the public via local governments, interface institutions, and the media, using various communication channels.



Principle 7: Local Government – the Key Actor in the Provision of Tsunami Early Warning Services to People at Risk

Local governments are obliged to guide people's reaction to groundshaking from a nearby earthquake based on the information received from BMKG.

BMKG in Jakarta - National Tsunami Warning Centre

Operating 24/7

Earthquake information or tsunami warnings and advice for reaction in the regions

— without instruction to the public



Government at provincial / district and city level (BPBD and Operation Centre)

- Receive earthquake information or tsunami warnings and advice from the BMKG
- O Make a decision about the required reaction based on the advice from the BMKG and the local SOPs (need to call for evacuation or not)
- Disseminate guidance to the public and related (non-)government institutions

Operating

24/7

TV / radio Stations



Earthquake information or tsunami warnings

– and clear instructions to the public



Government and nongovernment institutions







Community at risk

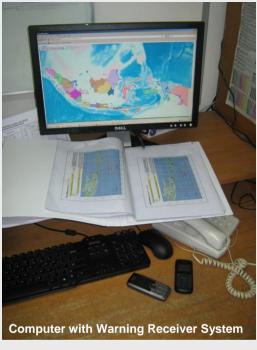
Principle 8: Reception of Tsunami Warnings by Local Governments

Local governments have to ensure that they are able to receive earthquake information or tsunami warnings and advice from BMKG accurately and at all times (24/7) through various communication devices.





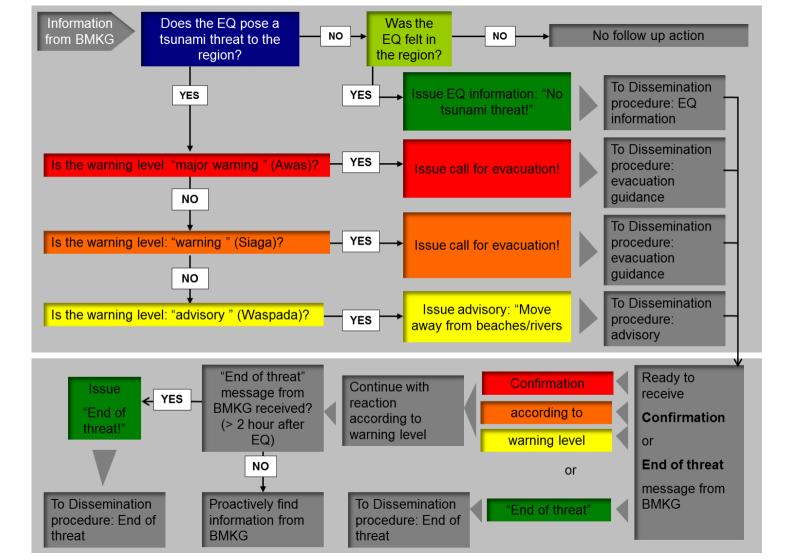






Principle 9: Decision Making by Local Governments

Local governments are expected to have the capacity to make a decision about the actions to be taken in their region (i.e., whether or not to call for evacuation) in a timely manner, based on earthquake information, tsunami warnings and advice from BMKG as well as local standard operating procedures (SOPs).



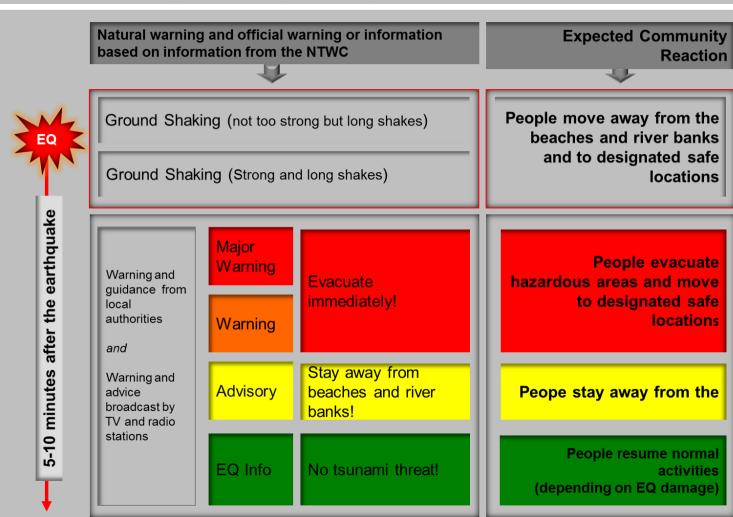
Principle 10: Dissemination of Tsunami Warnings and Guidance by Local Governments

Local governments are required to make use of various communication devices that enable them to widely disseminate earthquake information or warnings and guidance for evacuation, to the public. Sirens are one of several effective tools to call for evacuation. A steady three-minute sound from a tsunami siren means immediate evacuation.



Principle 11: Standard Strategy for Community Reaction to Natural Tsunami Warning Signs, Earthquake Information, Tsunami Warnings from the BMKG and Guidance from Local Governments

If people feel a strong earthquake, they should immediately evacuate to a safe location while seeking guidance from the local government. Earthquake information and tsunami warnings from BMKG that contain the estimated threat level and advice for response are the basis for official guidance to the public that either reinforces the need for evacuation or cancels an evacuation if there is no tsunami threat.



Principle 12: Recommendations for Local Tsunami Preparedness

Tsunami preparedness depends on the preparedness both of local institutions and communities at risk. Local governments, together with other stakeholders, are obliged to analyse the tsunami risk, prepare tsunami contingency and evacuation plans, develop institutional capacity and infrastructure for early warning, issue local regulations for disaster management and raise people's awareness of the tsunami risk and appropriate ways to respond to it.

