Preparing for disasters: Tsunami
A road to resilience in Southeast Asia
Fah and Ton are enjoying a fun day at the beach, when suddenly…

…lots of animals begin to act strangely!

Hey look Fah!

That's weird!?!?

Then without warning, the earth starts rumbling!!

Rumble! Rumble!

We should leave immediately. There might be a tsunami!

What's a tsunami?

A tsunami is a gigantic wave caused by an earthquake

Uh-oh!

Leave your things Ton! Your life is more important than books, toys and clothes!

Tsunami warning! Get to higher ground and as far inland as you can!

Where are we going?!

Quick! Follow the signs they have put up on the beach

All of a sudden, the sea pulls back and leaves bare sand, making the beach seem a lot larger…

Come on Ton! You should never stay near the shore to watch a tsunami come in!!

Whoah!
Fah, what should I do if we don’t manage to escape the tsunami?

If you get caught in the water, the most important thing to do is to keep afloat!

Arrrgh!!
Help
Shreeeeeek!
Ton! Grab onto that tree or something that floats!

Quick! Let’s get to the top of this building!

Ton! Try and get out of the water!

Hours later...

I’m bored! Can we get down yet Fah?

Look! A radio!

No Ton. A tsunami can continue to hit the shore for many hours, so we might not be out of danger yet!

Well done Ton! Now we can listen for the latest tsunami updates.

Gee Fah! I’m so lucky you knew the warning signs of a tsunami! You saved my life!

Let’s teach everyone about what to do in a tsunami.

Good idea!
Below is a list of things to remember if there is a tsunami. Study it well, these tips could make all the difference for you and your family!

- If you live in a high risk tsunami zone:
  - Practice tsunami drills regularly
  - Know where it is safe to go
- Look out for any tsunami warning signs:
  - An earthquake or the ground rumbles
  - Animals behaving strangely
  - The sea suddenly pulls back and leaves bare sand, making the beach seem a lot larger
- Stay informed about possible tsunamis via TV, local radio, the web or any other source
- If you see or hear any warning signs, immediately leave the beach.
  Get to higher ground and as far inland as you can. If you are trapped, find a high, strong building and climb to the top of it
- Help vulnerable people get to high ground
- Do not return to the area until you get permission

To learn more about disasters, please visit: www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/tsunami

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