Transmission of Warnings to Local Levels: HazInfo Experience

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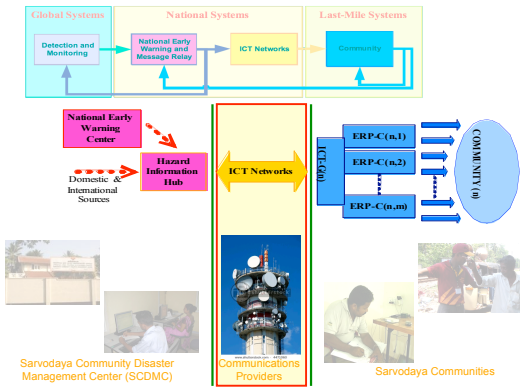
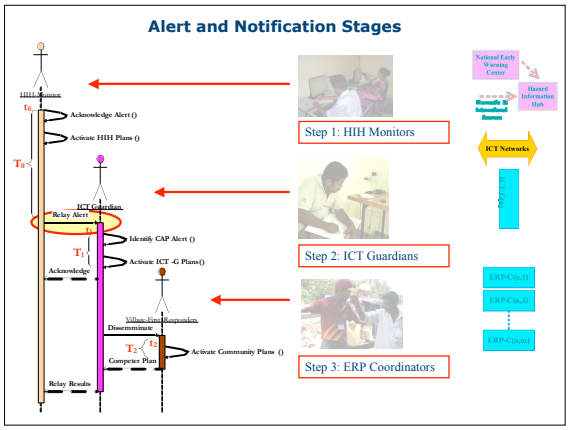
Traditional Public Alerting vs. HazInfo

- Traditional public alerting system: issues warnings directly to communities via broadcast media such as television and radio, or through designated public address (PA) systems.
- HazInfo LM-HWS: establishes a closed user group of first responders, who are equipped with addressable wireless devices for receiving bulletins issued from Sarvodaya's Hazard Information Hub.

HazInfo Community-Based Warning System and National EWS




Alert and Notification Stages
HIH Monitor
Acknowledge Alert ()
Activate HIH Plans ()
ICT Guardian
Relay Alert
Identify CAP Alert ()
Activate ICT -G Plans ()
Acknowledge
Village First Responders
Disseminate
Activate Community Plans ()
Competer Plan
Relay Results
Step 1: HIH Monitors
Step 2: ICT Guardians
Step 3: ERP Coordinators
National Early Warning Center
Hazard Information Hub
ICT Networks
ERP-C(n,1)
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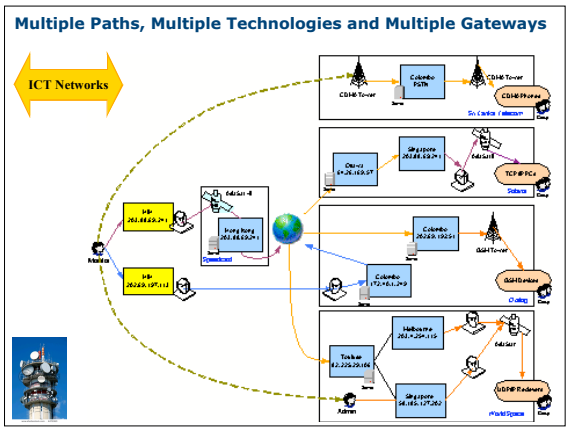
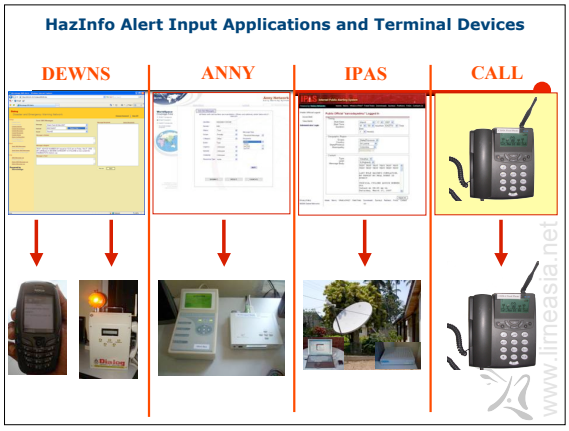

Multiple Paths, Multiple Technologies and Multiple Gateways
ICT Networks


HazInfo Alert Input Applications and Terminal Devices
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Common Alerting Protocol Content Standard

CAP Profile for Sri Lanka

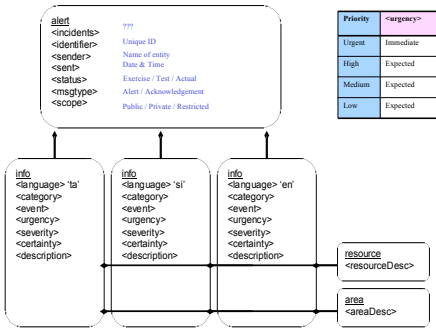

Table to determine priority of the event

Priority	<urgency>	<severity>	<certainty>
Urgent	Immediate	Extreme	Observed
High	Expected	Severe	Observed
Medium	Expected	Moderate	Observed
Low	Expected	Unknown	Likely

Example Input Message to the Last-Mile Hazard Warning System

TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST
Last-Mile HazInfo Simulation. No Repeat No Real Event is Effect

TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVICE NUMBER 001
Issued at 09:55 am on Monday, December 11, 2006
BY Anonymous

A **SEVERE CATEGORY 4 CYCLONE** is now current for AMPARA and MATARA District coastal areas. At **06:00 am** local time SEVERE TROPICAL CYCLONE MONTY was estimated to be **80 kilometres northeast of Ampara District** and moving southwest at **10 kilometres per hour**. Severe Tropical Cyclone Monty is expected to cross the coast in the vicinity of Ampara and Matara Districts during Monday. Gales with gusts to 180 kilometres per hour are likely in coastal communities in Ampara and Matara District during the day.

This is to **alert** the residents of Ampara and Matara District about the potential of a very **dangerous storm** tide as the cyclone centre approaches the coast. **Tides are likely** to rise significantly above the normal high tide mark with very dangerous flooding, damaging waves and strong currents.

Widespread heavy rain and further flooding are likely in southern parts of the Ampara and Matara Districts over the next few days.

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Example Output Message from Hazard Information Hub to Last-Mile

<alert>
*<identifier>***HIH-2006-12-11T143500***</identifier>*
*<sender>***hih@sarvodaya.lk***</sender>*
<sent>**2006-12-11T10:20:25.0000000+06:00**</sent>
*<status>***Exercise***</status>*
*<msgType>***Alert***</msgType>*
*<source>***hazard@lirne.net***</source>*
*<scope>*Restricted*</scope>*
<info>
*<language>***en-US***</language>*
*<category>***Meto***</ category>*
*< event>***A Sever Category 4 Cyclone***</event>*
*<responseType>***Prepare***</responseType>*
*<urgency>***Expected***</urgency>*
*<severity>***Severe***</severity>*
*<certainty>***Observed***</certainty>*
*<description>***At 06:00 am local time SEVERE TROPICAL CYCLONE MONTY was estimated to be 80 kilometers northeast of Ampara District and moving southwest at 10 kilometers per hour. Severe Tropical Cyclone Monty is expected to cross the coast in the vicinity of Ampara and Matara Districts during Monday. Gales with gusts to 180 kilometers per hour are likely in coastal communities in Ampara and Matara District during the day.**
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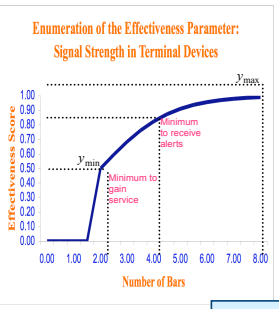
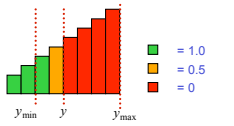
</alert>

Reliability measure of the Terminal Devices

- Basic question: "Did the ICT work on the day of the exercise?"
- Two aspects of *Reliability* measure: *Certainty* and *Efficiency*
  - *Certainty* is the operational state of the device (variable: R_c)
  - *Efficiency* is the time taken to complete the transmission (variable: R_e)
  - *Reliability* $R = R_c \times R_e$

Formula for Calculating the CERTAINTY of Terminal Devices

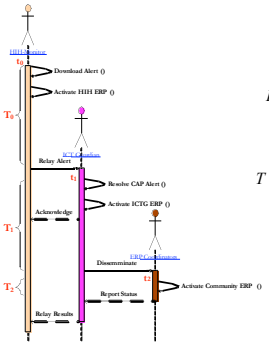




- Maximum available number of bars y_{max}
- Measured number of bars $y \le y_{max}$
- Minimum required number of bars y_{min}

$$R_c = \begin{cases} 1/1+e^{(y_{min}-y)} & , y \ge y_{min} \\ 0 & , y < y_{min} \end{cases}$$

Calculating the EFFICIENCY of Terminal Devices



t_i : time process $i = \{0, 1, 2\}$ is initiated

$t_i^{'}$: time process $i = \{0, 1, 2\}$ is terminated

: time interval taken to complete process i

$E(T_i)$: expected value of time interval

d : minimum distance between epicentre and impact zone

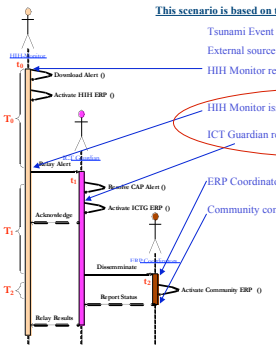
S : speed at which hazard is travelling

$T = d/s$: minimal allowable time interval to impact

R_i : Reliability of process i

$$R_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when} \\ 1-\left(\dfrac{T_i - E(T_i)}{T}\right) & \text{when} \\ 0 & \text{when} \end{cases}$$

Example of Calculating Efficiency



This scenario is based on the Panama (Ampara District) simulation data

Tsunami Event occurred at 10:15am and will impact at 11:45

External source issued email bulletin at 10:25am

HIH Monitor receives email at 10:35am

HIH Monitor issues CAP alert at **10:46am**

ICT Guardian receives CAP alert over AREA-B at **11:02am**

ERP Coordinator receives alert information at 11:08am

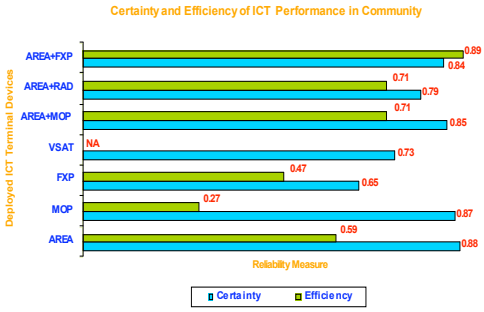
Community completes evacuation at 11:08am

Efficiency of ICT Network and ICT Guardian activities

Assumption: since this is the first set of trials and HazInfo has no data to calculate an "expected time we set $E(\overline{T}) = 0$ (i.e. best case scenario)

$$R_e = 1 - \left(\frac{16}{90}\right) = 0.8222$$

Reliability of ICT Terminal Devices in a LM-HWS



Factors that makes CERTAINTY of Terminal Devices ZERO

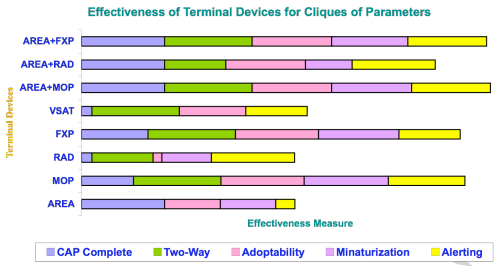
Typical mishaps in Communities during Live Exercises

- User accidentally deletes the tri-language J2ME applet in mobile phone
- Mobile phone is powered down or battery has zero energy
- User removes the 2 AA batteries and powers down the AREA
- Antenna in AREA is not aligned for maximum signal strength
- CDMA phone bill was not paid and service is discontinued
- User covers VSAT modem ventilation shafts with news paper and over heats modem
- VSAT Network Internet proxy blocks IPAS packets returning to PC
- RAD not registered under correct District in DEWNS Internet based alerting application

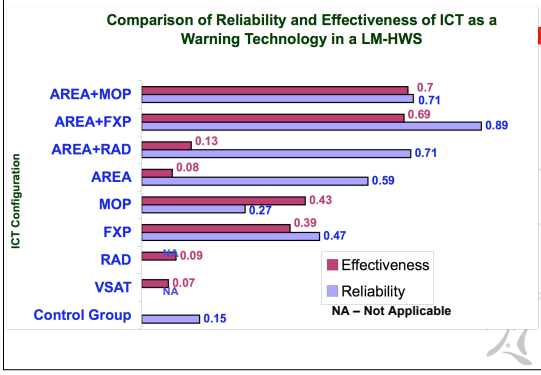
Parameters to determine the Effectiveness of ICT Terminal Devices

Clique	Abbreviation	Parameter
CAP Complete	Ethnicity	Language Diversity
	All-media All-hazards	Full CAP Messaging
	Multimedia	Audio and Text Medium
Two-Way	bi-directionality	Upstream Downstream Communication
Adoptability	Utilization	Integration in to communit daily life or development
	affodability	Total Cost of Ownership
Minaturization	Weight	Weight of wireless ICT terminal
	Longevity	DC Power Consumption
	Volume	Dimensions of Terminal Device
Alerting	accountability	Acknowledgement message receipt
	wakeup	Active alerting function

How Effective were ICT Devices in HazInfo?



Did ICTs perform well in the Last-Mile?



Factors for Successful Warning Transmission to Local Levels

- A village equipped with a technology combination - *complementary redundancy*
- Adoption and implementation of Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)
- *Bidirectional* capabilities - devices can provide communities with means to inquire of situations and inform local hazards to the Sarvodaya HIH.
- Alert feature should work on each of the sensory domains - *aural, visual* and *tactile*
- Simulated drills