

# Role of Geospatial Data in Disaster Preparedness and Response



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Asian Institute of Technology



# Outline

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- Activities in disaster preparedness
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  - International Disaster Charter
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Catering for higher education in Asia

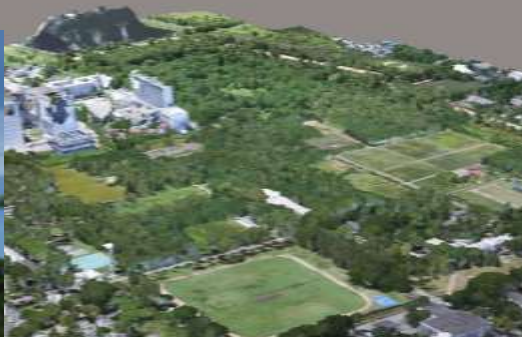
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# Outreach Centers of AIT





**GIC**   
Geoinformatics Center  
Established in 1999

Our  
Expertise

REMOTE SENSING & GIS



ENVIRONMENT



DISASTER MANAGEMENT



TRAINING







# Activities in Disaster Preparedness

- DRA – National scale study in Tajikistan
- DRA – State level study in India



# Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment at National Scale for Tajikistan

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# Objectives and partners

- To assess the vulnerability of communities and infrastructure to **earthquake, landslides, floods, mudflows, snow avalanches, windstorms and drought**),
- To determine their **degree of exposure** to future hazardous events and
- To develop **risk profiles** as a basis for development planning processes for all districts of Tajikistan.

- 1) Disaster Risk Assessment Methodology,
- 2) Capacity Building of Local Experts, and
- 3) Disaster Risk Information System.



- AIT promotes technological change and sustainable development through higher education, research and outreach.



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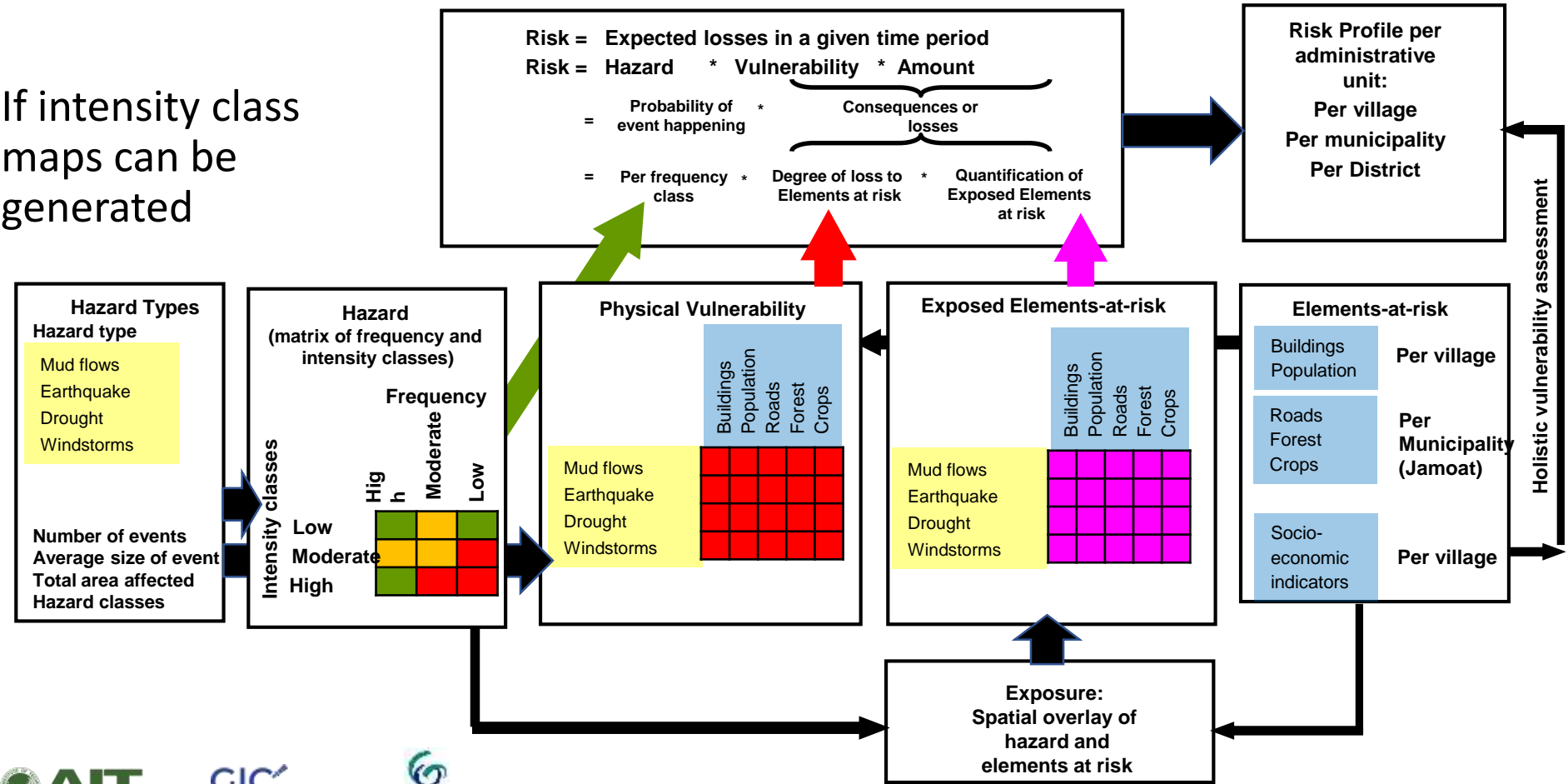
- Capacity building and institutional development in professional and academic organizations as well as individuals specifically in countries that are economically and/or technologically less developed.



*Empowered lives. Resilient nations.*

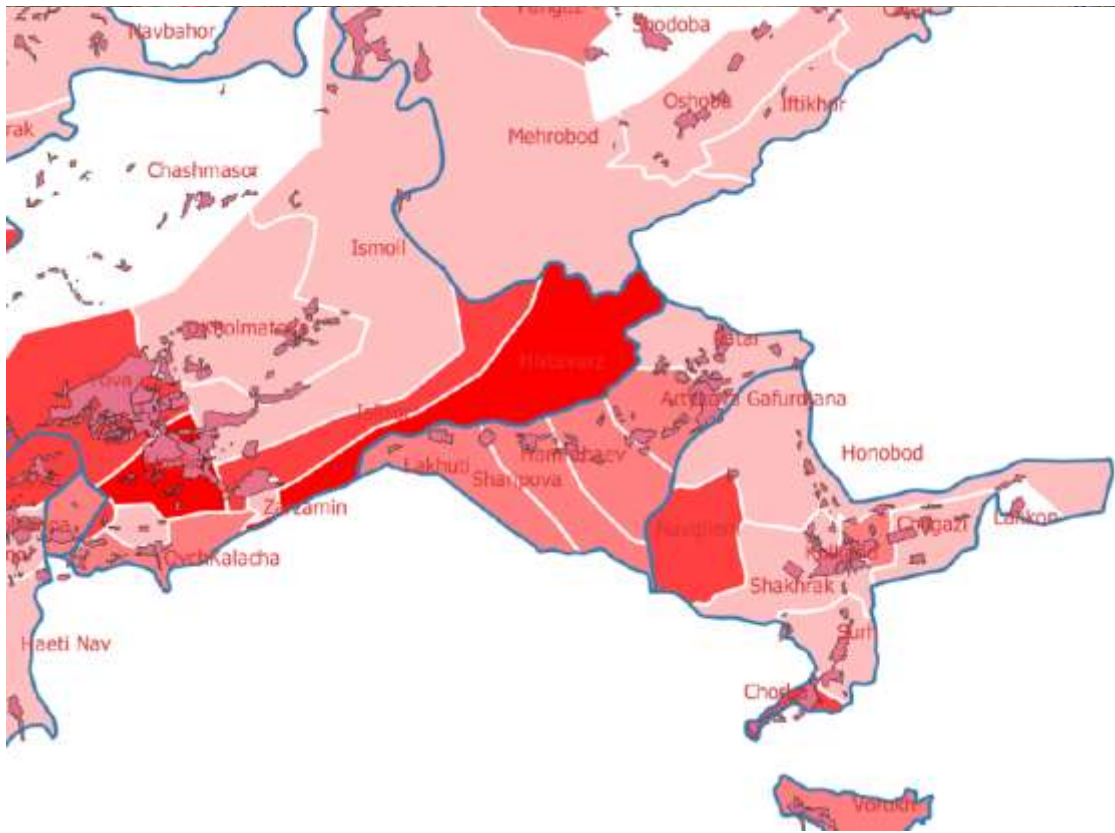
# Proposed method for national scale risk assessment in Tajikistan

If intensity class maps can be generated



# Data problems: Incorrect data

- Municipal boundaries do not link with settlements
- Names of settlements have changed.
- Socio-economic data on official portal does not match with settlements.





# District level

200 m pixel level. Only intensity classes

200m Hydrology based Event Simulation



200m Hydrology based Event Simulation downsampled to 30 meters



# Local level

30 m pixel level. Cannot be done for entire country within this project, but training can be given

5 year return period

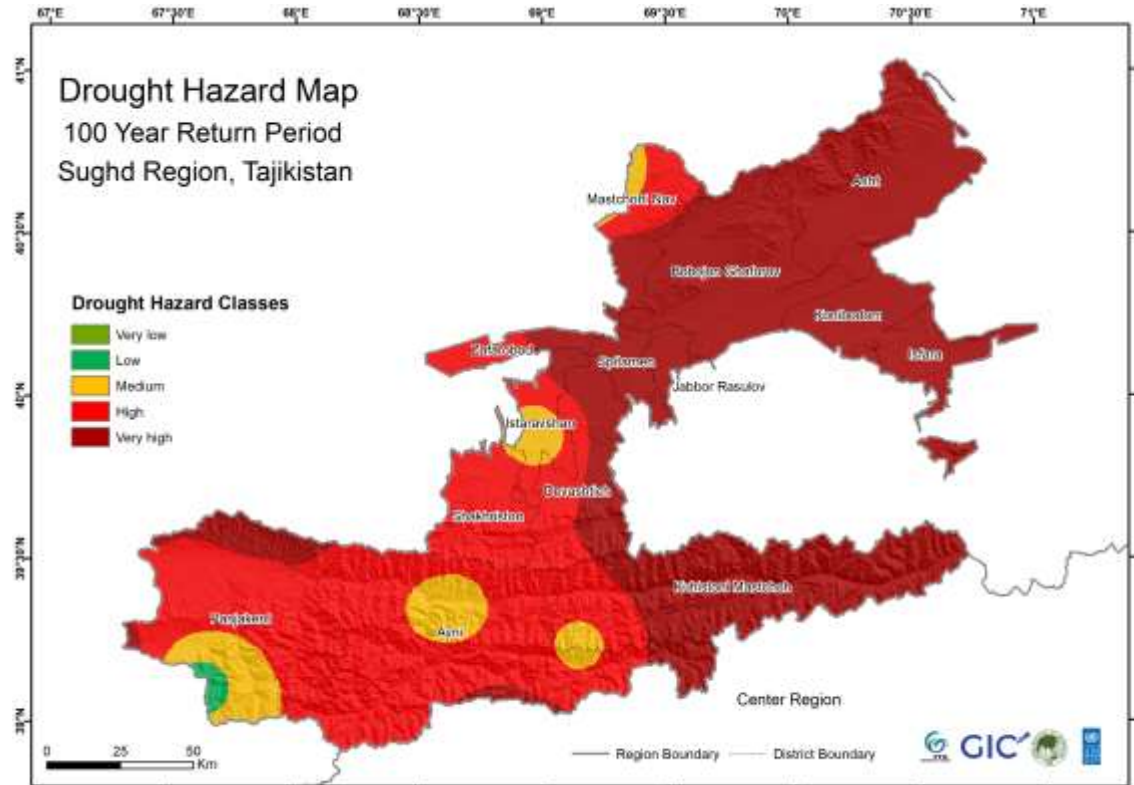


10 year return period

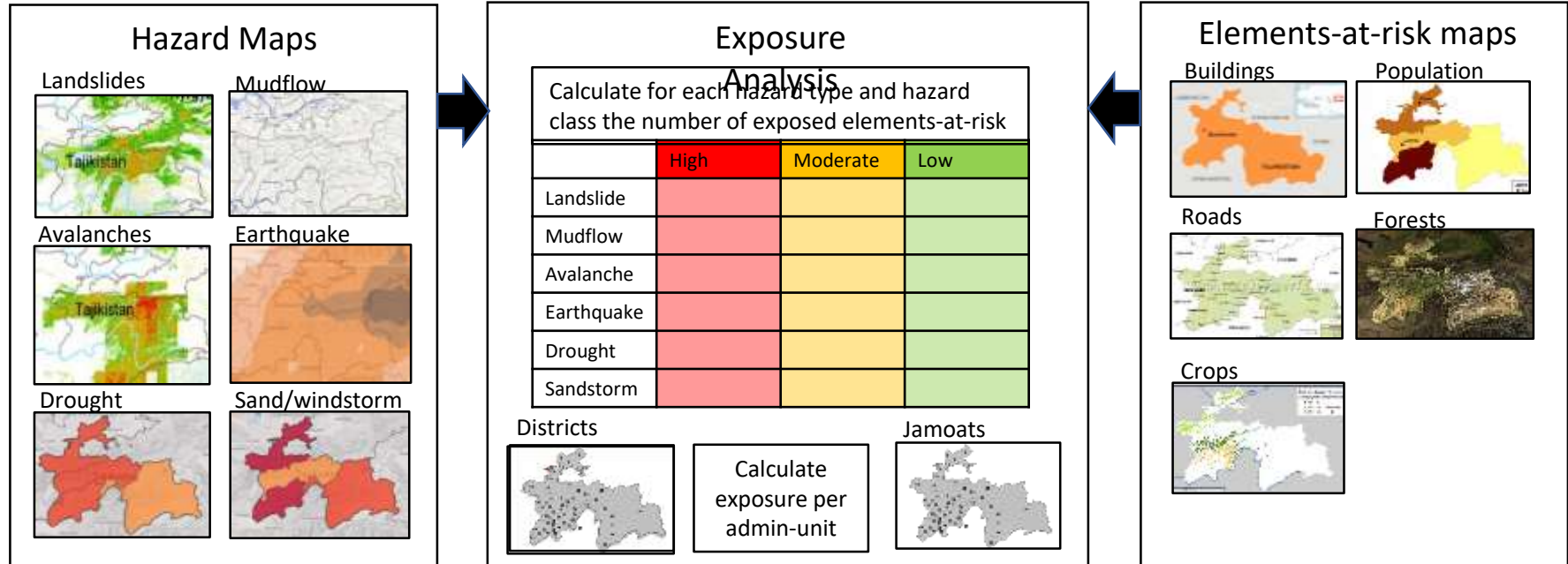


# Drought hazard

- Hazard Assessment
  - Calculate exposure of drought
  - Calculate frequency, intensity and spatial extent
- Standardized Precipitation Index
  - Monthly rainfall from NSID & ERA-5 Reanalysis. Sughd: 36 station , 30 years
  - Drought intensity: the probability of precipitation over a specific period
  - Drought frequency: time scales
  - Spatial extent: interpolation
- Problem: Depending on stations. Drought is relative

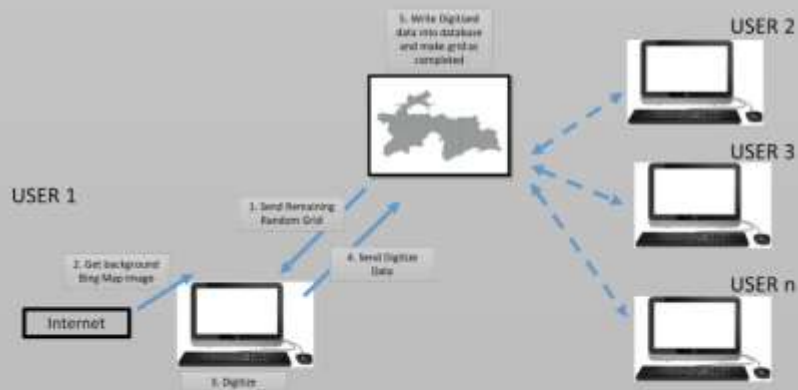


# Exposure analysis



# Crowdsourcing

## Overall Architecture of GIC's Crowdsourcing Platform

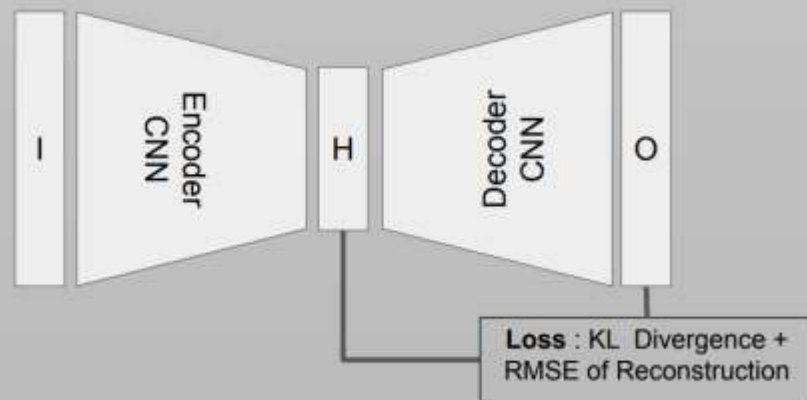


Number of Grids: ~100,000  
Grid size: 1.5 km<sup>2</sup>

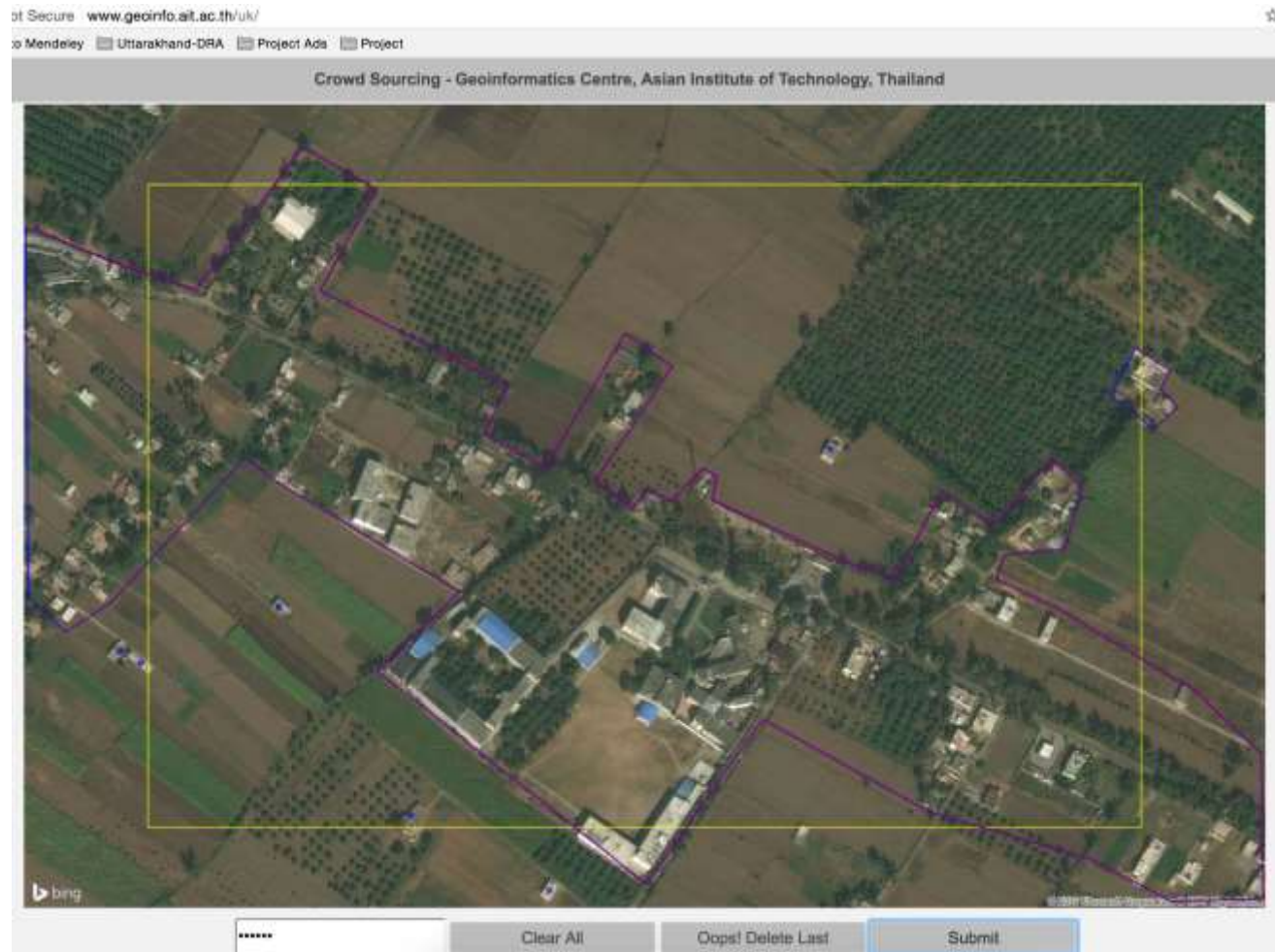
# Deep Learning

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) in Variational Autoencoder (VAE) Architecture were used

I - Input, H - Hidden vector, O - Output



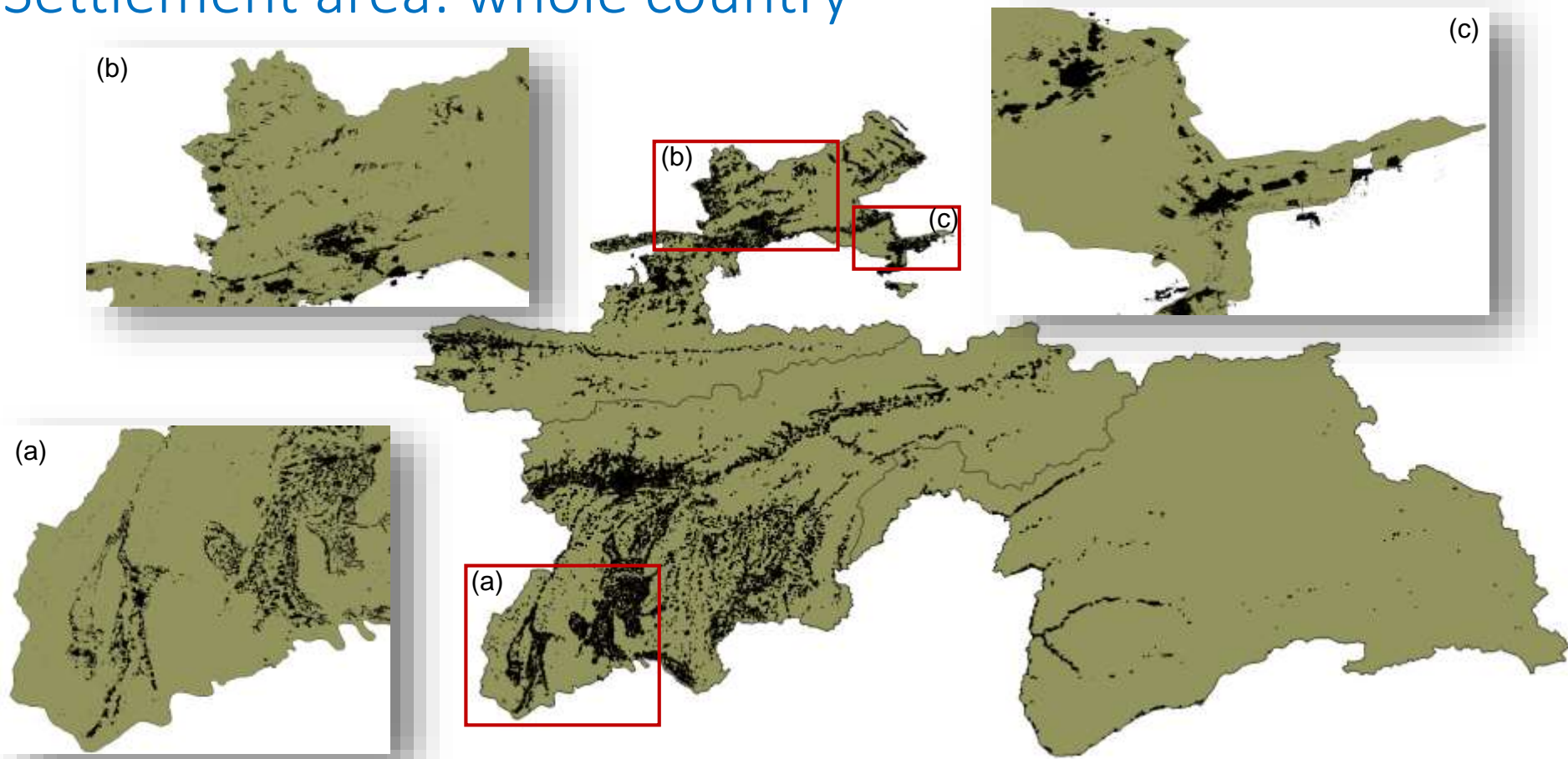


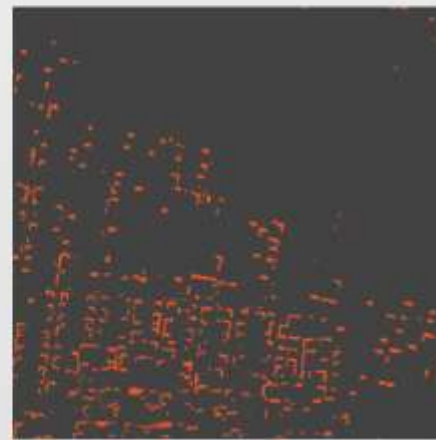
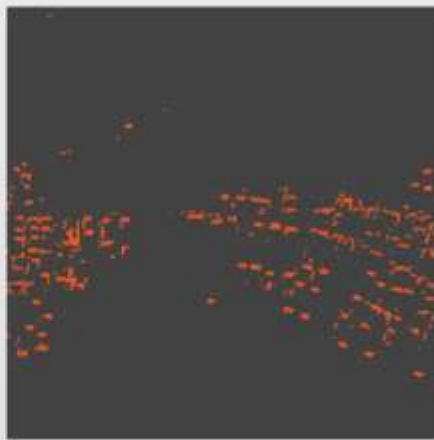
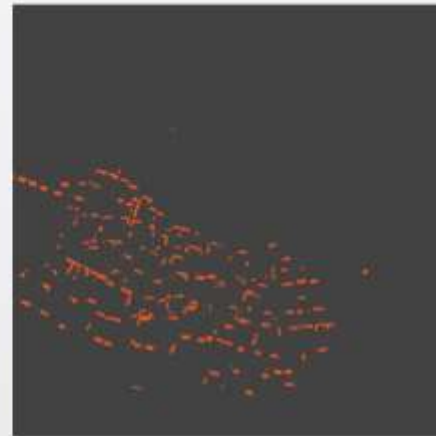
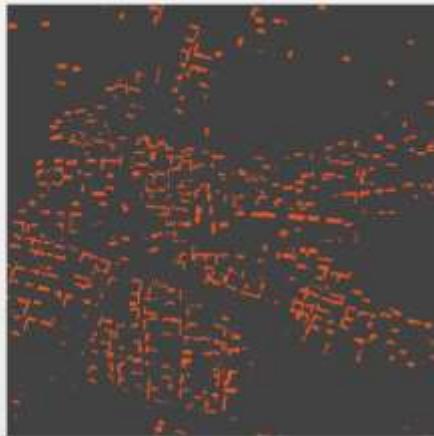


## Our Crowdsourcing Mapping Platform

- Web based
- Simple ways to map
- Faster
- Identification of user
- Training before the mapping
- Mappers: **AIT students**
- Quality control

# Settlement area: whole country





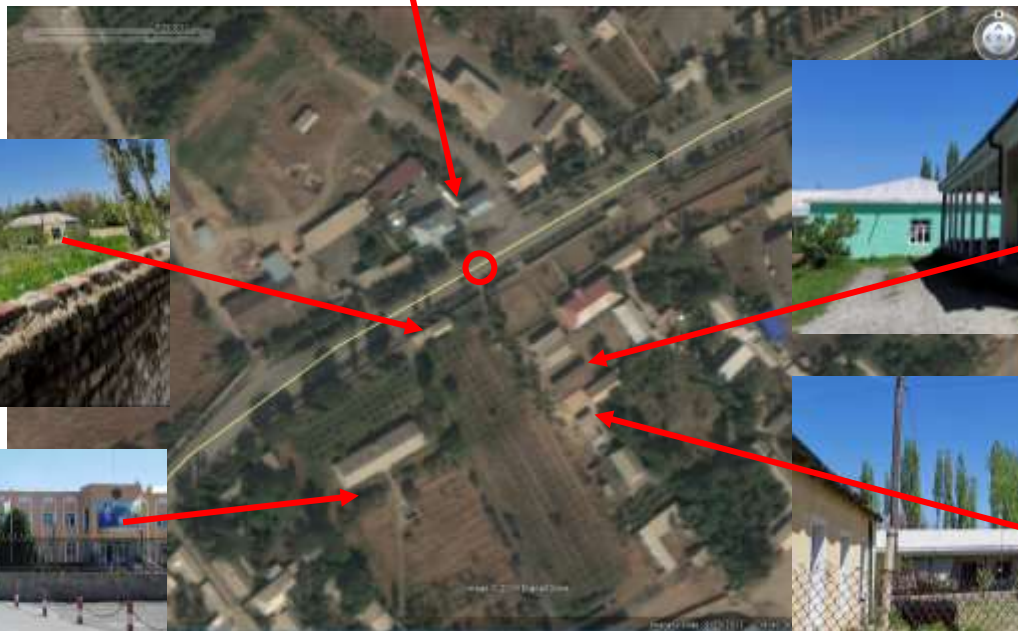


# Mapping elements-at-risk using Ricoh Theta S and Mapillary





## 2nd Stop (short) Shakhristan

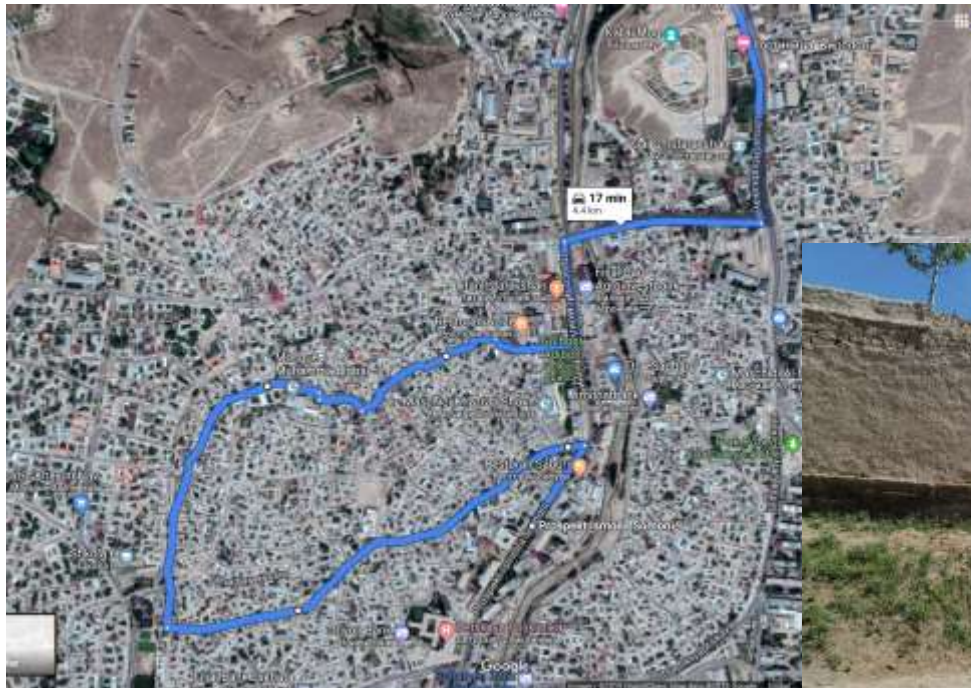


View from the  
ground





# At Istaravshan city



# Freely available Land cover data

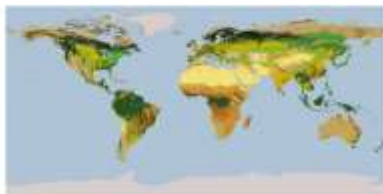
## MODIS Global Land Cover (MCD12Q1)

- Data input: Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) instrument on NASA's Terra and Aqua satellite.
- Data period: 2001 to 2013.
- Spatial resolution: 500m
- Classification: IGBP (17 classes), and other 5 classification schemes.
- <https://pdaac.usgs.gov/dataset-discovery/modis/modis-products-ta/mcd12q1>



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## Global Land Cover Characterization (GLCC)



- 12 Forest
- 13 Non-forest
- 14 Open
- 15 Shrub
- 16 Grass
- 17 Water
- 18 Snow
- 19 Bare
- 20 Urban
- 21 Agriculture
- 22 Cropland
- 23 Pasture
- 24 Wetland
- 25 Swamp
- 26 Tundra
- 27 Desert
- 28 Ice
- 29 Cloud
- 30 Unknown

- Collaboration between U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS), the Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
- Data input: 1-km AVHRR (Advanced Very High-Resolution Radiometer) 10-day NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) composites
- Ancillary data sources included digital elevation data, ecoregions, interpretation, and country- or regional-level vegetation and land cover maps.
- Data period: April 1992 through March 1995.
- Spatial resolution: 1-km
- <https://the.usgs.gov/glcc>

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## USGS Global Land Cover

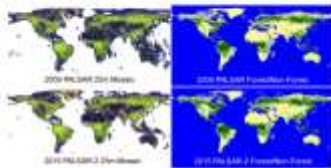
- Collaboration between USGS and the University of Maryland, Department of Geographical Sciences.
- Input data: Landsat 7 ETM+ data
- Spatial resolution: 30-meter resolution raster
- Data period: Data layers for circa 2010 tree cover and bare ground and a persistent surface water layer 2000-2012.
- Classification: tree cover, bare ground, water.
- <https://landcover.usgs.gov/glc/>



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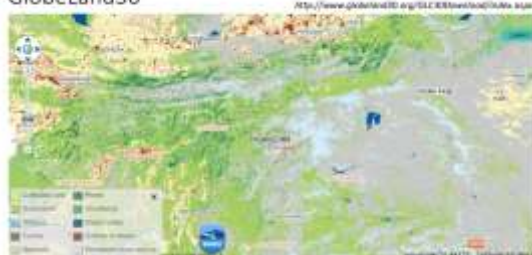
## PALSAR Forest/Non-Forest map

- Input data: Japanese L-band Synthetic Aperture Radars (PALSAR and PALSAR-2) on Advanced Land Observing Satellite (ALOS) and Advanced Land Observing Satellite-2 (ALOS-2).
- Spatial resolution: 25m
- Data period: 2009 and 2015
- Classification: Forest/non-forest
- [https://www.norc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/en/palsar/fnf/fnf\\_index.htm](https://www.norc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/en/palsar/fnf/fnf_index.htm)



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## GlobeLand30



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## GlobCover

<http://oce.eric.usgs.gov/globcover.php>



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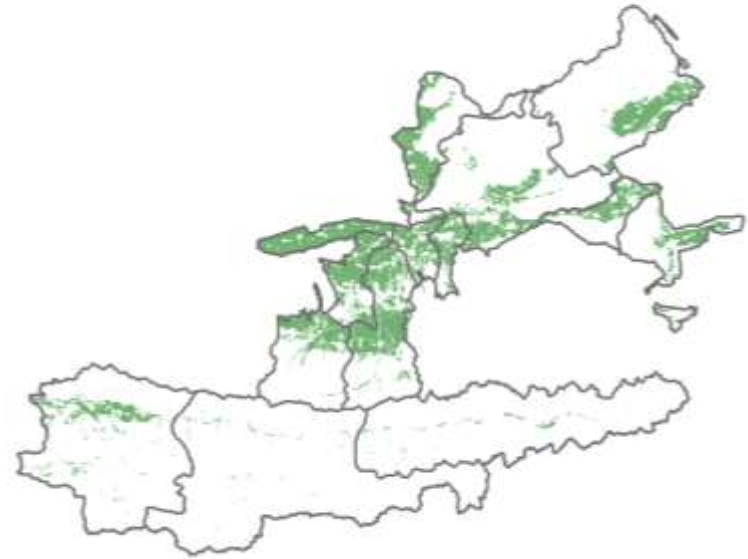
# Hybrid Agriculture dataset produce using OSM



Before



After

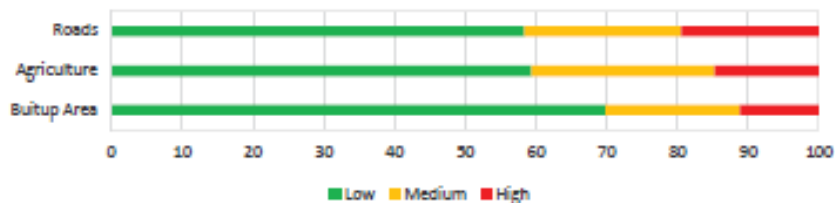


# Ongoing work: Example of exposure profile

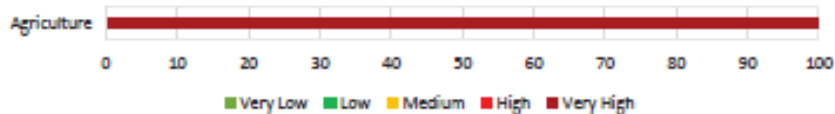
Disaster	Builtup area exposed in Hectares						Agriculture		
	Urban			Non Urban			Small scale agriculture within settlements		
	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
Flood - 5 year return period	223	60	28	828	217	115	886	231	119
Flood - 20 year return period	246	64	37	923	249	136	989	264	142
Flood - 100 year return period	270	74	46	1050	285	164	1121	304	171

Disaster	Builtup area exposed in Hectares						Roads		
	Urban			Non Urban			Major roads		
	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
Landslide	1099	209	0	4351	150	0	0	0	0
Mudflow	25	566	710	49	1843	2548	0	0	0
Snow Avalanche	59	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0

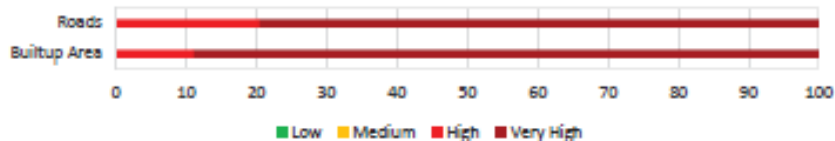
Flood - 100 year return period



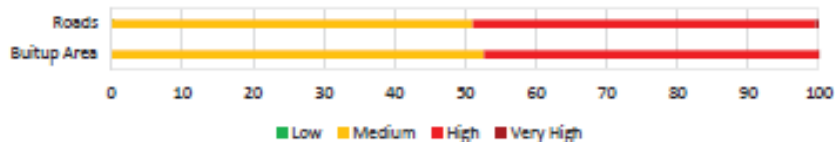
Drought - 100 year return period



Earthquake - 475 year return period



Windstorm - 50 year return period



## Project details



*In collaboration with the Earth Observatory Singapore*



## Disaster Risk Assessment of Uttarakhand

**May 2016 - September 2018**

Funded by the World Bank and delivered for the Project Implementation Unit (TA & CBDRM), Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project (UDRP), Government of Uttarakhand.

<http://www.uttarakhand-dra.in/>

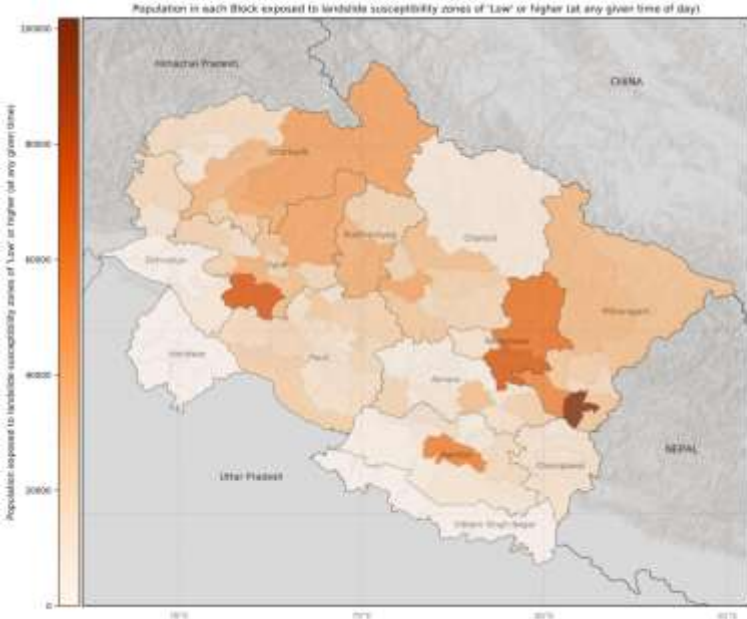
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# Final reports

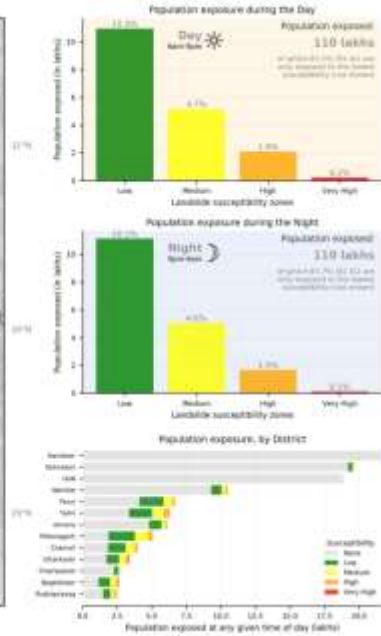




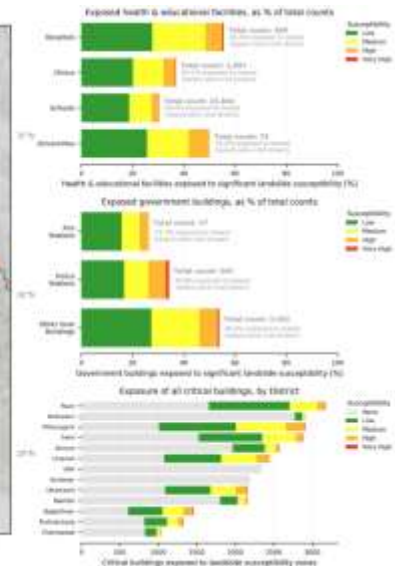
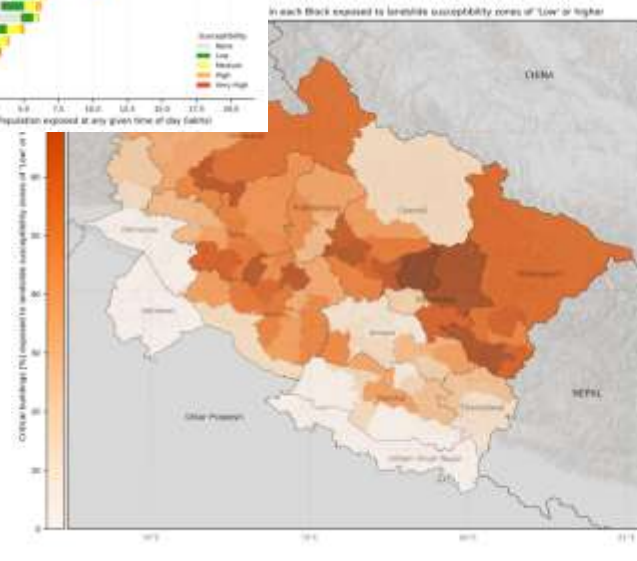
# Towards Risk Assessment



## Population Exposure

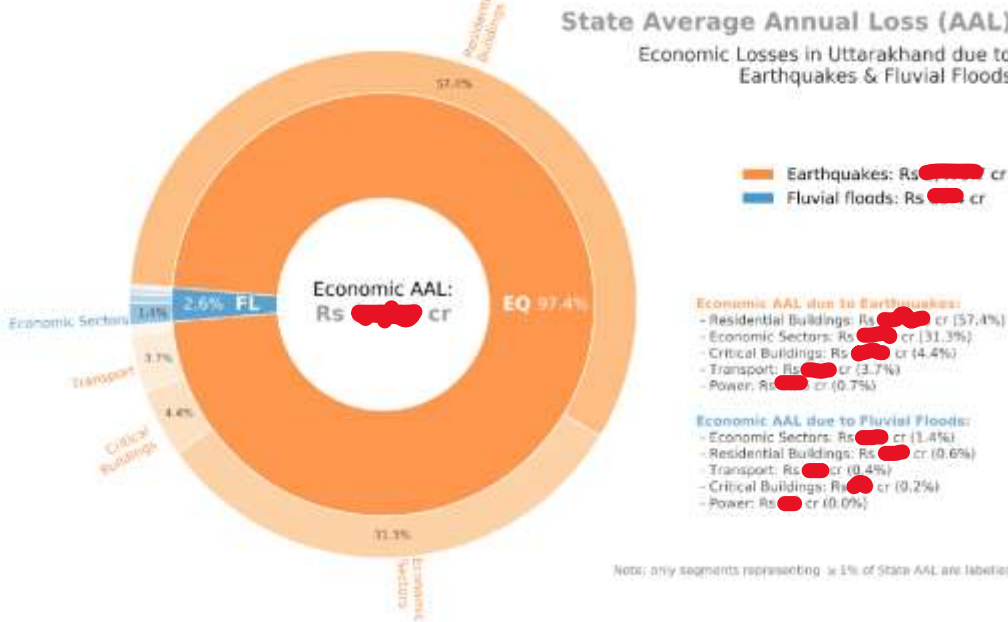


## Building Exposure



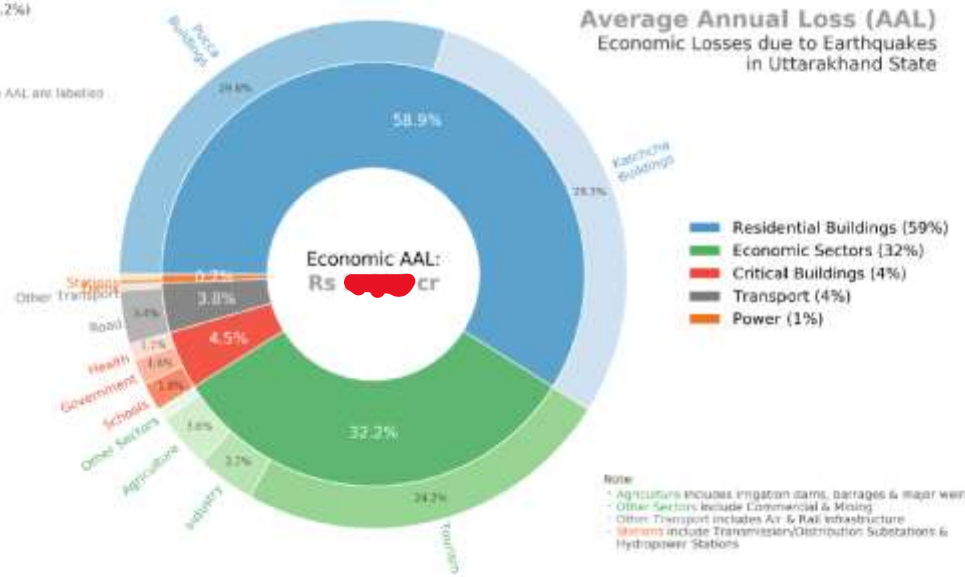
## State Average Annual Loss (AAL)

Economic Losses in Uttarakhand due to Earthquakes & Fluvial Floods



## Average Annual Loss (AAL)

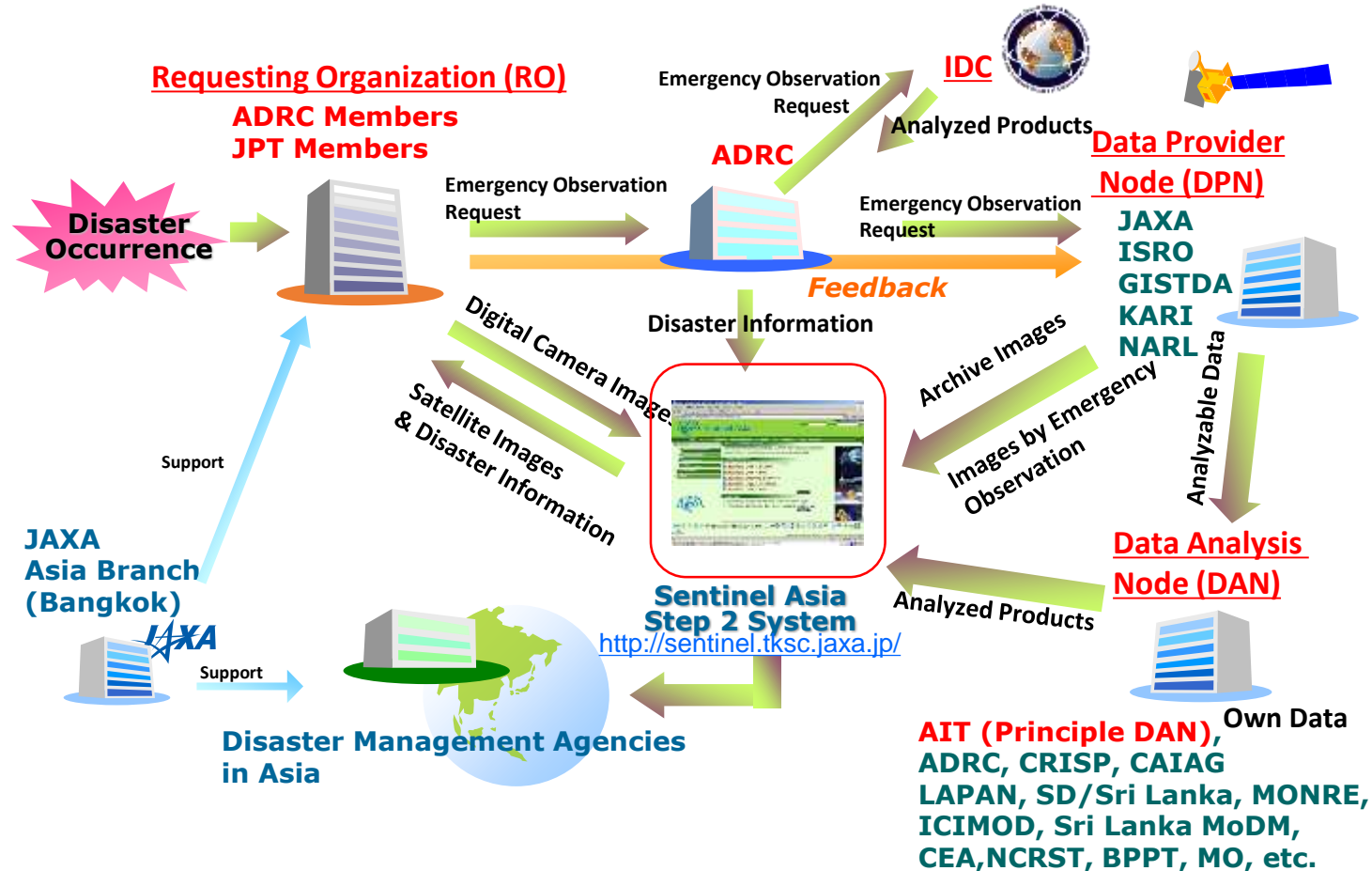
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# Activities in Disaster Response

- Sentinel Asia (Regional framework)
- International Disaster Charter

# Sentinel Asia Emergency Observation Flow





# Sentinel Asia (SA) Activations in 2019

No.	Obs. ID	Occurred	Activation	Country	Disaster type	# VAP(s)
1	ERJPJX000088	17 Jan 2019	17 Jan 2019	Japan	Earthquake	-
2	ERIDLP000045	16 Mar 2019	18 Mar 2019	Indonesia	Flood	2
3	ERNPDH000004	31 Mar 2019	04 Apr 2019	Nepal	Typhoon	-
4	ERKRDM000003	04 Apr 2019	05 Apr 2019	Korea	Forest fire	1
5	ERPHVS000021	22 Apr 2019	26 Apr 2019	Philippines	Earthquake	1
6	ERPHVS000022	23 Apr 2019	26 Apr 2019	Philippines	Earthquake	-
7	ERINSR000048	02 May 2019	02 May 2019	India	Flood	(cancelled)
8	ERADRC000054	16 May 2019	26 May 2019	Turkey	Landslide	-
9	ERCNEA000006	17 Jun 2019	22 June 2019	China	Earthquake	2
10	ERBTHC000002	20 Jun 2019	22 Jun 2019	Bhutan	Flash flood	1
11	ERVNMN000054	24 Jun 2019	26 Jun 2019	Vietnam	Flash flood	-
12	ERIDLP000046	14 Jul 2019	15 Jul 2019	Indonesia	Earthquake	2
13	ERAHAC000007	08 Aug 2019	14 Aug 2019	Myanmar	Flood	5



## Disaster Emergency Response Maps

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### Year 2019

#### Myanmar 08/August/2019

Monsoon rains and increased river levels have triggered flooding in pockets across eight states and regions with evacuations in several townships. A cumulative number of 78,000 people were displaced to 186 evacuation centres in Kachin, Rakhine, Chin, and Mon states, as well as Bago, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, according to the national Department of Disaster Management (DDM)



#### + Year 2019 (7)

- China (1)
- Bhutan (1)
- Indonesia (2)
- Myanmar (1)
- Philippines (1)
- South Korea (1)

#### + Year 2018 (15)

- India (1)
- Indonesia (2)
- Japan (2)
- Laos (1)
- Myanmar (2)
- Sri Lanka (1)

#### Indonesia 14/Julv/2019



Flood extent

Crowdsourced Photos

Death and Loss

Satellite Images

River water levels

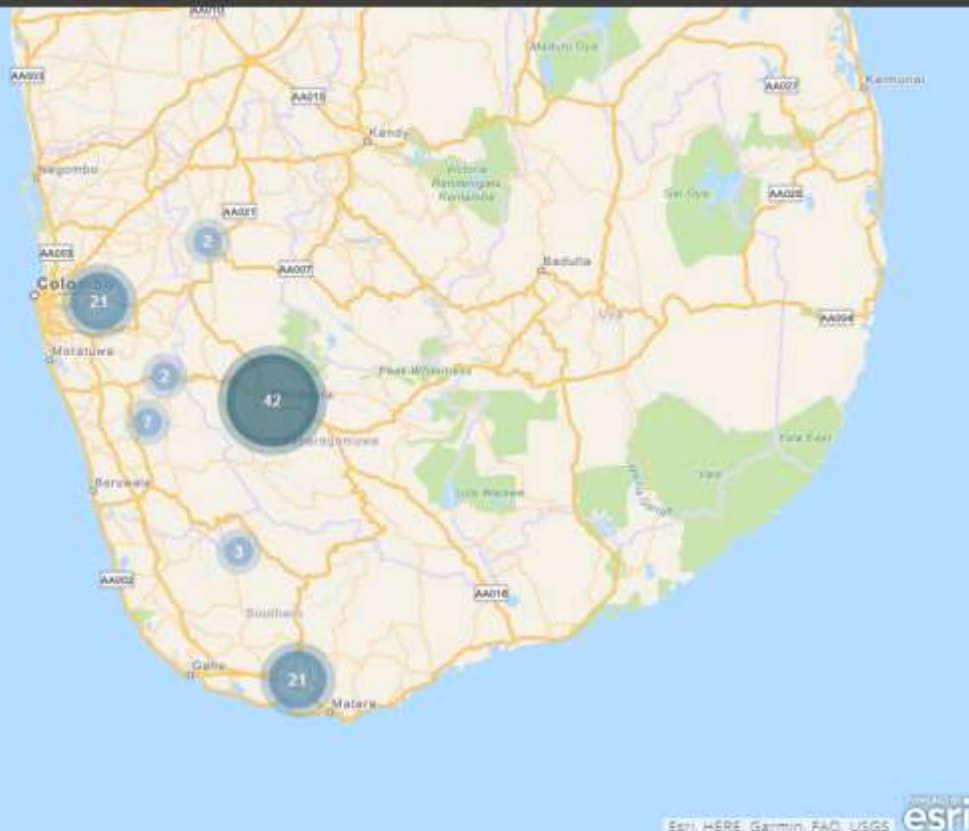
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Sri Lanka Floods 2017

+ Upload Photo



Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, USGS





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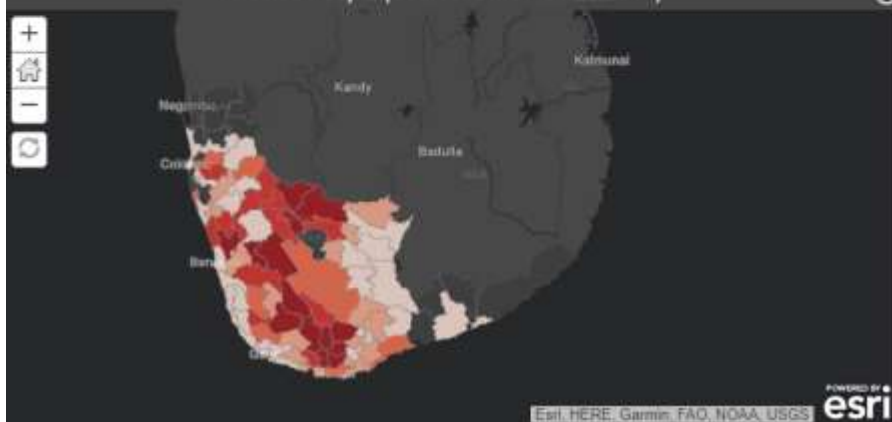
Deaths (Source: DMC - 31/05/2017)



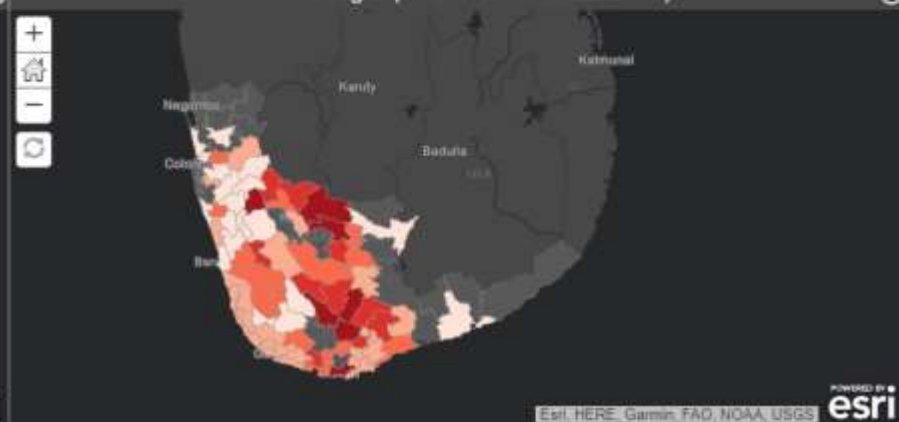
Missing People (Source: DMC - 31/05/2017)



Affected People (Source: DMC - 31/05/2017)



House Damages (Source: DMC - 31/05/2017)



# SATELLITE-BASED EMERGENCY MAPPING FOR EARTHQUAKE/TSUNAMI IN CENTRAL SULAWESI, INDONESIA

A powerful earthquake with magnitude 7.5 strike the central Island of Sulawesi in Indonesia on 28 September 2018, triggering a tsunami with 3 meter high waves. As of 3 October, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) reported the death toll reached 1,407 people, while the evacuees reached 70,821 people. The most affected areas are Palu city, Donggala, Sigi, and Parigi Moutong.



## DATA PROVIDERS



## PROJECT MANAGER



## VALUE ADDERS



## END USERS





# ● EMERGENCY MAPPING

Emergency mapping provides on-demand crisis maps to help to identify severely affected and damaged areas using earth observation imagery, which play a vital role in disaster response and recovery activities.

Identifying damaged buildings due to earthquake/tsunami



Identifying liquefaction affected areas and damaged buildings



Identifying damaged buildings due to earthquake



More than 450 satellite images, from different data providers, were visually interpreted, using pre and post satellite imagery and geospatial analysis.

## • FIELD SURVEY

Our staff was sent to the site of the disaster to aid in disaster response efforts, collecting data on damage, and provide the focal communities, NGOs and volunteer with geospatial data and maps.



## • MAPS USAGE IN THE FIELD

Maps were printed to support the humanitarian activities in the field.



## • DISSEMINATION

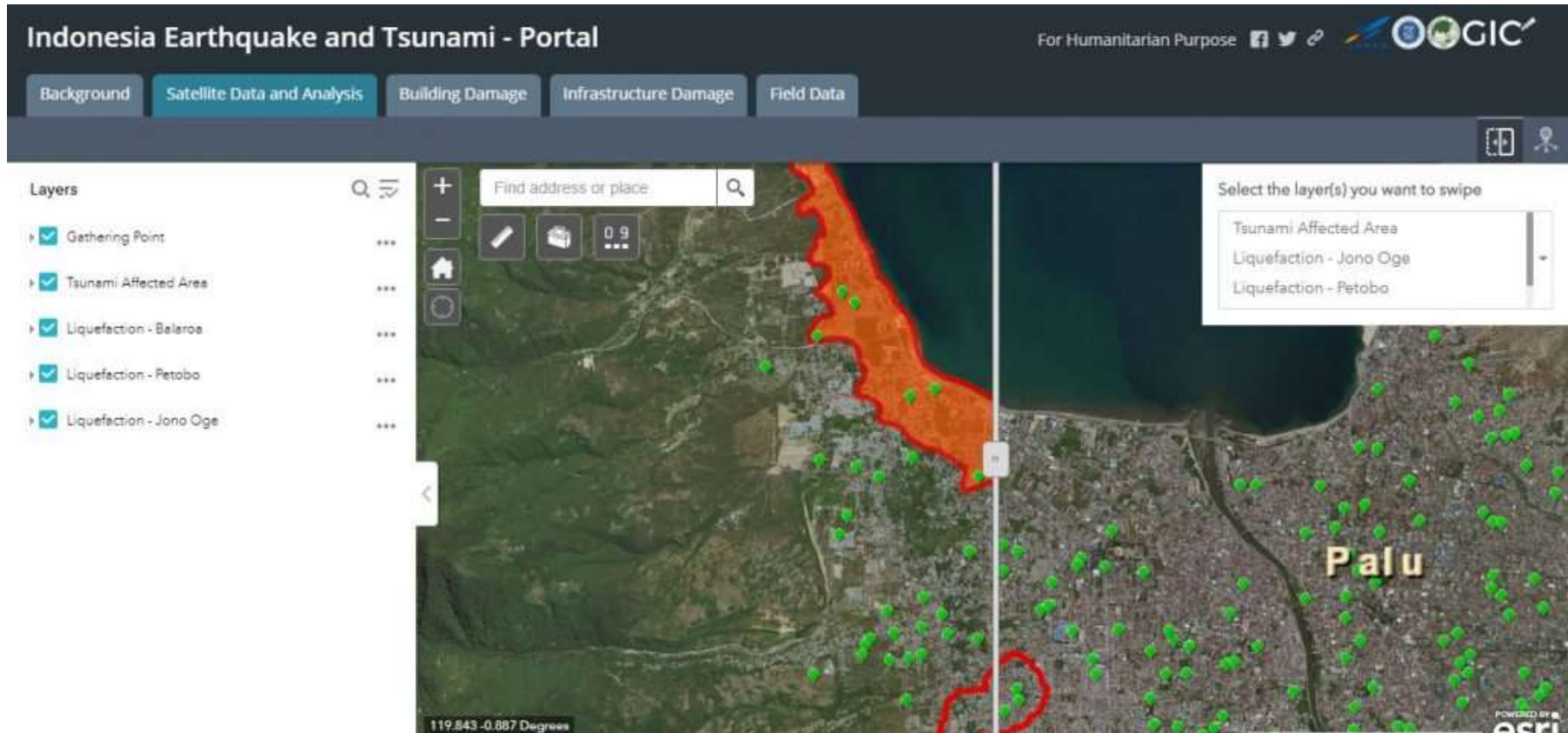
Disseminating disaster maps and information to general public, relevant government agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders.





# Data and Analysis Portal for recent Indonesian disaster

<http://arcg.is/15uObi>



## Recent developments: platform/solutions

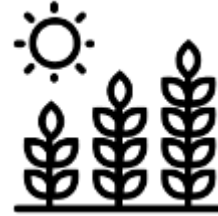
- Sentinel Asia (Regional framework)
- International Disaster Charter

# Sen2Agri

*Exploitation of Sentinel 2  
from local to national level  
agriculture monitoring*

# Sen2Agri Products

**Dynamic  
cropland mask**



**Cultivated crop type  
maps and extent of  
main crop groups**

**Composite of  
cloud-free  
surface  
reflectance**



**Biophysical  
vegetation  
status indicators  
like NDVI and  
LAI**



# Satellite data solutions

- Getting popular solutions/products rather than raw data
- Preprocessing of data is no longer needed
- Data subscription, pay based on what you use
- Some satellite constellation provide data daily/any place in the world

# Thank you!

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