Training for Tsunami-Preparedness Facilitators (FaTmi)
Supporting Local Tsunami Evacuation Planning and Community Outreach

BACKGROUND

Once evacuation plans and warning arrangements at district or sub-district level have been implemented, it might be necessary to specify them for smaller units like villages or institutions (schools, hospitals) and communicate the results to the ones concerned. Experiences show that such processes usually do not happen by themselves but need to be promoted and facilitated. They also need to be accompanied by resource persons who can inform on the already existing references - like district evacuation plans and warning procedures - and provide background information on tsunami hazard and the Indonesian warning system.

As part of the PROTECTS capacity development program a training module has been developed to prepare individuals from local communities as tsunami preparedness facilitators (FaTmis) to support local stakeholder in developing detailed evacuation planning and warning arrangements for their communities.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

The 5-day training is targeted to individuals who are involved in supporting local disaster management activities. Participants should have facilitation skills and be familiar with basic concepts regarding disaster management and tsunami hazard.

Ideally participants will work on behalf of or in close cooperation with the district disaster management authorities. The training approach requires that district authorities have already developed evacuation plans and warning arrangements for their jurisdiction.

The training will enable the participants to play two roles: (1) facilitate village/institution evacuation planning processes based on the already existing references and (2) prepare members from local communities to conduct outreach activities to increase knowledge and awareness on tsunami preparedness at grass root level.

The training therefore covers topics related to tsunami hazard, evacuation planning and warning chain, as well as facilitation skills and training delivery. The training incorporates practical exercises on technical topics as well as training delivery and will be concluded with a follow up plan to define next steps for the implementation of upcoming evacuation planning processes and community outreach trainings.

TRAINING MANUAL & REFERENCES

A Training Manual is available and contains guidance for the organizers as well as the trainers to hold this training. A generic training moderation plan is provided along with sample materials for trainers. The moderation plan describes the different training sessions indicating their objectives, content, methodology, and 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.

This Training Module is directly related to the Training on “Community Outreach” which is also part of the PROTECTS training sequence.

**PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES SO FAR**

In the frame of the PROTECTS project a number of FaTmi trainings had been implemented as part of the capacity development program in Java, Bali and NTB.

The trainings were most beneficial for participants who had already been engaged in local working groups on tsunami preparedness. Thus, participants had a better understanding on local evacuation plans and warning procedures and were able to directly apply their knowledge and skills acquired during the training in the process in their respective areas.

While facilitating processes in villages and institutions the facilitators could already identify individuals from the target communities with potentials to be trained for community outreach activities.

**FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAININGS**

The *Training for Tsunami-Preparedness Facilitators* is tailor-made for areas (districts) which have already developed the basic references for tsunami preparedness, including hazard / risk assessments, an evacuation plan and warning mechanism at district level.

The implementation of this training module requires experienced trainers (ToT qualifications) with solid knowledge and experience in tsunami preparedness.

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. The complete Training Module has also been handed over to BNPB in May 2013.

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