

Training for Community Outreach (KaTsumi)

Building Tsunami Awareness and Knowledge

BACKGROUND

The chances to survive a tsunami depend very much on the capacities of the affected people to quickly assess the situation and take the right decisions. Therefore people in risk areas need to be aware about tsunami hazard and risks and understand local warning and evacuation procedures. Furthermore, individuals and families should be encouraged to discuss and agree on own emergency procedures within their families or households. Community outreach programmes can help to achieve this goal.

As part of the PROTECTS capacity development program a training module has been developed to prepare representatives of communities at risk for outreach activities and to become local resource people in tsunami preparedness. Within the PROTECTS project these community facilitators were called *Kader Tsunami* (KaTsumi).

ABOUT THE TRAINING

The 3-day training is targeted to a group of individuals from selected areas (usually within a district), who are experienced and engaged in community activities and are willing to help disseminating preparedness messages to the communities. Proper selection of participants is a key factor for such training and should be done in close coordination with local leaders and the local disaster management agency.

It is required that solid and officially recognized evacuation plans for the respective areas are available and local tsunami warning arrangements are in place as it is intended that the community facilitators provide locally specific information to the communities when conducting outreach activities.

The training addresses technical topics related to tsunami hazard and risks, local evacuation plans and warning arrangements as well as “soft skills” on how to prepare and conduct community outreach activities.

The training includes practical exercises how to present key information like the local evacuation map and procedures.

The training will be concluded by establishing an action plan to help the participants preparing for up-coming outreach events.

TRAINING MODULE & REFERENCES

A Training Module is available to help organizers as well trainers to prepare the training, including a sample training moderation plan as well as supporting materials both for the trainers and the participants. The moderation plan describes the different training sessions specifying their objectives, contents, methodology, materials and the time needed.



The Training Module is aligned to public education materials developed during the GITEWS Project. The full training package contains copies of short video films, poster, comics and a visualization tool (*Lembar Balik*) for community outreach.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES SO FAR

In the frame of the PROTECTS project the training module was implemented in a number of districts and cities in NTB, Bali, Yogyakarta and East Java. These trainings were conducted by local tsunami preparedness facilitators, who had been prepared for this during the FaTmi-Training, with back-up from one of the FaTmi-Trainers.

Trainings were implemented based on requests from local disaster management agencies once solid evacuation plans had been presented. Furthermore local stakeholders were encouraged and supported to produce and provide public information material on tsunami procedures in form of educational leaflets, billboards and evacuation route signage.

The participation of representatives from the local disaster management agency or tsunami preparedness working group during the "action planning" on the last day of the training was important to assure the necessary support for implementation of outreach activities and to build relationships between the *Kader Tsunami* and the more experienced stakeholder. This way, the learning of *Kader Tsunami* continues beyond the training.

FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAININGS

The *Training for Community Outreach* can be applied in any district which has already developed the main references for tsunami preparedness at the community and/or institution level. Training preparation implies the compilation of these references and to integrate them into the respective training sessions. Trainers need to fully understand the local conditions and references.

The training module including related materials had been documented and handed over to BNPB in May 2013. Although the Training Manual has been designed in a way that it enables experienced trainers to implement the developed module without further assistance, it is to be asserted that for transfer and adaptation the assistance of experienced trainers is highly recommended. A list of experienced trainers is provided further below.

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