

United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response

## Current state and challenges for effective use of Geospatial Information for Disaster Management-

Lessons learned from the UN-SPIDER technical advisory missions

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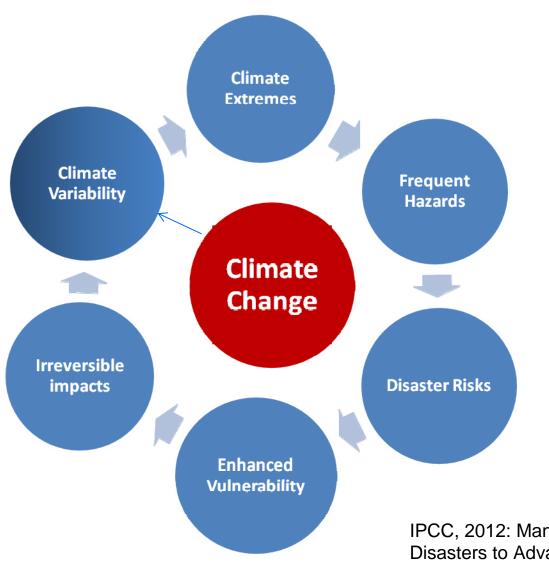


## **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**





## **Climate Change and Disaster Risks**



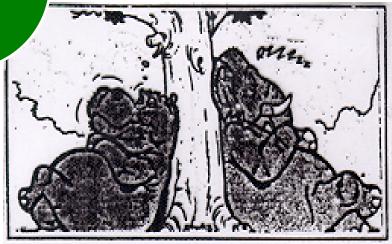
Additional risks due to climate change should not be analyzed or treated in isolation, but instead integrated into broader efforts to reduce the risk of natural disasters.

IPCC, 2012: Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX)

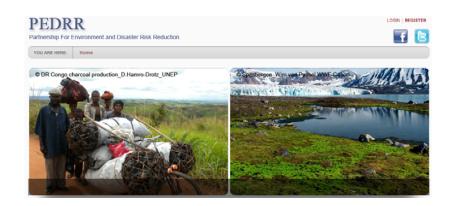


# **Ecosystems in DRR and Climate**Change

**Ecosystem** 







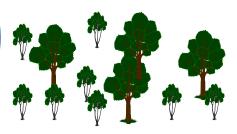
Balanced ecosystems are needed to prevent disasters and reduce its impact www.pedrr.net



## Significance of Geospatial Information

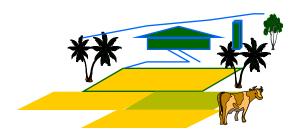
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#### **ECOSYSTEM**



**EDGE** 

#### **HUMAN HABITATION**



ZONATION

**CORE ZONE** 

FRINGE ZONE

**ANTHROPOGENIA** 

**CHARACTERISTICS** 

Biodiversity reserve

Buffer area

Manmade ecosystem

**PRIORITY** 

Ecosystem protection

**Ecosystem restoration** 

Sustainable development

GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION INTERVENTIONS

Ecosystem management
Biodiversity conservation
Habitat characterization
Habitat improvement
Management plans

Ecosystem restoration
Fragmentation study
Monitoring status
Eco-development
Working plans

Landuse planning
Soil & water conservation
Watershed management
Infrastructure planning
Disaster management

Reference: Ravan & Roy 1997 **Disaster Resilience** 



## Disaster Risk Reduction Regional / Global Issue

Transboundary Rivers

- Flood early warning
- Flood plain management
- Water management



THAILAND VIETNAM BRUNEI DARIUSSALAM

SINGAPORE

ASEAN Region

Shared Coastline

- Cyclone/tsunami early warning
- Threats due to Sea level rise

Shared Ecosystems

- Integrated ecosystem management
- Sustained bioresource utilization

The past few years have reminded us that natural hazards can affect

anyone, anywhere. From the Indian Ocean tsunami to the South Asia

earthquake, from the devastation caused by hurricanes and cyclones

in the United States, the Caribbean and the Pacific, to heavy flooding

across Europe and Asia, hundreds of thousands of people have lost

their lives, and millions their livelihoods, to disasters caused by natural



## Post 2015 Framework for DRR



While some progress has been made, the cruel reality is

that - helped by short sighted policies and practices - the

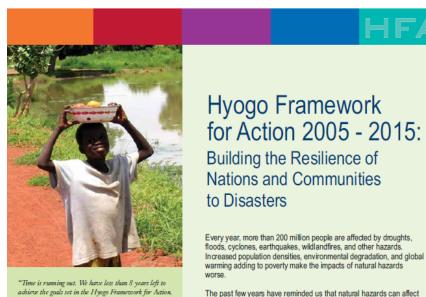
vulnerability of our societies continues to grow. I urge all

Governments, and regional and local authorities, to make

disaster risk reduction a real priority and to accelerate

practical steps to make communities safer from disasters. This will mean the investment of human and financial

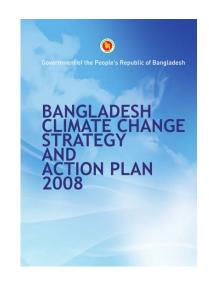
International Strategy for Disaster Reduction



A dollar invested in disaster risk reduction can save over 4 dollars in relief and rehabilitation costs in future (World Food Programme)

### Post 2015 Framework for DRR refers to

- Climate Change **Adaptation**
- Sustainable Development







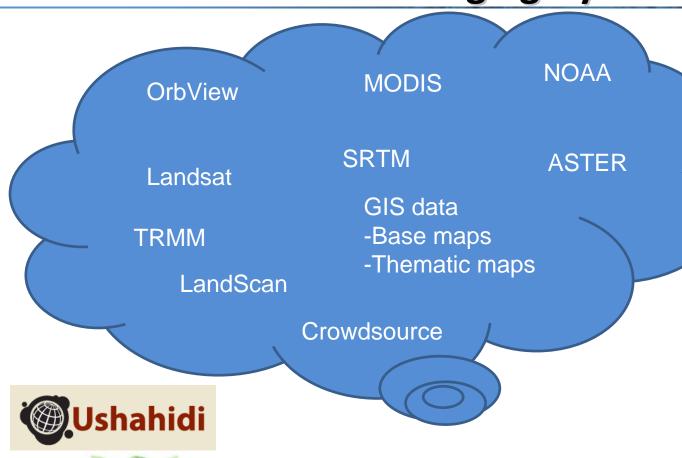
# Earth Observation satellites and products – Changing Dynamics

#### **GLCF**



#### **NOAA**









The Free Wiki World Map

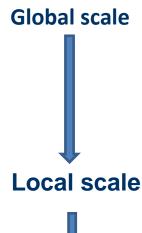
- Predictions of weather extremes
- Early warning
- Monitoring of disasters and risks



## 'Space' in Disaster Risk Management









#### **Mitigation & Preparedness Planning**

- Vulnerability and risk assessment
- Modelling impact
- Early warning

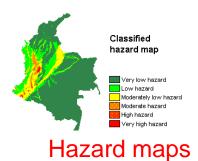
#### **Emergency Response**

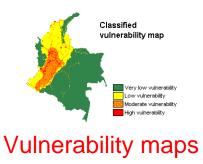
- Specific event
- Rapid provision
- Map information
- Support crisis management

#### **Recovery & Rehabilitation**

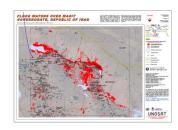
- Situation maps
- Time series
- Monitoring

#### **Life Saving Products**









Response maps



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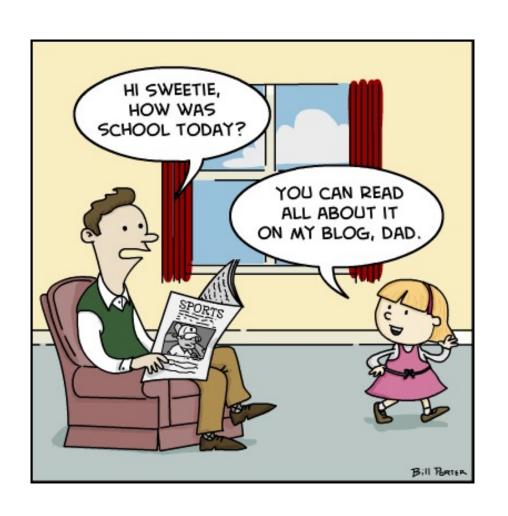
Advanced Earth
Observation
systems provide
accurate 'Spatial
Information'

Accurate information leads to better understanding of the 'Facts'

Strategies based on 'Facts' lead to precise action plan



## **UN-SPIDER** bridges the Gap



Decision makers / End
Users (Disaster managers)

Missing link

Providers of geospatial information



## **Network of Regional Support Offices**

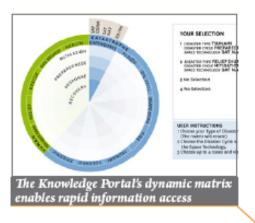


#### Knowledge Portal

The UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal is a web-based tool for information, communication and process support. Users can find and share case studies, guides and products through the portal.

#### **Activities**

- •Knowledge Management
- Technical AdvisorySupport
- Capacity Building
- FosteringCooperation



#### Fostering Cooperation

UN-SPIDER bridges the gap between the space and disaster management communities. UN-SPIDER fosters alliances and creates forums where both communities can meet.



## UN-SPIDER Activities

#### Technical Advisory Support

UN-SPIDER provides support to countries in assessing national capacity and in evaluating disaster and risk reduction activities, policies and plans with regard to the use of space-based technologies.

#### Capacity Building

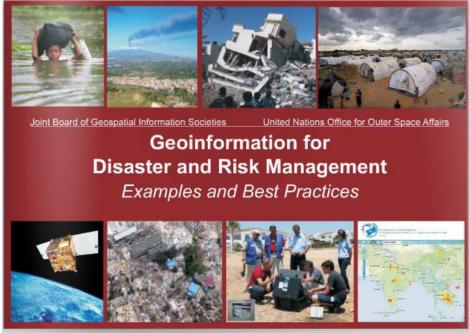
UN-SPIDER facilicates capacity building and institutional strengthening, including the development of curricula and an e-learning platform (e-SPIDER).



...and many more

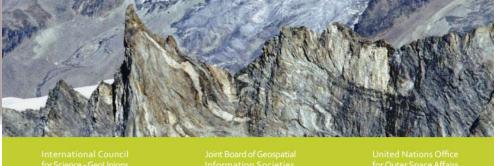


## Joint publications - UN-SPIDER and JBGIS



The Value of Geoinformation for Disaster and Risk Management (VALID)

Benefit Analysis and Stakeholder Assessment

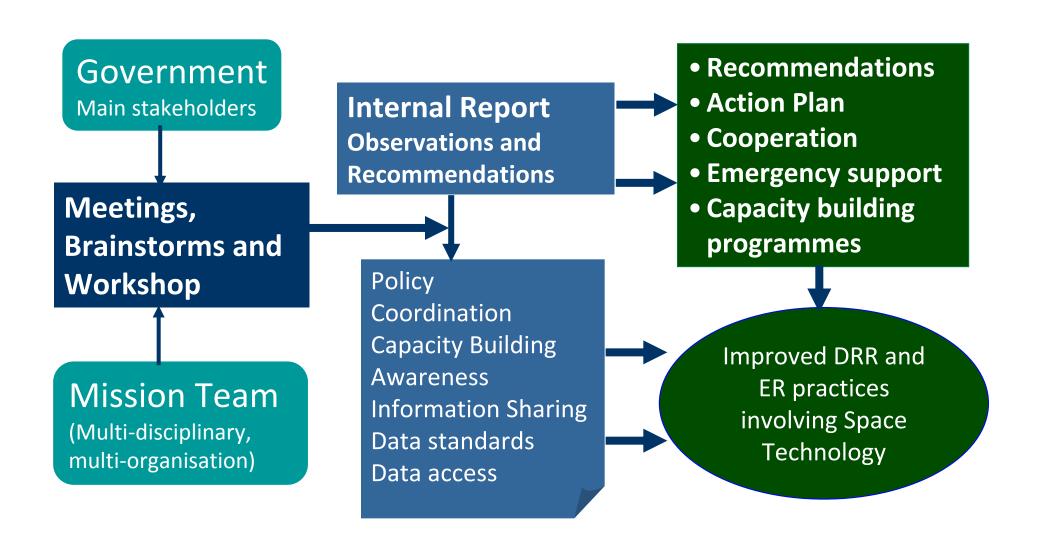


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## **UN-SPIDER Technical Advisory Missions**





## **Technical Advisory Support and Missions**

#### **ASIA**

- 1. Bangladesh
- 2. India
- 3. Indonesia
- 4. Lao PDR
- 5. Myanmar
- 6. Sri Lanka
- 7. Vietnam

#### **Pacific**

- 1. Fiji
- 2. Samoa
- 3. Solomon Islands
- 4. Tonga
- 5. Vanuatu





Sri Lanka

Myanmar

Solomon Islands

#### **Africa**

- 1. Burkina Faso
- 2. Burundi
- 3. Cameroon
- 4. Cape Verde
- 5. Chad
- 6. Congo
- 7. DR Congo
- 8. Gabon
- 9. Ghana
- 10. Kenya
- 11. Malawi
- 12. Mozambique
- 13. Nigeria
- 14. Sudan







#### Mission team

- •UN-SPIDER
- •UN OCHA
- •CANEUS, Canada
- •NDRCC, China
- •ITC, Netherlands
- •CNES-CNRS University, France
- Pacific Disaster Center, USA
- •Chinese Academy of Sciences
- •Delta State University, USA
- •GERENDIS, Spain
- •GREEN Mindanao, Philippines



#### Visits to following agencies

- Disaster Management Centre (DMC)
- Department of Dike Management
- Flood Control (Standing Office of Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control - CCFSC)
- National Institute of Agricultural Planning and Projection (NIAAP)
- Spatial Technology Institute (STI), Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)
- National Remote Sensing Center (RSC), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- UN Disaster Risk Management team
- Department of Survey and Mapping
- General Department of Land Administration

One day workshop: Attended by over 60 officials









#### Classes of recommendations

- Policy and Coordination
- Data access, availability and sharing
- Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening
- Specific recommendations to address various stages of disaster management
  - risk reduction,
  - early warning,
  - emergency response etc.





#### Follow up actions

- Wide dissemination of the TAM report and recommendations to all stakeholders
- UNDP and UNRC offices in Vietnam to consider the recommendations in disaster management related programmes
- High level intervention (at ministerial level) to encourage data sharing and follow up of recommendations on Data Policy.
- UN-SPIDER and DMC to organise relevant short term training programmes in Vietnam.
- UN-SPIDER to facilitate the capacity building for the staff of Vietnam Government
- Familiarisation study tours of one or two overseas operational "centres of excellence".
- UN-SPIDER to act as the bridge during emergencies to supply EO products
- VinAWARE, a technical assistance project undertaken by PDC will facilitate the integration of geospatial and early warning information



After debriefing presentation to the Vice Minister of Agriculture & Rural Development



## Challenges observed through UN-SPIDER Technical Advisory Missions





State of geospatial information (baseline, thematic and operational datasets)

Case 1: Does not exist with authorities

Case 2: Exists, but not complete and well structured

**Case 3: Exists but not accessible to other agencies** 

Access to high resolution and all weather data

Budget provision to buy post disaster data Access to existing data archives

Policies and mechanisms for data sharing

Policies should leverage on potential of geospatial data

Disaster Management laws/plans/policies should

enforce mandatory use of geospatial information for DRR



## Challenges in mainstreaming geospatial information in Disaster Management



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Report of the Technical Advisory Mission

Myanmar

19 - 23 March 2012



- Capacity to use space based information in relevant agencies
  - Disaster Management agencies needs capacity to coordinate with providers of spatial information
  - Take benefit of capacity building initiatives of UNOOSA regional centres
- Lack of information preparedness for effective response
  - Geospatial Information scattered in different ministries poses challenge
  - Data interoperability, SDI framework needed



## **UN-SPIDER Capacity Building Efforts**









#### **National training programmes in 2013**

Sri Lanka Mozambique

**Myanmar** Cameroon

Bangladesh China

## **International training programmes in 2013**

China- with NDRCC and APSCO

**UN Affiliated Regional Centre in India (With ESCAP and** 

IWMI)



## Follow up activities





**UNOSAT** 

**Emergency Support Mechanisms** 



**Space Applications Initiatives** 



OCHA ESCAP UNDP

Technical
Advisory Support
partners

UN Affiliated Regional Centres

Asia, Africa, Latin America

Regional Support Offices & Partner Organisations

Capacity Building, outreach, technical support



## **UN-SPIDER** – upcoming events

21-22 October 2013: Interactive training workshop "Advances in Space Technology in Disaster Risk Reduction" for NDRCC, China

23-25 October 2013- United Nations International Conference on Spacebased Technologies for Disaster Management - "Disaster risk identification, assessment and monitoring" in Beijing.

27-31 October 2013: International training on Flood Risk Mapping, Modeling and Assessment using Space technology



2012 UN-SPIDER Beijing Conference

## Bringing benefits of the space to humanity

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