

	Organization	Project Title	Budget (US\$)
TTF-08	Maldives Meteorological Service	Towards sustaining the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia end-to-end multi hazard early warning system	303,348
Target Countries	26 African and Asian countries		
Summary	<p>The RIMES project was aimed at sustaining the regional early warning arrangement for tsunami and hydro meteorological hazards among 26 African and Asian countries. RIMES was established as a result of projects TTF-01, TTF-02 and TTF-07, and the membership and demand for RIMES grew further during the project period. Mongolia assumed RIMES Secretariat functions in 2011 from the Maldives.</p>		
Final results	<p>The Maldives Secretariat contributed immensely to RIMES institution-building by taking on the task of political advocacy and implementing administrative and financial mechanisms. It created a presidential task force to support Maldives Meteorological service by gathering political support, which proved to be extremely beneficial.</p> <p>RIMES provided a test bed for products of research and integrated these products into hydro-meteorological services and operations. The RIMES Executive Board adopted the Five-Year Master Plan, which documented Member States' needs in: hazard observations, capacity building, forecasting and R&D.</p> <p>Mongolia assumed secretariat functions in 2011, but the Maldives continued to represent RIMES in the ICG/IOTWS. Mongolia focused on resource mobilization for the Master Plan implementation.</p> <p>RIMES demonstrated its resilience and the sustainability of its systems in the Thai floods that affected the regional facility for early warning, in 2011.</p> <p>India, whose approval to join RIMES was a huge step, demonstrated how resource rich countries can financially contribute through fixed institutional support and program funds. Bangladesh and Nepal also contributed financially to RIMES through donor funded projects.</p>		
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