



First Response Radio. October-December 2016 Update

First Response Radio is a network of radio broadcasters, NGOs and Government partners. Our members have been working in disaster areas since the Tsunami of 2004, providing critical information via radio, as aid. First Response Radio (Ltd) is a not-for-profit company delivering “Radio in a Suitcase” equipment and training to build rapid response capacity around the world.

October:

CCE Workshop: FRR International Coordinator Mike Adams attended the Coordinated Community Engagement in Humanitarian Action Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand from October 4-5. The workshop was held by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs (UN-OCHA). The aim of the workshop was to build a regional network of experts who could share case studies and models of common service approaches, and identify short to midterm relevant partners to develop and agree on how to get the community involved in emergency response preparedness processes.

India TOT: On October 13-15, a historic event occurred. For the first time in FRR history, a Training of Trainers was conducted long distance. The students were in India, and the facilitator was in Cambodia. The entire 3-day TOT was completed by using video chats and phone calls. This marks a revolution in training that will enable FRR leadership to build teams and do more from remote locations.



Typhoon Lawin: On Tuesday, October 17th, First Response Radio Philippines did Early Warning messaging anticipating Typhoon Lawin passing through Northern Luzon, Philippines. This was the first time FRR served a role in Early Warning. They were working in coordination with the Humanitarian community and in cooperation with Philippines Government Office of NDDRMC, Broadcasting on the station DZMR in Santiago Isabela, they were able to share information from UNOCHA COP partners, and PIA to the community. FRR Philippines officially deployed their Alpha team to respond in the aftermath of Typhoon Lawin.

December:

Aceh Earthquake Response: On December 7th, 2016, a 6.5 earthquake struck the



Indonesian island of Sumatra. 104 people died in the quake, with at least 1,000 people injured. FRR Indonesia officially deployed a response team to support the Aceh station and help with relief efforts after the quake. FRR's local partner in Aceh had requested support and the FRR Indonesia Coordinator deployed from Jakarta to

support this local partner. The small team from Jakarta took a suitcase radio transmitter and Wind-Up radios to distribute to the community. FRR has been working to train and support an existing local radio station in the affected area to provide Critical information and Two-Way communications with the community.

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