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Australia works with disaster prone communities in Asia-Pacific Region
Terrorists attack Madrid trains:
- 198 killed, 1800 injured
- 5300 emergency service officers responded
- Good example of sound planning and integrated multi-agency response/coordination

Banda Aceh aftermath

Environment at risk from potential oil spill

Terrorist attack on Australian Embassy, Jakarta

Mass casualty handling
Tsunami damage in Phuket - 2004

Cyclones Heta & Ivy devastated Niue and Vanuatu in early 2004

EMA 'safer sustainable communities'

Annual cyclone threat

Many lessons were learnt as a result of the September 11 and Bali terrorist attacks

• Acknowledge/understand cultural differences
• Impact on communities – economic/social, ability to react to all hazards
• spontaneous volunteers
• donation management
• loss of first response capability
• psychosomatic reaction/ perception management

EMA 'safer sustainable communities'
Emergency Management Australia’s participation in regional emergency management capacity building

- Solomon Islands – institutional strengthening of national disaster management capacity
- Tuvalu – community preparedness project in partnership with government/community stakeholders
- Indonesia – preliminary discussions regarding training, planning development and institutional strengthening

Disaster victim identification crucial to relieve community distress

Challenges we all face in emergency management ...

- PLANNING
- TRAINING
- AUTHORITY
- RESOURCES
- QUALITY ADVICE
- CULTURAL ASPECTS