

Planning for Evacuation

Planning for evacuation is a complex business which needs to be very carefully managed. Planned evacuations can cause panic and can lead to loss of life. Otherwise, evacuation can lead to great loss of income, damage to crops or livelihoods and great disruption.

An evacuation called too soon might turn out to be a false alarm and might make local people reluctant to accept another evacuation request. An evacuation too late can lead to the exposure of people to unnecessary risks and possibly to loss of life. Predicting the unpredictable is a difficult job, which is easy to get wrong and with many negative consequences.

Choose one area that is at risk of a serious tectonic event. Do some research about how predictable that event might be along with, the size of the population which would require relocation, some idea of where they might be relocated to, and whether or not it is feasible that such a population might be reasonably and safely relocated given the time that you might well have available.

Name of potential tectonic event
Evaluation of warning time and relocation plans



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