

Group 2

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Themes

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- Early warning and evacuation system/ shelter
- Use of technologies including ICTs and space technologies

Key Issues

- Early warning and Evacuation System/Shelter

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1. Accurate disaster risk assessments.
2. Mode of Communications: As many alternatives as possible, including: Radio, Cell Phones, TV, Wireless Sets, Internets, Voice Messages and other conventional approaches
3. Clarity of the early warning messages
4. Lack of faith in early warning messaging / normalcy biases.
5. Shelter location?
6. How to make community-based early warning systems sustainable?
7. How to use local wisdom?

Proposed Recommendation

- Early warning systems should be simple.
- Early warning should be reliable
- Enhanced emphasis on awareness raising and public education.
- Hospitals and schools safe from hazards
- Use of volunteers will be useful in evacuation
- Shelter hazard resistant / in a safe location
- Communities should be one of the main stakeholders for early warning systems, linked to the national system, to ensure sustainability
- Local knowledge should be incorporated into early warning planning / strategies

Conclusions/ Call for Action

A blend of conventional wisdom and technology will be useful for an effective early warning and evacuation.