



First Response Radio. July-September 2017 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.

August:

FRR Aceh Training: From August 1st- 8th, more Capacity Building was done in Banda Aceh,



Indonesia. A new team of Responders were trained with 5 days in the classroom, and a full 3 day field trial. This event also served to certify key leaders in training roles vital for running the trainings. Since Indonesia is such a disaster-prone country, it is always a necessity to have as many Responders trained and ready to

deploy immediately when their country needs them. One highlight was that the new team broke the world's record and set up the full FM radio station and started broadcasting in 16 minutes!

Feba UK mini-TOT: Also in August, a special ‘TOT’ training was conducted with the specific purpose of getting another International Trainer prepared and certified. With this “Training of Trainers” under his belt, our International Partner Relations Manager, Johnny Fisher, is just one step away from full “Trainer Certification.”

Bihar Floods deployment support with FEBA UK: After a state disaster in India, the worst flooding to hit South Asia in over a decade, the FRR India team was deployed. For one month during August and September, FRR India produced daily programs for the people affected by recent flooding (affecting up to 41 million people in India, Bangladesh and Nepal). The programs were broadcast on a network of 3



local stations that covered the affected area of Bihar, and on shortwave. They mainly addressed WASH issues (water, sanitation and hygiene); the availability of medical aid; and interviews with counsellors addressing the socio-psychological impact on survivors. Programs encouraged community involvement with some groups producing songs and skits to encourage the affected communities

September:

London CDAC Meeting: We are working with CDAC Network Coordinator International Marian Casey-Maslen to plan an event to share key findings and best practice. FRR is proud to be able to share with the International Humanitarian Community several research papers from Swedish Researcher Karen Hugelis. The research shows the value of music, the Psycho-Social impact of good community engagement, and a direct link between those who listened to FRR and those who had better health 30 months later. The research launch event will be held in Geneva to coincide with World Radio Day on February 12 & 13, 2018.

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