



**"FOREWARNED AND FOREARMED – ADVANCES IN SCIENCE TO ENHANCE RESILIENCE"** 

### Saving Lives with Advances in Impact based Multi-Hazards Early Warning

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### **Evaluation of Early Warning Systems (EWS)**





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### **Reasons for Warning Failure**



Despite advances in forecasting, *'Black swan events'* have resulted in great loss of lives as well as property WMO Strategic Plan 2020-2023 sets an ambitious Goal – to close the capacity gap on weather, climate, and water services between developed and developing countries



#### **Extensive mortality 1990-2013**







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### **EWS Challenges...**

- Unrelenting pressure on science to make a difference
- Linear and instrumental interpretations of relevance-"science proposes, society disposes"
- Advances research >> operational vs decision making process
- Communicating probabilistic scientific information
- Interface between policy makers, practitioners and researchers is often tense-time lines>>pressures>>objectives
- Lessons identified never learned!



# Differential impacts and Information need (example)



Hazard Class	Hazard	Problem/Rating			Impacts			
		Airport	Telco	Port	Airport	Telco	Port	
Fog	Visibility	High	V Low	V Low	Collision	Signal alteration	Collision Oil pollution	
Thunderstorm	Lightening	Medi um	High	High	Navigation aid damage	Equipment damage	Equipment, Navigation aid and cargo damage	
Tropical Cyclone	Extreme Wind	High	Medi um	High	Damage to builings Cancelation of flights	Outdoor and outer island network affected	Delays Abort inbound ferries Cargo damage	
	Heavy Rainfall	High	High	High	Aquaplaning Reduced visibility Diversion of routes	Signal alteration Outer network affected	Delays Cargo, equipment and navigation damage	
	Storm Surge	Low	Low	High	Outer island infrastructure damaged	Outdoor and outer island network affected	Warf and ship damage Delays to schedule Cargo damage	
	Coastal Inundation	High	High	High	Outer island infrastructure damaged	Lose the port	Lose the port	
	Strong Gale	High	Medi um	High	Damage to builings Cancelation of flights	Outdoor and outer island network affected	Delays Abort inbound ferries Cargo damage	

Country	Observ ations Networ k	Data Transm ission	Hydrological Modeling Capacity	Integration of NWP products & <1 to 2 days forecasts	Extended Forecasts 3-10 days & more	Capacity to generate tailor made forecasts	Integration to community response system and feedback
Bangladesh	2	2	3	3	2	2	2
Bhutan	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
Cambodia	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
China	4	4	4	4	3	2	2
India	4	4	3	3	2	2	1
Kenya	3	3	2	2	0	1	1
Lao PDR	2	2	2	1	0	1	1
Maldives	3	2	1	1	0	1	1
Madagascar	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Myanmar	1	1	2	1	0	0	1
Mozambique	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
Nepal	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
Pakistan	3	3	3	2	0	1	1
Philippines	4	4	3	2	2	2	2
Sri Lanka	3	3	2	1	0	1	1
Thailand	4	4	3	2	1	1	1
Vietnam	2	2	3	2	1	1	1
Yemen	2	2	2	1	0	0	0

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Gaps

Note: Comparative rating: 5-excellent; 4-very good; 3-satisfactory; 2-needs improvement; 1-poor; 0-non-existent

Fakhruddin, 2013

### **Risk Management Framework**

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Source: Survey by Jessorda (2018), Master thesis supervised by B Fakhruddin



#### Community connection & response

- Linking communities with two way communication network
- Pre-impact assessment
- Local risk knowledge adopted
- Public awareness
- Risk perception
- Risk knowledge
- Risk interpretation
- Appropriate response in place
- Safe evacuation resourcing

#### **Risk Communication**

- Government notified
- Public notified
- Local community notified
- Tourists notified

#### Dissemination & notification methods

- Siren towers Media • TV Text message
- Radio Internet
- Mash Box Others
- Social Media
- Specialized networks

### **Multi-Hazard** Impact Based **Early Warning** System

#### Institutional arrangement

- Regulatory framework
- Mandate
- Roles and responsibilities
- Interagency collaboration
- Concept of operation

#### Earth data observation

- Local hydro-met stations
- Local seismic networks
- Local tide gauge networks
- DART buoys
- AWS
- Doppler radars
- Upper air observation
- Satellite observation

#### Data and information collection

- National information centre
- Satellite comms
- Broadband and telephone
- Global data
- Regional data

#### Hazard detection

- Hardware
- Operating system
- Data analysis software
- Data Integration software

- Criteria





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Warnings & other

Watches

Advisories

Statements

infrastructure products





#### Hazard assessment

- Observation
- Inundation
- Prediction models
- Uncertainty assessment



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Impact based

forecasting/warning

Vulnerability information

Impact & risk assessments

Hazard assessment



### Impact Based EWS- Decision Support (example)





### **Uncertainty in EWS**



(Florian et al.,2016)

(Fakhruddin,2015)

### **Uncertainty Vs Opportunity**







....a specialized climate risk and early warning initiative that saves lives and livelihoods in least developed countries and small island developing States.

#### **CREWS Members**



#### **CREWS Observers**



#### **CREWS Implementing Partners**



## Connecting Science & Technology, Institutions and Society for an Integrated DRR







### **Essential to Operational Readiness**

- Test>> Test>>TEST
- Design and conduct simulation exercises to test and enhance the framework, procedures and technology
- Goal of Simulation exercise
  - Improve overall readiness
  - Identify, evaluate, improve organizational weaknesses / gaps in Plans, Policies, SOPs
  - Communications, Interagency Coordination





### **Economic- Benefits**

- Action to build disaster resilience is poorly incentivised (ODI, 2015)
- Economic benefit of the flood early warning system revealed a return of \$US559 for each dollar of investment (RIMES, 2013)
- Experiment showed that every USD 1 invested, a return of USD 40.85 in benefits over a ten-year period may be realized. Case study from Bangladesh (World Bank, 2012).
- USD 1 investment, a return of USD 70 in benefits in the Pacific cyclone early warning system. Case study from Samoa (Fakhruddin, 2015)





### Take Home

- Skilful medium to long range/seasonal forecasts could be a valuable tool for decision making in the every sector (e.g. water, agriculture)
- We have enough tested technology to apply EPS for operational use in earth system science.
- Ensemble forecasts and warnings can only reach their full potential if they are understood and acted upon by the person receiving
- We can stretch our capabilities to utilize seasonal forecasting, flash flood forecasting for different sectors (e.g. dam operation, irrigation and electricity sectors, etc.)





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