

# **Broadening and Deepening the Space and GIS Applications for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable development in Asia-Pacific Region**

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# I. Why ESCAP is participating in initiatives of global mapping for sustainable development

- 62 Governments – 58 within the region, i.e., from Turkey in the west to Kiribati in the east, and from the Russian Federation in the north to New Zealand in the south.
- ESCAP's regional strategy on space and GIS applications focuses on promoting the regional/sub-regional cooperative mechanisms and substantive programmes for effective support disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.

**Policy  
analysis**



**Advisory  
Services**

**Technical  
Cooperation  
Projects**



**Capacity  
Building**



**RIO+20**  
the future  
we want → **7 Priority Areas**

- green jobs and social inclusion
- energy access, efficiency and sustainability
- Food security & sustainable agriculture
- sound water management
- sustainable cities
- sustainable management of the oceans
- improved resilience and disaster preparedness

ESCAP's Regional Cooperative Mechanism for Drought Monitoring and Early Warning

RESAP networks for Education and Training for remote sensing & GIS applications in agriculture and food security

Harmonizing the regional/international cooperation mechanisms (International Charter, Sentinel Asia, UNITAR, UNSPIDER) in support of more effective disaster response to the member Countries

Networking with RESAP members for access to satellite data in the event of major disasters

Building the capacity for geo-spatial disaster information in the specific context of countries with special needs.

RESAP networks for Education and Training for space applications in DRR/M

## Our Partners



- Investment Tracking on DRR promoting investment
- Risk Transfer and Resilient Sectoral Development
- Emerging Issues related to CCA and DRR
- Asia Pacific Disaster Report



Capacity building for Damage and Loss Assessment (DaLA) – Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)

DaLA/PDNA for low impact & high frequency disasters  
 -focused on highrisk LLDC, LDCs and SIDs



Joint programming for space applications  
 Capacity development, Technical Assistance Mission

UNITAR/UNOOSAT  
 UNOOSA/SPIDER

Memorandum of Agreement between ESCAP and  
 UNITAR /ONOSAT



*Typhoon Committee, Panel on Tropical Cyclone*



## Ministerial Roundtable Panel Discussion:

### Building resilience to natural disasters and major economic crises

Building Resilience to  
Natural Disasters and  
Major Economic Crises

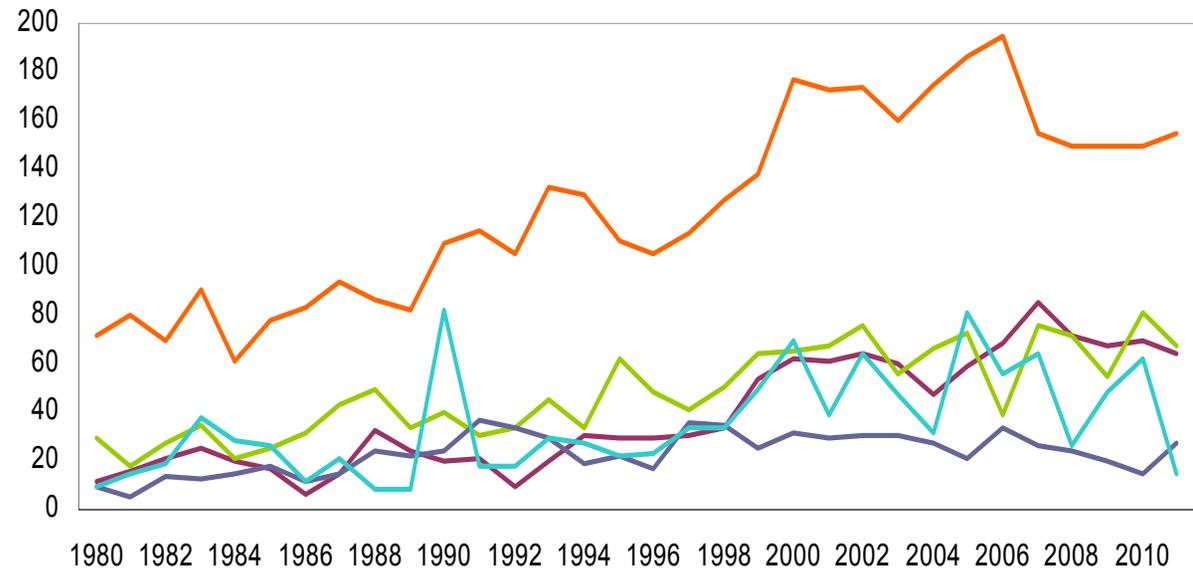


2013 ESCAP Theme Study

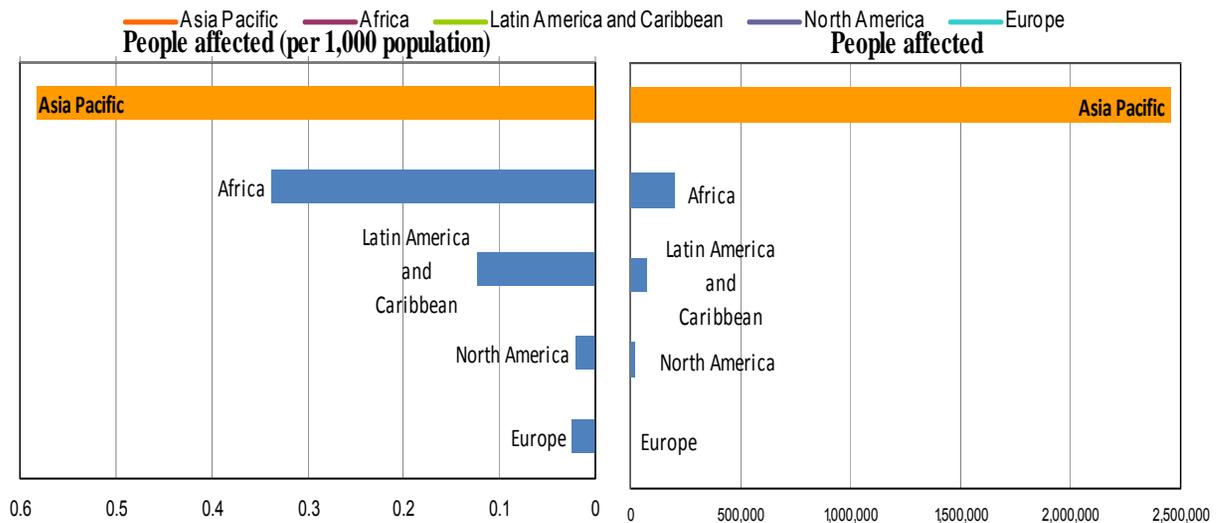


**Disasters by region (1980-2011)**

- Asia-Pacific is the most disaster prone region in the world

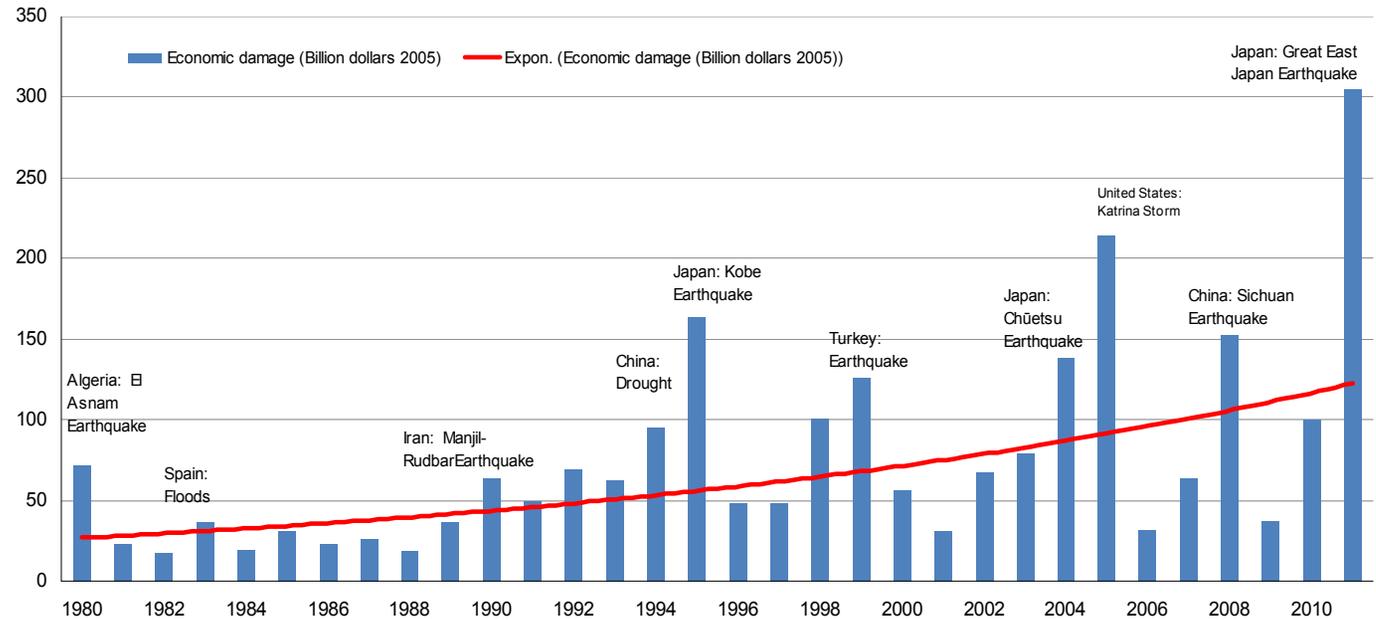


- ...and the most affected

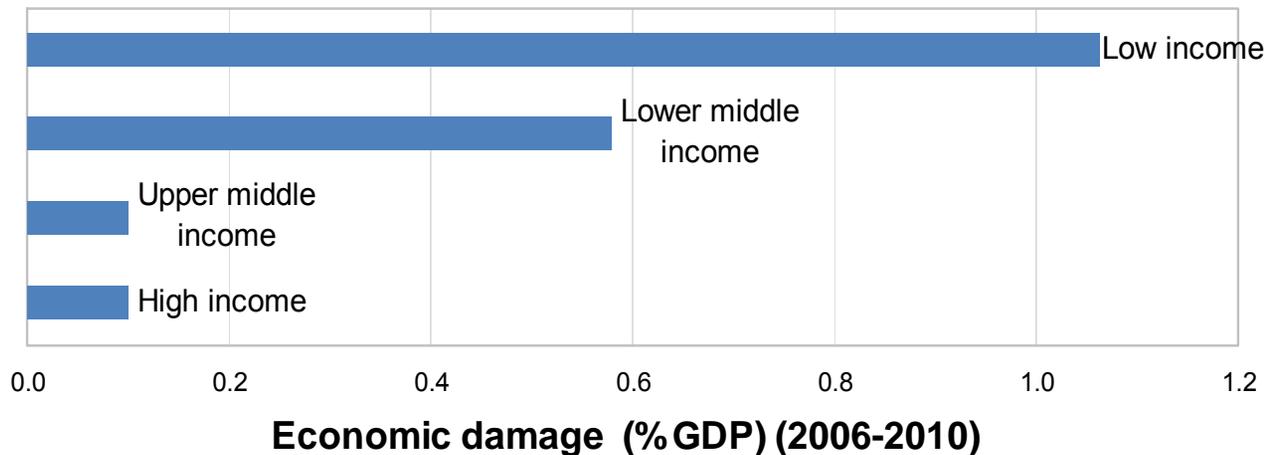




- Economic losses from disasters are rising globally



- ...and low-income countries are the most affected





# Building Resilience

**Regional Cooperation**

**Critical  
Infrastructure**

**Economics of  
Resilience**

*“The capacity of countries and their people to withstand, adapt to, and recover from natural disasters and major economic crises – so that their people can continue to lead the kind of lives they value.”*

**Supply  
Chains**

**Financial Cooperation**

**Land, Water, Energy**

**Community Resilience**



## II. What ESCAP is doing for supporting disaster risk reduction and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region



# **1. Implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action for Applications of Space Technology and GIS for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development, 2012-2017**

**-The Plan of Action is divided into two major areas:**

- Towards Disaster Risk Reduction**
- Towards Sustainable Development**

**-Works to be done at the**

- Regional and Subregional Level**
- National Level**



**-Harmonize regional programmes and encourage the use of space technology and GIS for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Sustainable Development in member States.**

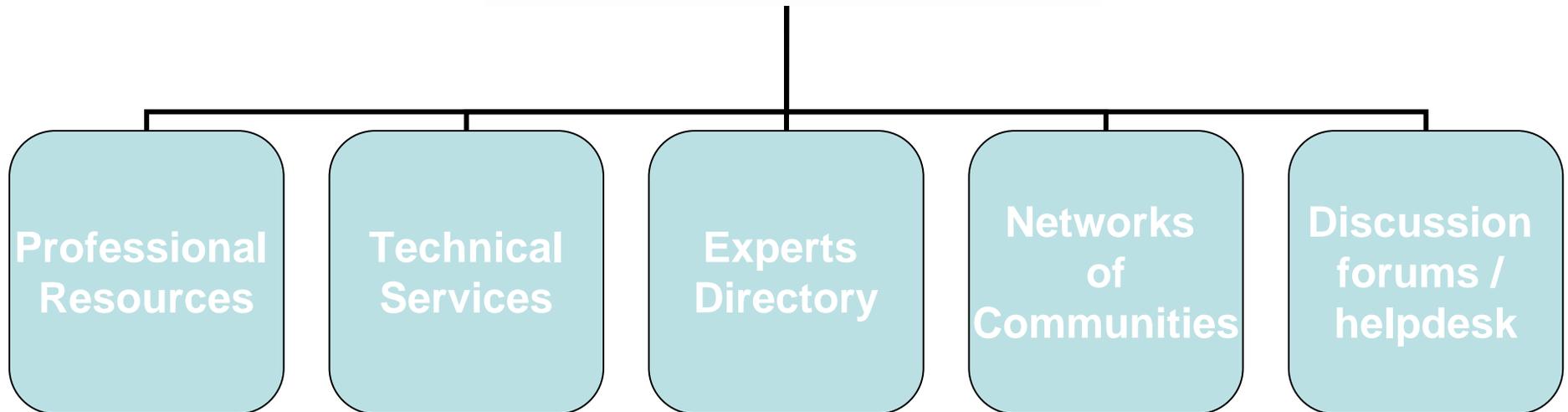
**-ESCAP secretariat will take the lead of the implementation of the Plan of Action.**

**-Member States propose a Ministerial Conference in 2015 to evaluate progress made and provide further guidance for the successful implementation of the Plan of Action and to build stronger political support and ownership among all stakeholders.**

## 2. Regional Space Applications Programme (RESAP)

- Space applications for disaster risk reduction and management is addressed by ESCAP in both sectoral and multi-sectoral approaches, through its flagship programme---The Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development for Asia the Pacific (RESAP) .
- RESAP aims to promote the use of space applications for inclusive, resilient and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.
- Strengthens regional cooperation and networking of the space agencies in the region.
  - Rapid disaster mapping
  - Capacity development
  - Operational Drought Monitoring and Early Warning Mechanism, start from Mongolia

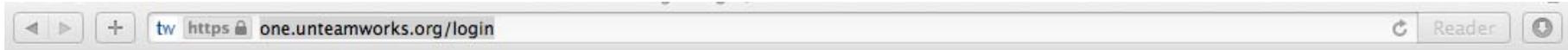
### 3. Asia-Pacific Gateway for Disaster Risk Reduction and Development



[www.drrgateway.net](http://www.drrgateway.net)



## 4. Community of Practices and online expert networks



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## Regional Space Applications Programme (RESAP)

Welcome! Focal Points of the Regional Space Applications Programme (RESAP)

RESAP continues to serve ESCAP and our member states by way of promoting the use of space applications for inclusive, resilient and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific through advocacy and policy research, capacity building and through promoting regional cooperative mechanisms.

RESAP is structured as a 4 pillar framework for the programme to be more focused towards inclusive and sustainable development, namely:

- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Connectivity
- Community eCentres
- Climate Change Adaptation and Natural Resources Management.

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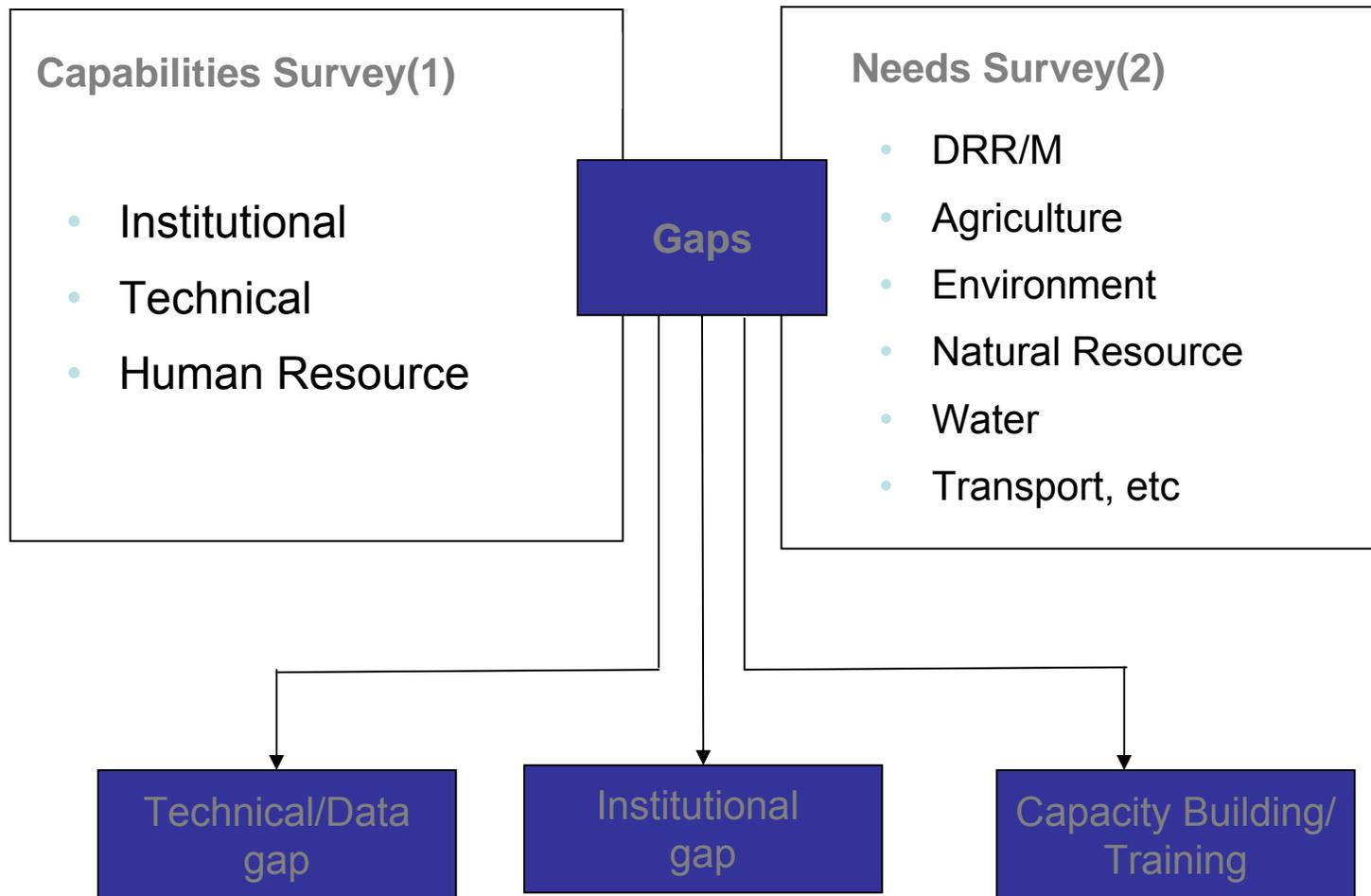
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## GAP Analysis through “Current Capabilities and Needs survey”



Towards Customized Capacity Building

## **5. ESCAP initiative: Improving disaster risk preparedness in the Asia-Pacific region**

- **ESCAP has embarked on a UNDA project entitled “Improving disaster risk preparedness in the ESCAP region”.**
- **Aims to support the establish and use geo-reference/geospatial information at national level and strengthen the capacity of governments of CSNs in accessing up-to-date and accurate socioeconomic data with satellite imagery in disaster-affected areas.**
- **Enhances the capacity of ESCAP member states towards managing the disaster risks more efficiently and effectively, and reduce losses, and build resilience to hazards through the use/sharing of standardized geo-spatial information among and within the countries.**



- **Developed the prototype of the national geo-DRM portals for Mongolia, Cook Islands, Kyrgyzstan, CSNs in SAARC members and other countries. The computer-based platform combines data management with map display, allowing planners and emergency managers to graphically display hazard impact areas, and relate them to people and property at risk.**
- **Promote the collaboration and partnership with UNOSAT, UNISDR, UNDP, UNOCHA and subregional organizations (SAARC DMC, ASEAN AHA, SOPAC), to develop geo-DRM portal based on existing knowledge networks.**
- **Capacity development activities: more than 200 decision makers, project managers and practitioners have been trained in last two years.**
- **Provided technical assistance to Mongolia, Cook Islands for customizing the geo-portal. More will be conducted in Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Fiji before the<sup>19</sup>end of 2013.**



### III. How ESCAP may support UN-GGIM

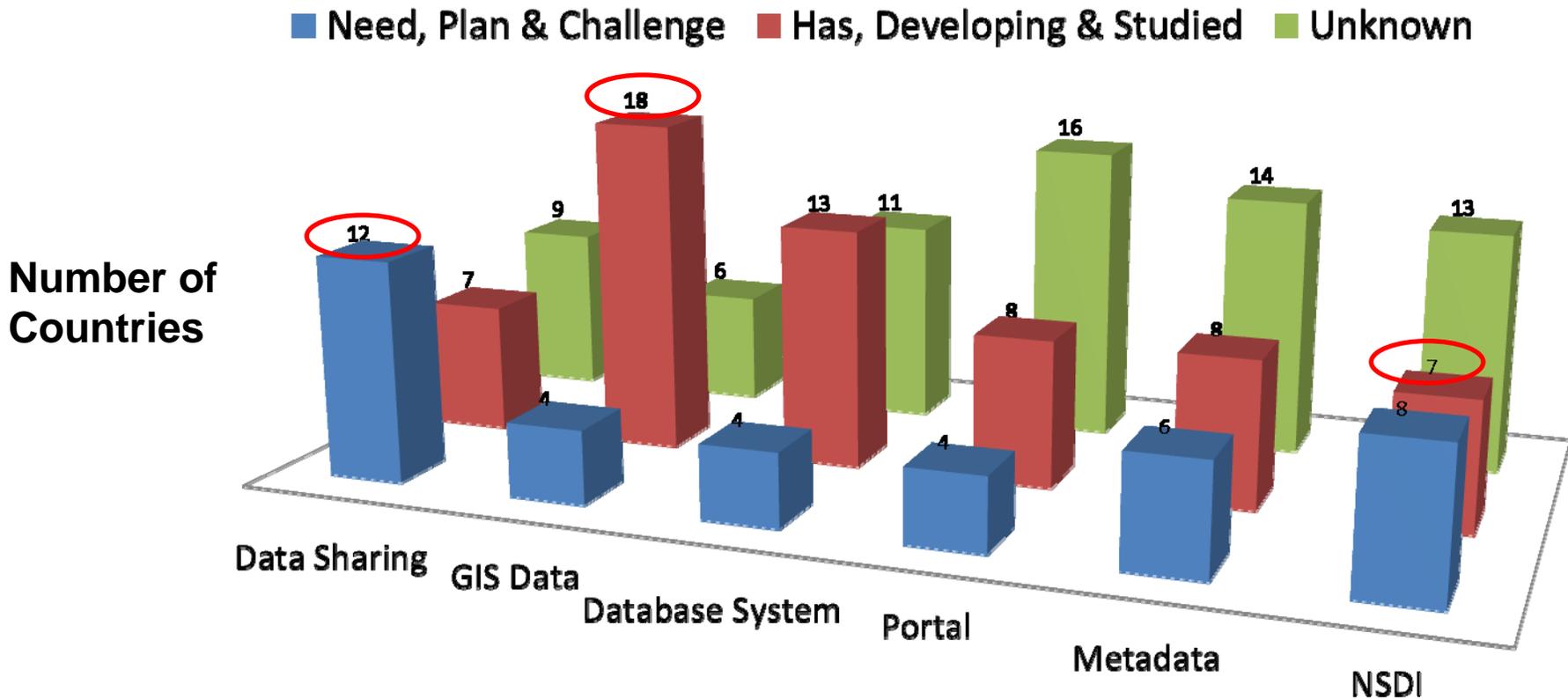
- Support the initiatives and activities from the Asia-Pacific perspective.
- Joint projects on using space and GIS for disaster risk management and inclusive, sustainable and resilient development.
- Rapid Mapping of disasters, including urban hazard and disasters.
- Capacity building for developing countries in the region.

## Pilot project proposed for implementation of the Asia-Pacific Regional Plan of Action :

Information sharing towards integrated  
geographic information systems and  
disaster/hazard mapping in rapid  
urbanization areas, 2014-2016

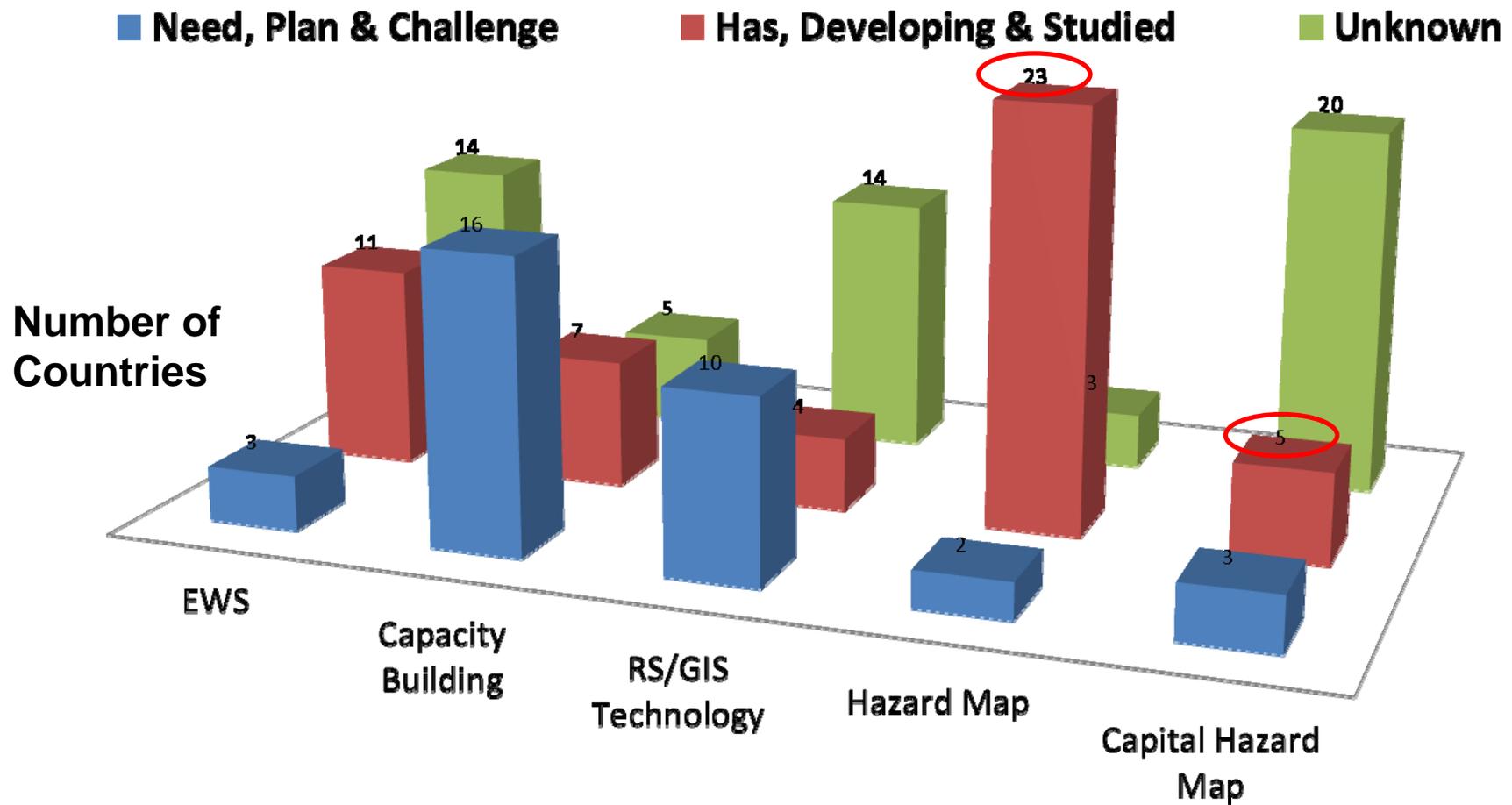
# Country Status of GIS Infrastructure

12 countries need data sharing and  
 18 countries has GIS data, but only  
 7 countries have National Geo-Spatial Data Information (SDI) systems



## Country Status of GIS Infrastructure

23 countries have some sort of hazard maps, but 5 countries do not have Capital hazard maps





- Developing countries face challenges in sharing information and lack of necessary critical information in DRR/M.
- Implementation plan needs a pilot project in two or three countries in the region to showcase the use of space and GIS for DRR/M. Pilot project aims to:
  - Develop a dataset toward Integrated GIS;
  - Make disaster area maps if disaster occurs;
  - Make hazard maps for disaster preparation;
  - Contribute to risk reduction in rapid urbanization.



-Decision making of disaster response activities needs evidenced-based and updated information between NDMA and other stakeholders including the mapping agencies.

-GIS experts are recently encountering challenges to utilize various and sepcific information, and consolidate all related data in one Integrated GIS platform.

-The platform will cover not only the disaster data but also the critical socio-economic information.

## Rapid Urbanization

- Rapid urbanization may increase the risk of catastrophe due to the rapid increased population and lack of plan and preparedness.
- City services, managements, emergency rescue and recover needs actual land use information and other related socio-economic information.
- Activity of information sharing towards Integrated GIS is to standardize actual data for the preparation to reduce disaster risk and management and promote sustainable development in the highly urbanized area.

## Draft Project Plan

-to be discussed in the High Level Decision  
Maker Meeting from 26-28 November 2013

Methods : Two or three countries implement a  
pilot project.

Schedule : From 1/12/2013 to 31/12/2016

# Contents of Draft Implementation Plan

## 1) Information Sharing

- (1) Metadata Request
- (2) Metadata Collection
- (3) Data Standardization
- (4) Metadata Catalogue Distribution
- (5) Actual Data Acquisition

## 2) Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

- (1) Disaster Area Map Production if Disaster Occurs
- (2) Hazard Map Production of Rapid Urbanization Area

## 3) Assessment

- (1) Country Assessment.....(mid of 2016)
- (2) Regional Assessment..... (end of 2016)



*Thank you for your kind attention.*