

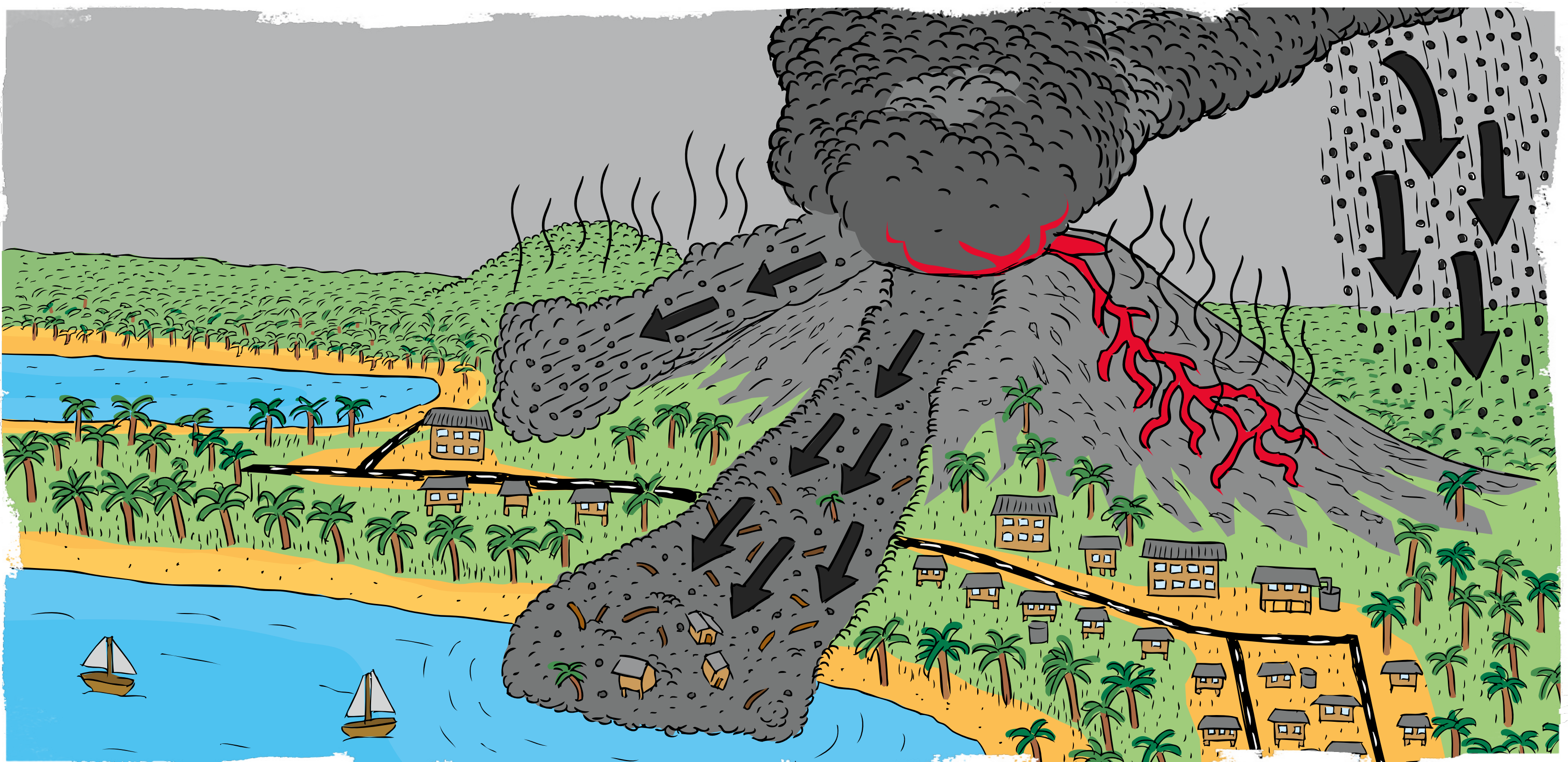
VOLCANOES AND YOU

LIVING MORE SAFELY WITH NATURAL HAZARDS



VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS CAN AFFECT THE WAY YOU LIVE AND YOUR SAFETY IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS.

Volcanoes have many hazards. Ash fall, pyroclastic flows, lava flows, landslides and mudflows are just a few of the potential hazards. Volcanic eruptions can cause buildings to collapse, isolate communities, cut off power, destroy food gardens and pollute water supplies. Volcanic eruptions can last for a long time and the ash can make you sick.



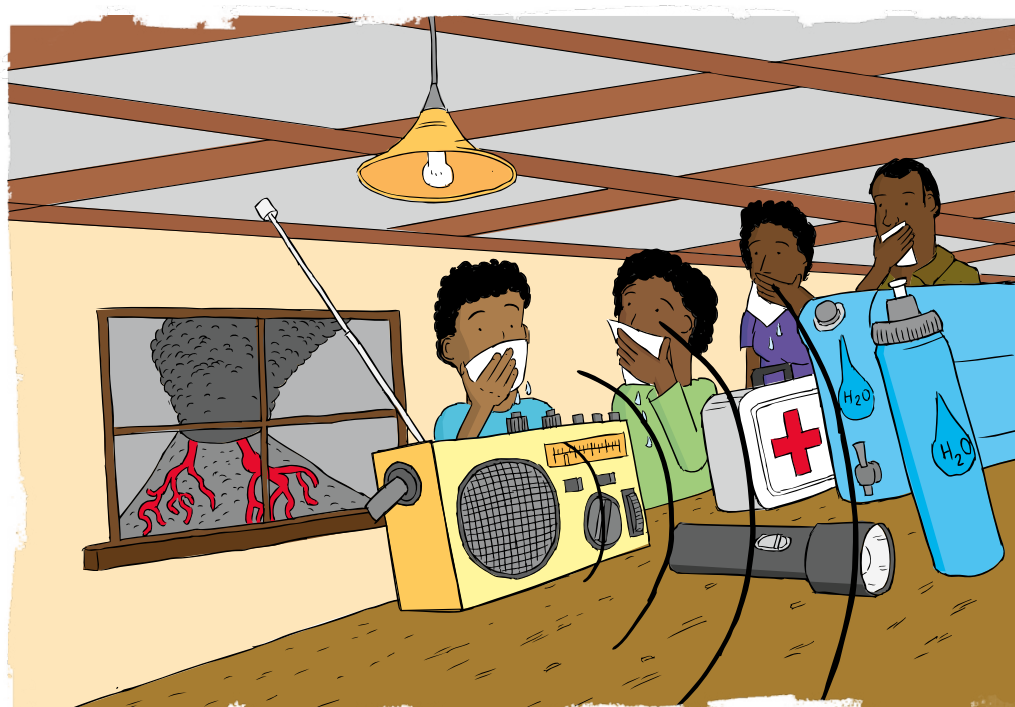
WHAT YOU CAN DO BEFORE

Practise a plan for what you will do if there is a volcanic eruption, with chosen safe places. Have stocks of food and clean water.



DURING

Listen to the radio. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask or damp cloth. Wear long sleeves and pants. Keep vehicle engines off.



AFTER

Clear roofs of ash fall. Cover your mouth and nose when cleaning up. Drink only clean water.



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