

Hazard Situation Simulation

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Short recap

Relationship between Exposure and Vulnerability





Definition of exposure;

People, property, systems, or other elements present in hazard zones that are thereby subject to potential losses. (UNISDR Definition)

or another way of describing it;

Exposure is the total value of elements at-risk. It is expressed as the number of human lives, and value of the properties, that can potentially be affected by hazards. Exposure is a function of the geographic location of the

elements. (WMO Definition)







Definition of vulnerability;

The characteristics and circumstances of a community, system or asset, that make it susceptible to the damaging effects of a hazard. (UNISDR Definition)

or another way of considering it;

Physical, social, economic, and environmental factors which increase the susceptibility to be impacted by hazards. Vulnerability engages resistance and resilience. **(WMO definition)**





More on Exposure and Vulnerability Example: Rock climbing



To be vulnerable, you have to be exposed. The act of climbing on sheer rock will always cause exposure, due to the location and activity.







 To simulate the IBFWS process by going through each step of the procedure





Recap

The impact-based approach consists of nine steps:

- 1. Review meteorological and hydrological guidance
- 2. Create forecast for desired period
- 3. Determine if and when hydrometeorological hazards will threaten an area
- 4. Review vulnerability information for location or area
- 5. Use impact tables to determine severity of potential impacts for each hazard
- 6. Determine likelihood impacts could occur
- 7. Use risk matrix to determine level of threat posed by each hazard
- 8. Create Alert Warning using wording from risk matrices and impact tables
- 9. Monitor weather event and update Alert Warning appropriately







Simulation Exercise



Feedback on the existing warning

October 23, 2023

Meteorological conditions

Areas affected/ Expected impacts

Recommended Actions



Tropical Cyclone (Tei)

WARNING (5)

Classification: Tropical cyclone (Category 2)

Issuing time: 10:00 AM LST

Date: 23rd of October 2023

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The classification of the tropical system has reduced to a Tropical cyclone category 2. During the last few hours some willayats of Dhofar governorate witnessed heavy rainfall and fresh winds. Weather charts analysis indicate that the tropical cyclone will continue degrading to a Tropical cyclone category 1 during the next 6 hours and make landfall through Al Mahra governorate in Yemen tonight to tomorrow morning. It is now located 250 km from Salalah coasts, Wind speed around the center is estimated to be between 85 to 95 Knots.

The impact is expected to continue on Dhofar and Southern parts of Al Wusta governorates as heavy rainfall (50 - 300) mm with expected flow of wadis and fresh to very severe blowing winds (40-70) knots. The sea is expected to be very rough ranging between (5 - 10) m. In addition, storm surge might cause sea water inundation over low level coastal areas.

The Civil Aviation Authority advices all to take maximum precautions and not to risk crossing wadis and to avoid low-lying areas. It also to avoid the sea during this period.

> National Multi Hazard Early Warning Centre **Civil Aviation Authority**

**Note: The warning will be updated every 6 hours.



ومن المتوقع أن يستمر التأثير على محافظة ظفار والأجزاء الجنوبية لمحافظة الوسطى خلال الساعات القادمة بهطول أمطار غزيرة إلى شديدة الغزارة من (50 -300) ملم تؤدى إلى جريان جارف للأودية والشعاب وهبوب رياح نشطة إلى شديدة السرعة (40 - 70) عقدة. ويكون البحر هائج الموج على سواحل بحر العرب ويتراوح ما بين (5 -10) متر مع احتمال امتداد مياه البحر على المناطق الساحلية المنخفضة والخيران.

تر اجع تصنيف الحالة المدارية إلى إعصار مداري من الدرجة الثانية، حيث شهدت بعض و لإيات محافظة ظفار أمطار

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Updates issued



Sunday 22 October 2023

O 01:00 PM

Heavy rainfalls (200 - 500mm)

Strong winds with speed of (20

cause flash floods (Wadis)

Very rough sea along the

coastal areas of Arabian Sea

(6-12)m with chance of storm

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How can the warnings be improved?



- What did you like about this warning? What are the good points about it?
- What would you like to improve on it? Wording, format, length?
- What platform is most suitable to communicate message?





Warning messages and visualization

Met Office

National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment Rain over northern England early on Wednesday may locally lead to 20 mm 30 mm of rain failing in one or two hour Thunderstorms developing from late Wednesday aftermoon bring a greater threat of severe weather with associate to the severe weather weath

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Note that areas of severe weather are not expected to occur at the same time across the whole warning area. Instea the threat of heavy rain and thunder is Initially confined to parts of northern England before the threat of severe weather becomes more extensive late

The Met Office have issued a Yellow Warning of Rain

Valid from 03:00 on Wed, 21st Jun 2017 until 06:00 on Thu, 22nd Jun 2017

Bouts of rain, heavy and thundery at times, will move in from the west to affect parts of southern Scotland and northern England from the early hours of Wednesday.

More extensive thunderstorms may then break out over a larger part of England and Waik from late Wednesday affemoon onwards into Wednesday night, leading to torrential downpours, frequent lightling and a chance of hall.

This could result in some disruption, more likely from late Wednesday afternoon, which m include sudden localised flooding of transport routes, homes and businesses. Frequent lightning in association with the heaviest raim may also temporarily disrupt power supplies However, many places will likely see little or no impacts.

indeed many parts of the warning area will see dry and sunny weather through much of th

For more details please go to: veather/warnings

For enquiries regarding this warning please contact the Met Office Weather Desk



Met Office

20 to 40 mm of rain may fall within 6 to 9 hours, leading to localised flooding, especially where drainage is impeded by wind-blown debris.

exposed coasts, both in the outhwesterly winds ahead of the low

Chief Forecasters Assessment

A developing storm is expected to reach the UK later on Sunday. This is expected o run northeastwards, probably across

England and Wales during Monday, with

England and vivales during Monday, with very strong winds on its southern and western flanks. There is the potential for gusts of 60-80 mph quite widely and locally over 80 mph, especially on

entre and west to northwesterly winds

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Valid from 00:05 on Mon. 28th Oct 2013 until 21:00 on Mon. 28th Oct 2013

National Severe Weather Warning Service

A very intense low pressure system is forecast to run northeastwards across the country Ar to y minute two probability system to the operation of the transmission of the transmission of the operation of the transmission of transmission of the transmission of transmissio

There remains some uncertainty in the timing, intensity and track of the low. However, the public should be prepared for the risk of falling trees as well as damage to buildings and ther structures, bringing disruption to transport and power supplies

For more details please go to:

Issued by the Met Office at 10:38 on Thu. 24th Oct 2013 Undated by the Met Office at 11:53 on Sat. 26th Oct 2013











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How would you visualize the previous warning into an IBF warning?





Communicate the Warning

- How will warnings be issued (distribution methods)? You may use different methods for different customers
- Who will receive them (customers)?

(Please list down the methods and the customers who will receive them)





Methods of disseminating warnings



Discussion of Outputs





Evaluate, execute and communicate decisions

- Where to disseminate decisions and call to action?
- Role of media?

(Please list down actions to be taken based on the level of expected impacts)





Examples from the Philippines

Medium Likelihood of High (Severe) Impacts RAIN



Suggested response:

- Public address to inform residents of possible Pre-emptive or Forced-Evacuation to designated safe area
- Activation of Incident Command System/ Incident Management Team, Emergency Operations Center, Response Clusters and BDRRMOs
- Convene groups that are in-charge with specific sectors to prepare for the impacts
- Preparation of temporary communication (portable and base radios), powerline (Gensets) and water purification system
- Maintenance and review of alternative temporary shelter (ATS)
- Preparation of amphibians / rubber/fiberglass boats with OBM and other rescue vehicles, if available
- Planning of rerouting schemes for vehicles
- Recommendation for some suspension of classes and work in government to LDRRMC
- Continuous coordination with barangays, volunteers and other stakeholders
- Submission of reports to higher authorities

High Likelihood of High (Severe) Impacts WIND



Suggested Response:

- Keep monitoring for updates.
- Check the latest tropical cyclone wind signals from PAGASA.
- EDUCATION: Students, faculties, and staff of schools/universities are strictly advised NOT TO VENTURE as the surroundings will be too dangerous.
- POWER AND COMMS: Prepare generators and flashlights for possible power interruption. Charges batteries of phones and another comms backup.
- STRUCTURES: Stay away from light/old structures that could be destroyed by severe wind. Evacuate if necessary.
- TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT: If possible, do not venture outside as the surroundings will be dangerous for life and property.
- COASTAL: Stay away from coastal areas. Evacuate to higher grounds.
- LIFE: Follow the safety instructions from your local officials and your emergency responders.





Discussion of Outputs





Observation of Hazards Actual Impacts experienced







Evaluate actions taken

 Staff of National Center for Emergency Management (NCEM) and stakeholders with Directorate General of Meteorology

Warnings verification:

- Evaluate actions taken does it match the event that occurred?
- Collect and record impacts data- what to collect?

- How are impacts data being reported?
- Where are impacts data stored?





Impact Data Requirements

Precise Location

- Finest spatial resolution possible
- Scales match to warnings issued

Event date and duration

- Ability to link impacts with driving hazard
- Hazard, Impact, and report dates important

Impact Severity

- Using same classification as warning
- Impacts aggregated
- Accuracy in severity classification > precision of individual impacts





Defining 'Events' in Impact Data

Identify Hazard

Hazard type Hazard subtype Cascading hazards Associated/ secondary hazards



Timing of Hazard

Hazard start Hazard duration Hazard end Expected lags between hazard and impacts?



Location of hazard

Where did hazard occur What is hazard footprint Differences in timing of hazard by location?





Feedback mechanism

- How would you collect feedback?
- Are there existing mechanisms in place?





Ways of obtaining feedback...

Face to face

- Conversations with particular customers or groups of customers
- defined intervals where services or products are reviewed
- FGDs

Online surveys or forms

- · surveys sent to specific customers
- · poll on social media
- only takes people a couple of seconds to engage



Informally

- always be open to feedback at any time
- can also be really useful and often very honest

Create specific feedback areas/routes

- particular mailbox or email address or online form
- Needs to be monitored

Monitor social media activity





• Immediate feedback

Discussion

Do you have any questions?

Would you have something like these?

What do you like about this approach to warnings?

Do you think this approach would be useful for your country?

What would you need to change?





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