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An important component of Phase 2c will be evacuation drills conducted in the selected pilot communities of the Makran countries: India, Iran, Oman, Pakistan, and the United Arab Emirates.

The evacuation drills will be conducted following completion of the evacuation and inundation mapping.

Target window for the evacuation drills in mid to late 2024.





Exercise Indian Ocean Wave 2023 (IOWave23)

Exercise IOWave23 has provided an opportunity to test outcomes the national tsunami warning chains and standard operating procedures developed in the project in Indian, Iran, Oman, Pakistan, and the United Arab Emirates (as developed in previous phases of the project).

In India, more than 40,000 people were evacuated to shelters/safe places during mock exercise. Around 42 coastal villages from 12 districts of 4 coastal States / Union Territories of Odisha (32 villages), Andaman (3), Puducherry (4) and Tamil Nadu (3) were involved and evacuated during the exercise on 4 Oct 2023.

In Iran, about 500 people were participated in IOWave23 exercise in two sites: totally 300 people involved in the exercise at three locations in the Chabahar City, and 200 in the Jask City.

In the United Arab Emirates, an evacuation exercise was conducted in Al Righailat area in the Emirate of Fujairah.



Drills in Pilot Communities

Exercise IOWave23 occurred before evacuation maps were completed for all pilot communities. Therefore, dedicated drills for each pilot community are part of Phase 2c.

The evacuation plans and procedures developed for the identified pilot areas in Phase 2c in all five countries will be tested by tsunami evacuation drills in the nominated pilot communities.

August 2024 has been suggested for the community evacuation drills.





Tsunami Ready

Regular tsunami evacuation drills are an important component of in the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme.

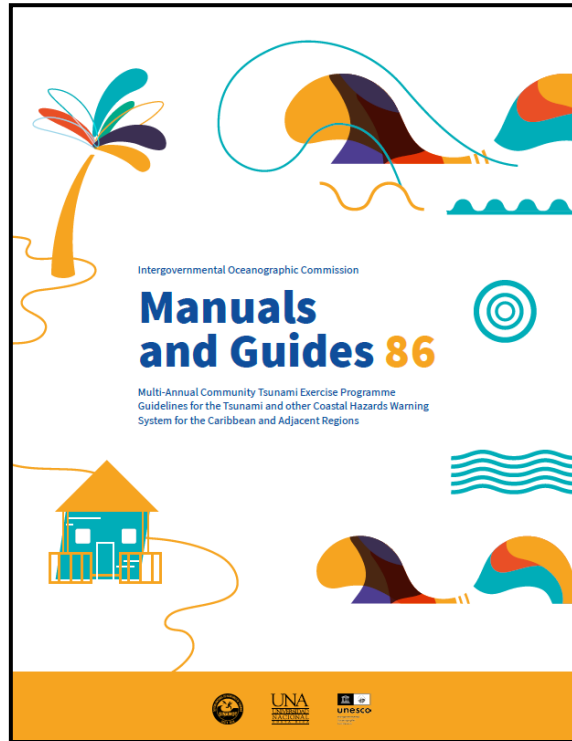
With the evacuation and inundation maps plus regular evacuation drills, the communities will well on track to becoming Tsunami Ready.

Extending tsunami preparedness across all Tsunami Ready Indicators for at-risk communities will be the focus of Stage 3 of the project (to be proposed for 2025-26).

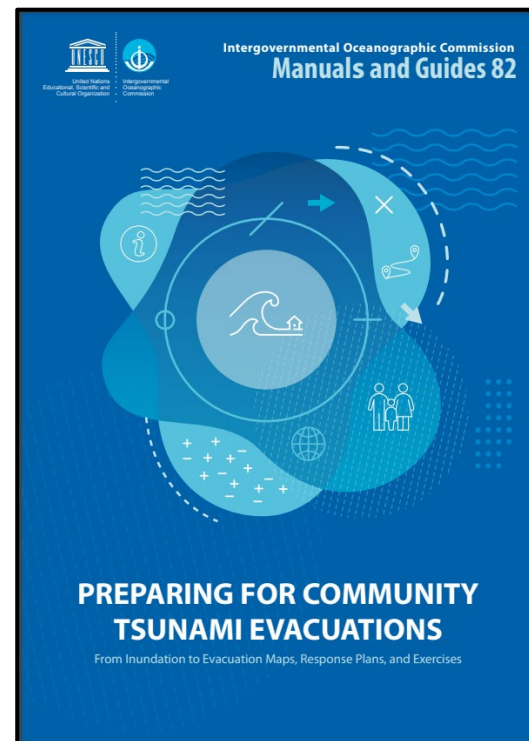


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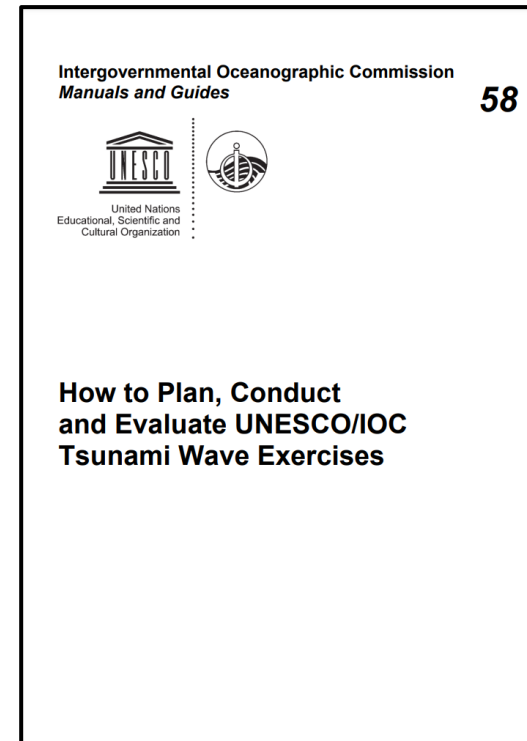
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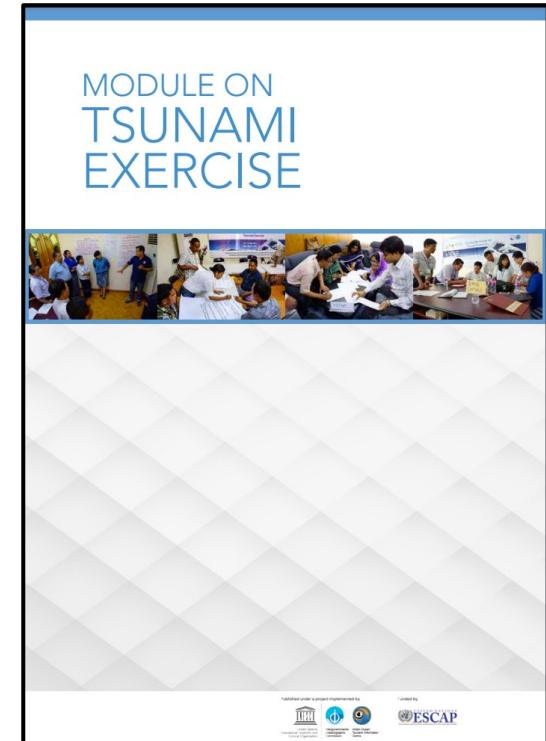
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