

Summary and Final Report

	Organization	Project Title	Budget (US\$)
TTF-06	Disaster Management Centre (DMC)-Sri Lanka	Enhancing National Capacity for Early Warning Dissemination in Sri Lanka	199,880.23
Target countries	Sri Lanka (February 2009 - December 2010)		
Summary	<p>Through this project the Disaster Management Center (DMC) of the Ministry of Disaster, Management and Human Rights (MDMHR) aimed to strengthen and upgrade a pre-existing digital radio communication network for the dissemination of early warning information for tsunamis and other natural hazards. The National Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the DMC, Colombo, is linked to two districts (Galle and Batticaloa) that are highly prone to tsunamis and other natural hazards such as floods, landslides, and droughts. The equipment was installed; personnel manning the stations were trained on the use of the system to disseminate early warning information. The trainings were on standard operating procedures (SOPs) for early warning dissemination, on the content of early warning messages and on the operation and maintenance of the radio communication equipment. A simulation drill involving Colombo and six districts were held.</p>		
Key results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Operating Procedures for early warning are documented and distributed. • Hand-held radios, repeaters and VHF base stations were fully operational and DMC has the capacity to facilitate a reliable and cost-effective radio communication system that can serve during emergency situations. DMC has committed to contribute its own funding to maintain the radio communication system in the future. • Staff of the Emergency Operation Centers and District Disaster Management Committee and Divisional Disaster Management Committee members of Colombo, Galle and Batticaloa now form a resource pool that support/train other staff in the Emergency Operation Centers and District and Divisional Disaster Management Committees. • In line with the Disaster Management Act, Road Map and National Disaster Management Plan (of 2007), the government of Sri Lanka is now mobilizing resources so that the Disaster Management Centre can expand the communication system to other disaster-prone Districts. 		
Date of completion	31 January 2011		

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