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TRRP 02: What is a Community

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What is community?

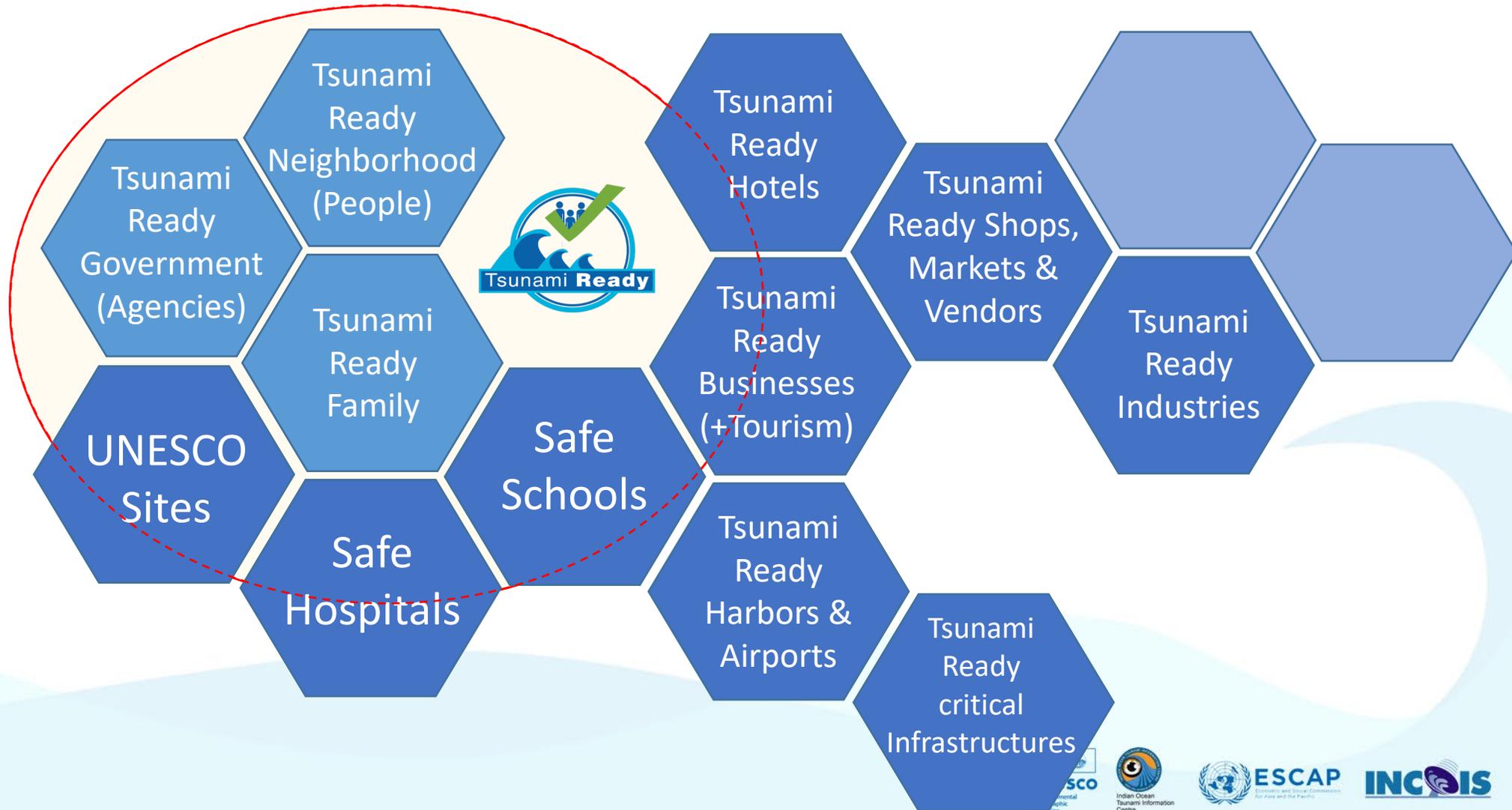
- A community is a group of people who live in the same area (city, town, village, neighbourhood), includes its social and economic dimensions, its infrastructure, life-lines and supporting environmental systems.
- Scale of community is important. Its size (area, population), national governance structure, as well as its vulnerability, exposure, resources and capacity required, will determine how Tsunami Ready is implemented.



Cedeño, Honduras, Tsunami Ready Recognition Ceremony, February 2017. (Credit: ITIC)

Tsunami Ready community selection

Community → an ecosystem of society



Tsunami Ready Community Selection

It is important to define the scope of the community to be able to measure the scope of work and to strategize for the capacity building of the community

- **Clear boundaries: Area has administrative jurisdiction**
National → State / Province → District → Sub-District → Village → Neighborhood
- **Clear boundaries: Natural or Physical boundaries**
River, Coastal, Forest, Mangrove, Street, Bridge, Landmarks, etc.
- **Number of Population**
The right number of population would help to understand the scope to be managed when implementing tsunami ready. If the communities are spread out or concentrated, etc.
- **Characteristic of the community**
Urban - Rural; Agriculture – Industrial – Touristic;
- **Landscape**
Flat ground, Hilly, Peninsula, etc.

Who selects the community?

- Initially, selection of communities eligible to apply for Tsunami Ready recognition in a country is likely to be undertaken by national authorities i.e. NTRB. The national authorities must however obtain the approval and commitment from the selected community and the local authorities to undertake and complete the programme
- Subsequently, as the programme expands in a country, communities may self-nominate themselves to the NTRB
- In any case, it is important that the community takes ownership of the programme and that implementation should be community-led with support from national and local authorities with other external agencies/institutions providing technical support

Reminder of criteria for Tsunami Ready community selection

The community should have the capacity and authority to undertake the Tsunami Ready programme. It should not be too big or too small.

Voluntary – the community should demonstrate its interest and commitment to complete the programme

The community should have the ability to receive and disseminate warnings according to national Standard Operating Procedures

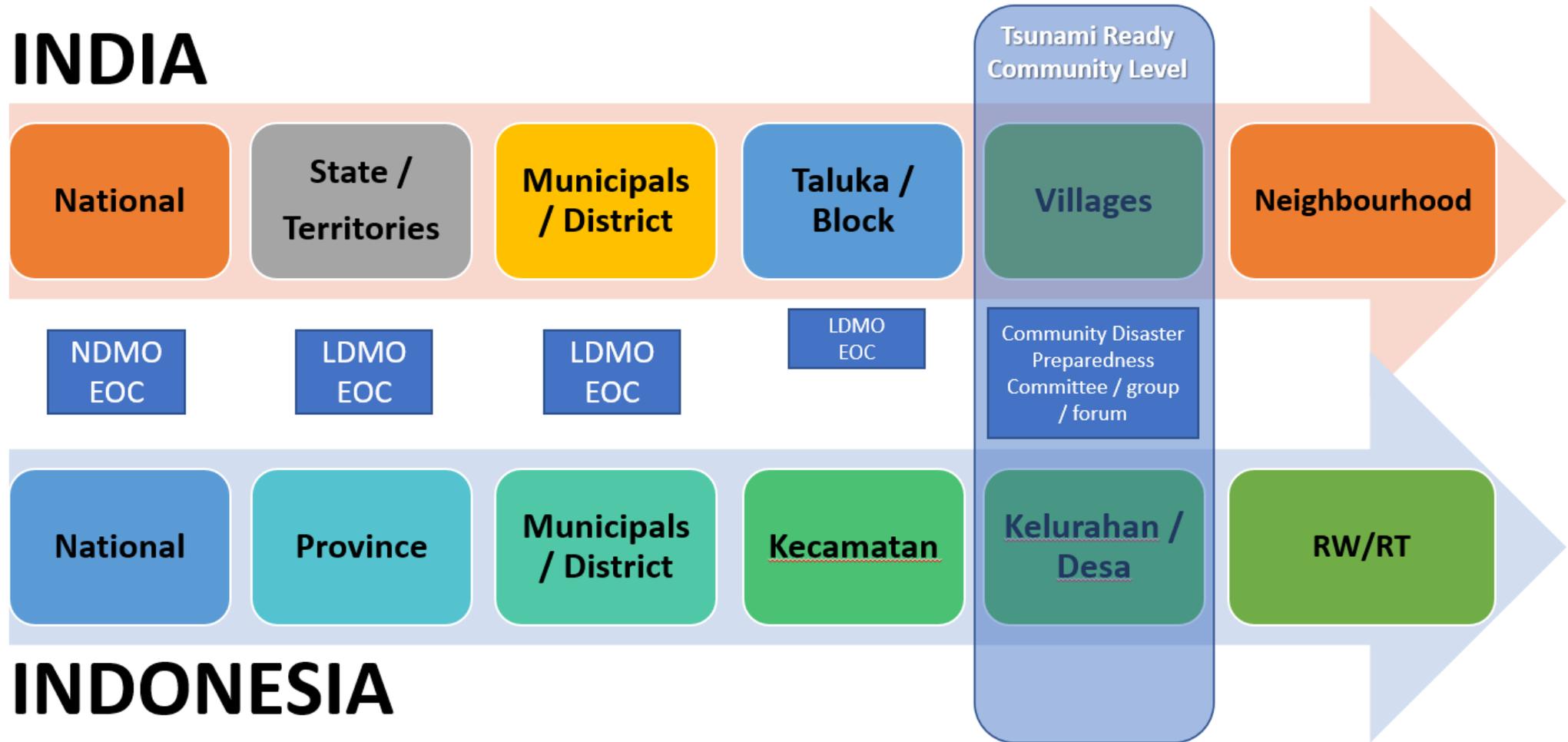
The community should have or commit to establishing an Emergency Response Centre or equivalent place to deal with emergencies

The community should ensure that it has the requisite government authority to apply for recognition

The community should have a “champion” prepared to advocate the programme, address problems and challenges as they arise and keep the process moving forward

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