Evaluation and Strengthening of Early Warning Systems in Countries Affected by the 26 December 2004 Tsunami

Partnerships for Building Resilience to Tsunamis

A multi-partner, multi-donor initiative providing an overall integrated framework for strengthening early warning systems in the Indian Ocean. Partnerships and coordination have been strengthened across many UN agencies, regional and national organizations, research institutes, and local communities, with the overall coordination of UN/ISDR Platform for the Promotion of Early Warning. This partnership approach has brought added value to the diversity of activities and a more coherent and coordinated approach to the problem, thus extending the reach and effectiveness of inputs and resources. Engagement of a wide range of partners and donor contributions provides an example of an integrated vehicle for supporting the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters.

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