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UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme Implementation Process and Steps

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Introduction

The UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme is:

- a voluntary international performance-based community programme.
- Facilitated by UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Information Centres* (CTIC, IOTIC, ITIC, and NEAMTIC) of each region
- a formal recognition process follows standard guidelines (UNESCO-IOC Manual and Guide 74).

* UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Information Centres







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Standard Guidelines for the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme

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The 12 Tsunami Ready indicators cover Assessment, Preparedness and Response.

To be recognized as UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready, the community must achieve all 12 indicators.

UNESCO IOC TSUNAMI READY INDICATORS

ASSESSMENT (ASSESS)

1	ASSESS-1. Tsunami hazard zones are mapped and designated
2	ASSESS-2. The number of people at risk in the tsunami hazard
	zone is estimated
3	ASSESS-3. Economic, infrastructural, political, and social
	resources are identified
II	PREPAREDNESS (PREP)
4	PREP-1. Easily understood tsunami evacuation maps are

- approved 5 PREP-2. Tsunami information including signage is publicly displayed
- 6 PREP-3. Outreach and public awareness and education resources are available and distributed
- 7 PREP-4. Outreach or educational activities are held at least three times a year
- 8 PREP-5: A community tsunami exercise is conducted at least every two years

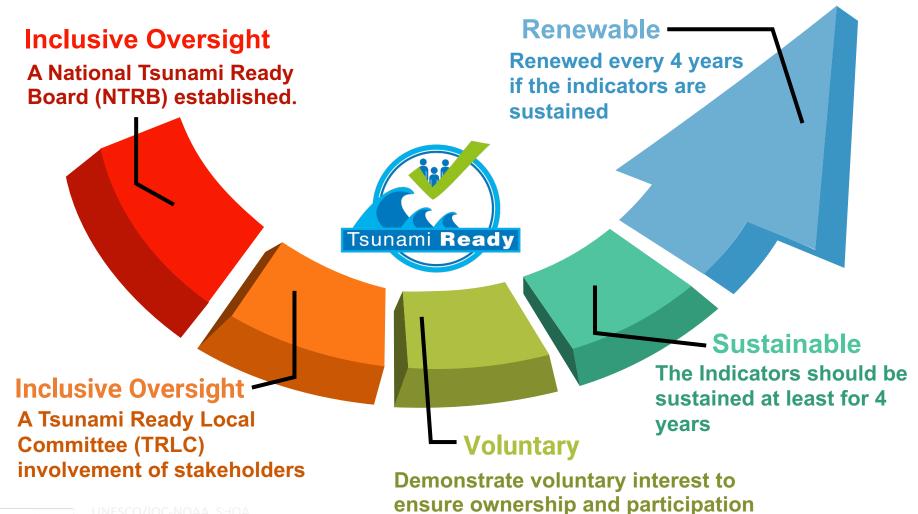
III RESPONSE (RESP)

- 9 RESP-1. A community tsunami emergency response plan is approved
- 10 RESP-2. The capacity to manage emergency response operations during a tsunami is in place
- 11 RESP-3. Redundant and reliable means to timely receive 24-hour official tsunami alerts are in place

12 RESP-4. Redundant and reliable means to timely disseminate 24-hour official tsunami alerts to the public are in place

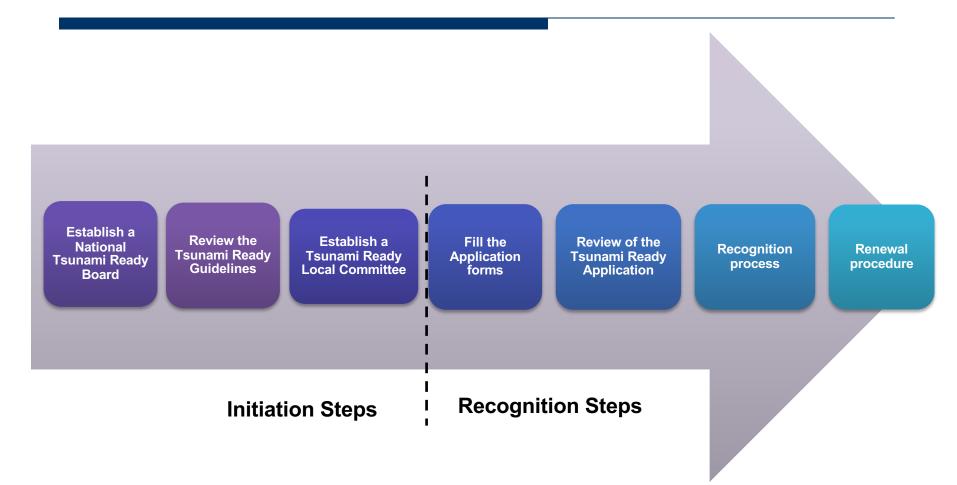
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Successful implementation is subject to a number of conditions





Tsunami Ready recognition process - Steps



National versus Regional Programme

Tsunami Ready Recognition can be granted at the Regional or National level.

- 1. National Programmes subdivide country into number of communities and recognize each community individually as TR. Tsunami Ready Local Committee (TRLC) is responsible for completing application and submitting to NTRB.
 - NTRB is responsible for reviewing and approving recognition.
 - TNC or NTRB is responsible to submit application to UNESCO-IOC
- 2. Regional Programmes consider entire country/territory as one community and recognize the country as Tsunami Ready. This situation may apply to small countries and territories.
 - National Tsunami Ready Board (NTRB) responsible for completing application / submitting to Regional Tsunami Ready Board (RTRB)
 - RTRB responsible for reviewing and approving recognition.
 - Based on the approval of RTRB, the TNC or NTRB is responsible to submit the application to UNESCO-IOC

The National Tsunami Ready Board (NTRB)

The National Tsunami Ready Board is comprised of, but not limited to:

- National Disaster Management Office (NDMO)
- National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC)
- Tsunami National Contact (TNC)
- Other relevant national agencies.
- Other members at the discretion of NTRB such as Regional TIC, Scientific and Technical organizations*, Non-Governmental Organization(s), and Community Representatives.
 - * Scientific and technical organization supports:
 - Hazard, inundation, and evacuation products.
 - Signage and warning infrastructure development

TNC informs UNESCO-IOC via the ICG secretariat, with copy to the TIC, of the establishment of the National Tsunami Ready Board

Function, role, and responsibility:

- General oversight of the National Programme
- Advocate, supervise, and support activities to implement the Programme
- Manage resources for the Programme
- Maintain consistency of the Guidelines
- Coordinate and liaise and link Tsunami Ready activities with other organizations*
- Direct and oversee service improvements to the Tsunami Ready programme
- **Oversee** national Tsunami Ready database
- TNC or the Chair of NTRB, submits the Tsunami Ready Application to UNESCO-IOC via ICG secretariat, with copy to TIC.
- In situation of entire country/territory as one Tsunami Ready application, NTRB is responsible for completing application and submitting it to Regional Tsunami Ready Board (RTRB)

The Regional Tsunami Ready Board (RTRB)

In case of small countries and territories, recognition can be granted at the National/Territorial level. A Regional Tsunami Ready Board would be responsible for reviewing and approving recognition

The Regional Tsunami Ready Board is comprised of, but not limited to, and depending on each country's settings:

- **ICG** Chair
- **TIC Director**
- **Relevant ICG Working Group** Chairs
- UNESCO-IOC ICG Technical Secretary
- Guests at discretion of RTRB

Maintain guidelines. **Review existing and proposed**

Review and approves the application of the countries

changes to the guidelines

General oversight of

Programme at ICG level.

TNC submits the Tsunami Ready Application to UNESCO-IOC via ICG secretariat, with copy to the TIC.

Function, role, and responsibility:

The Tsunami Ready Local Committee (TRLC)

The Tsunami Ready Local Committee may include not be limited to, and depending on each community's setting:

- Local Disaster Management Office/Committee (LDMO/LDC)
- Other relevant local authorities
- Community organisations
- Community representative(s)
- NGOs and CSOs working in community-based DRR
- Schools, universities
- Private sector, e.g., hotel and business organisations

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Functions, roles, and responsibilities include:

- Meet regularly to plan activities and review progress
- Prepare a list of all entities that can support the Tsunami Ready programme
- Appoint representatives to oversee the implementation and maintenance of the Tsunami Ready indicators
- Develop a fully costed and resourced work plan
- Monitor implementation and review status of Tsunami Ready indicators
- Complete and submit Tsunami Ready recognition Application to the NTRB

Recognition Steps for National Programme

When the community has achieved all 12 indicators and is ready to apply for recognition:

- 1. TNC informs UNESCO-IOC, via the ICG secretariat, with copy to the TIC, of a community's intent to be recognized as Tsunami Ready.
- 2. TRLC completes and submits the Application to NTRB.
- 3. NTRB reviews Application and sets date for site verification visit and review meeting.
- 4. NTRB conducts site verification and review meeting.
- 5. NTRB approves Application
- 6. TNC or the Chair of NTRB submits to UNESCO-IOC via the ICG secretariat, with copy to the TIC.

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Offic Insti	e / tution				Office / Institution					
Title	; ;									
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estai	City	III. Preparation Indicators (PREP)								
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	2	Loc		based and ci	vic organization	Billboard, roadside, highway, or educa signs			cational	
	4	□ Loc	al radio	and televisio	n	Pub notices	lic utility/service industry bil	safe	ty	
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Please PREP 3 Annually hold at least three tsunami outre							education activities.	Г	Verified	
Leverage of national, state, or regional campaigns through use of social media Multi-hazard events or presentations										
	Booth at community events and/or fairs									
Community tsunami safety workshops, town hall, or similar public/private meetings Media workshops										
	Door to door safety campaigns targeted to people leaving or working in the tsunami hazard							ard zone		
	C Other									
PREP 4 Conduct a biennial tsunami community exercise with its subsequent evaluation.							vith its subsequent	г	Verifie	

Recognition Steps for Regional Programme

When the country/territory has achieved all 12 indicators and is ready to apply for recognition:

- 1. TNC informs UNESCO-IOC via the ICG secretariat, with copy to the TIC, of a country/territory's intent to be recognized as Tsunami Ready.
- 2. The NTRB completes and submit the application to RTRB
- 3. RTRB reviews application and sets date for site verification visit and review meeting.
- 4. RTRB conduct site verification and review meeting.
- 5. RTRB approves Application.
- 6. TNC or the Chair of NTRB submits the RTRB's approved application to UNESCO-IOC via the ICG secretariat, with copy to the TIC.

		Community Contact Information									
	Country	Locality/City/Town		Total amount population	of Amo	Amount of populatio evacuated					
	Primary Point	of Contact		Secondary Po	oint of Contac	t					
	Full Name			Full Name							
	Office / Institution			Office / Institution							
	Title			Title							
	Mailing Address			Mailing Addres	is						
		National	Tsunami	Ready Board	- NTRB						
	Count			nt of population	Date of est	ablishment of t	he				
	Countr	У		e country	1	NTRB					
	Contact informatio	n of the NTRB	Chair								
	Full Name) of its				
	Office / Institution						_				
	Title										
	Mailing Address										
	City State, ZIP										
		III. Preparati	ion Indica	tors (PREP)			_				
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New	spaper Inserts			Other			-				
PREP 3	Annually hold at le	east three tsun	ami outreach	n or education ac	tivities.	Verified					
Leve	rage of national, stat	e, or regional c	ampaigns thr	ough use of soci	ial media						
Multi	-hazard events or pre	esentations									
Boot	h at community even	ts and/or fairs									
Community tsunami safety workshops, town hall, or similar public/private meetings											
Medi	a workshops										
Door	Door to door safety campaigns targeted to people leaving or working in the tsunami hazard zone										
Other											
PREP 4 Conduct a biennial tsunami community exercise with its subsequent revaluation.											

Steps for International Recognition by UNESCO-IOC

If the NTRB/RTRB approves the community's Tsunami Ready application, the TNC or the Chair of NTRB informs UNESCO-IOC via the ICG Technical Secretary for the region and the TIC

- 1. Application verification by Tsunami Information Centre.
- 2. UNESCO-IOC sends signed Tsunami Ready Recognition and Appreciation certificates to the TNC.
- 3. A Tsunami Ready recognition ceremony may be held to celebrate the accomplishment and recognise local stakeholders.

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Tsunami Ready Recognition Ceremony - example



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Renewal procedure

Although not mandatory, renewal of recognition is encouraged to maintain a high level of preparedness in the community and the initial selection process should make this clear.

- Tsunami Ready recognition is valid 4 years and can be renewed
- Over the 4-year period, maintenance, advancement, and improvements should be recorded and reported to NTRB/RTRB. The community is encouraged to participate in the biennial regional IOC WAVE exercises.
- TRLC submits renewal Application and updated information to NTRB.
- In the situation of the entire county/territory, the NTRB submits the renewal application and updated information to RTRB.
- The same application form and steps will be conducted as for initial recognition.

Resource requirements

The resources required for implementing Tsunami Ready will vary from country to country and community to community. For example, a community with hazard maps and alert systems will require less resources than a community without these. Implementing cost could vary from few thousand to over USD100,000.

Typically Tsunami Ready can be implemented in one year.

When implementing the following resources (human and funding) may be needed:

- 1. Organization and coordination of Tsunami Ready
- 2. Production and update of maps, plans, signage and educational and awareness materials
- 3. Tsunami Ready deliverables and activities

Challenges

Implementing Tsunami Ready involves many actors at regional, national, and local level, some of the challenges are:

- Convincing community and all stakeholders to implement Tsunami Ready.
- Lack of resources for community capacity building.
- Other hazards deemed to be higher priority
- Limited time of staff for oversight and implementation
- UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready viewed as being redundant to other National Programme.
- Need to build ownership within the community disaster is often viewed as the responsibility of the authorities not the community.



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