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# EQUIP

## Pakistan Suitcase

We are happy to report that a brand new Suitcase Radio Studio was successfully delivered to Pakistan in March.

With plans underway to launch a new team and full training on the 'Suitcase Radio', all the pieces are falling in place to have a disaster ready squad prepared for action in Pakistan soon.



## Radio in a Suitcase for Pakistan



## TRAIN

## India Workshop Field Trial

A Facilitator and Responder Training was held in India from January 29 until February 8.

Using their new Suitcase Studio, FIRST Response Radio India's knowledge was strengthened by their time in the classroom. Problem-solving skills and resiliency were challenged by their field trial experience.

- Indian trainers are certified to train new FIRST Response radio teams.
- Fifteen more team members are **equipped** and **trained** in order to **respond** to disaster within 72-hours.

**On Feb 12th** First Response Radio ran a 'taster' event in Kathmandu to Radio and NGO partners addressing the role of radio in times of disaster. We want to assist in launching a Nepali team soon, and are therefore looking for more partners.

**FEB 13th** saw FRR attending the WRD event in Kathmandu hosted by UNESCO and ACORAB.

## First Response Radio #WorldRadioDay

FRR contributed radios for distribution to members of the earthquake affected communities in the east of Nepal. Prime Minister of Nepal, Pushpa Kamal Dahal presented a radio to one of the 50 families who moved into new homes.

# FRR Philippines Training Cancelled

The Philippines team was preparing for a FIRST Response Radio training event in June this year, to be held in Mindanao. Unfortunately, the region, situated under martial law, was restricted due to instability in the area. After considering the events FRR Philippines leadership decided to cancel the event and look forward to rescheduling it soon.

## Medical Teams International (MTI) Training, Cambodia

First Response Radio ran a special 2-day Disaster Response crash course for the Cambodian team of Medical Teams International (MTI) in March.

During the training, participants were trained in topics such as Coordinating with Humanitarian Organizations during disaster response, preparing their 'go bag' for the field and were familiarized with SPHERE standards as well as the Red Cross/Red Crescent Code of Conduct.

## RESPOND



## Indonesia Responds to Landslides

**Early April this year, Ponorogo, East Java** was struck by two landslides.

Rather than deploying a suitcase radio, FRR helped a local station create programs for the response. FRR Indonesia Coordinator, Jose Marwoto met with local radio journalists and emergency response professionals, to **train** the responders.

Addressed were 'Phases of Disaster', 'Creating and Broadcasting programs', 'Dealing with Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness' and 'Crucial Information Distribution', much needed when a disaster strikes. Marwoto was able to distribute radios to those affected by the landslide and to local government. The outreach by this qualified trainer saw high impact result with low cost and well-prepared resources in place.



# FreePlayEnergy Blog

**"Radio has the potential to play a far more immediate role in emergency response situations".**

"In his article on the CDAC web page, John McGrath of Freeplay Energy cited the example of FRR's Suitcase Radio in Emergency Response." We support the idea that steps need to be taken to get radios into disaster zones more easily. That is also why we like to stockpile in-country rather than try to import when disaster strikes.



[CLICK HERE to read the full article](#)

## FRR Indonesia Annual Planning

For a growing team First Response Radio Team in Indonesia, planning, and coordination is vital for any FIRST Response team. With that in mind, International Coordinator Mike Adams met with FRR Indonesia leaders in Singapore on March 1st-March 3rd to draft out an annual plan for the Indonesian team.

The 3 core First Response Radio mandates were addressed:

### Equip

Having all equipment fully functional at all times is important. After multiple disaster responses and training, it is vital to check and repair the equipment. After a thorough examination of all of the studio suitcases, transmitters, and antenna's, repair needs are identified and slated for full upgrade.

A major training Event took place in August. 5 days training sessions were taught, as well as a 3-day practical field trial. New responders were being trained, as well as new trainers certified.

### Train

### Respond

With the reality of frequent natural disasters in Indonesia, deployments are constantly around the corner. Ponorogo, in East Java, was struck by landslides and First Response Radio Indonesia team members were there to answer the call and assist the community.

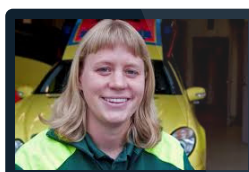
# Research Paper

"Disaster response for recovery: Survivors' experiences, and the use of disaster radio to promote health after natural disasters" is the title of a PhD thesis by Karin Hugelius, Orebro University. Following Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda in the Philippines in November 2013 all radio and TV stations were off the air in Tacloban City, the "ground zero" area of the disaster.

FIRST Response Radio arrived on DAY 5 and had an emergency radio station on 98.7FM on DAY 6.

In the following years Hugelius conducted extensive research and completed 3 separate but related studies that measure what was accomplished and evaluated the positive impact on the affected community.

The full PhD Thesis is available to download. Just click on the PDF icon.



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## Restyling FIRST Response Radio

In order to better explain our EQUIP, TRAIN, RESPOND approach we have re-launched our web site - [firstresponseradio.org](http://firstresponseradio.org)



First Response Radio (FRR) 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.

Our goal is to set up a radio station for the affected community within 72 hours of a disaster. The best way we have discovered to build this capacity is to equip and train teams before disaster strikes.

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