Application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) To Climate Vulnerability Assessment

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Presentation Outline

• GIS and its importance for vulnerability assessment
• Vulnerability assessment
• Benefits of vulnerability mapping
• GIS and Remote sensing for vulnerability assessment
• Different types of data used for specific vulnerability assessments
• GIS Applications for Stages of Disaster Management
• Determination of the greatest risks zones and their potential consequences
• United Nations International Charter and Major Disasters to provide vulnerability assessments
Story – How we analyze spatial events (hazards) before the use of GIS

Disadvantages

- No specific scale or extent of coverage
- No modeling scenarios for impact assessment
- No geo-coding and time series updates
- No database for attributes
- No rapid response analysis for vulnerability maps
- Data loss overtime due to analogue nature
- No synergy between organizations for synchronized GIS system or NGDI.

A Hazard Map showing the key resources and the hazards affecting them
A GIS is a computer–assisted system for the **acquisition**, **storage**, **analysis** and **display** of geographic data.
A map says more than a thousand words!
A geographic information system (GIS) lets us visualize, question, analyze, and interpret data to understand relationships, patterns, and trends (Esri, 2016).
GIS as an Inclusive Decision Support Systems for Vulnerability Assessment

Stakeholders participation and provision of spatial and non-spatial data for real-time and trend scenarios

- Most EA’s involve several alternative options and numerous stakeholders with different views and perceptions.
- In many EA’s an extensive and often qualitative assessment of alternative options and possible variants is carried out.
- The aim is to justify the choice of one or only a few 'preferred' alternatives and then carry out the EA on those selected.
Another important advantage: the ease with which valuation criteria can be changed to visually illustrate the implications of spatial decisions.

Take a case of constructing a Dyke or Flood barriers within a city or country for Ecology or Economic Vision
New Orleans from NigeriaSat-1 showing the effect of Hurricane Katrina

NigeriaSat-1, 2nd Sept 2005

Source: NASRDA, 2010
Vulnerability

• “…Vulnerability is the real driver for disaster risk, and hazard is merely the trigger” [David Alexander (2013), after Kenneth Hewitt (1983)]

Dimensions of vulnerability

• Physical
• Economic
• Social
• Ecological
• Cultural
• Institutional

Key (Causal) Factors For Vulnerability

1. Exposure
2. Susceptibility (fragility)
3. Lack of resilience or societal response capacity
4. Hazard

A RECORD OF TWO MAJOR EARTHQUAKES

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<th>Chile</th>
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<td>27 February 2010</td>
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<td>7.0 -magnitude</td>
<td>8.8 - magnitude</td>
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<td>Death toll: 46,000 - 316,000</td>
<td>(500 times more energy releases)</td>
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<td>Displaced: 895,000 - 1.5M</td>
<td>Death toll: 550.</td>
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DIFFERENCES IN VULNERABILITY

- Location and timing of earthquake
  - Chile: at 34 km depth, offshore
  - Haiti: at 13 km depth, on the edge of Port-au-Prince
- Area affected
  - Chile: 18 persons/km²
  - Haiti: 361.5 persons/km²
- Socio-economic conditions
  - Chile: GDP > USD 10,000 / capita
  - Haiti: GDP < USD 800 / capita
- Level of preparation
  - Chile: building codes, emergency response agencies, history of handling seismic catastrophes
  - Haiti: none
Durability of Housing, Addis Ababa, Sub-city Level

(source UN-Habitat 2004)
Satellite Image of a slum area in Nairobi and basic statistics of three neighborhoods (sub-locations)

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<td>Population</td>
<td>26,800</td>
<td>10,260</td>
<td>25,440</td>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>29 Ha</td>
<td>168 Ha</td>
<td>46 Ha</td>
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<td>Population Density</td>
<td>924 P/Ha</td>
<td>61 P/Ha</td>
<td>553 P/Ha</td>
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<td>Slum Households</td>
<td>99%</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>Connected to main sewer or septic tank</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>88%</td>
<td>29%</td>
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Kibera formal/informal settlement – Different levels of drainage infrastructure and proneness to flood

Population, extent of damage and compensation amounts can be approximated using this imagery for GIS analysis.
EXPOSURE VERSUS SUSCEPTIBILITY

Exposed districts

Susceptible districts

Elements at risk?

Exposure: Extent to which a unit of assessment falls within the range of the hazard

Susceptibility: The predisposition of elements at risk to suffer harm from the hazard
GIS and Remote Sensing

CLASSIFICATION of Objects on ground

Supervised

- Image analyst picks out areas of an image that he is familiar with (e.g. fields of corn; water) and letting the computer find other pixels in the image that share the same/similar channel value.
- Require a training site/sample sites
- Then the Computer will classify the image by comparing the Pixel values of the interpretation key to each pixel in the image.

Unsupervised

- Computer assign the image’s pixel to a defined number of classes based on their value in different channels (i.e. no training areas used)
- Then Image analyst determines the land cover identity of the spectral groups by comparing the classified image data with ground reference data.
Examples of Classification

Original Image

Classification of the Image through Sample Sets.

Classification from linear filter: Unsupervised
The appearance of different surface features for the different composite images is summarized.

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<td>Red</td>
<td>Shades of green</td>
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<td>Crops</td>
<td>Medium to light green</td>
<td>Pink to red</td>
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<td>Wetland Vegetation</td>
<td>Dark green to black</td>
<td>Dark red</td>
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<td>Water</td>
<td>Shades of blue and green</td>
<td>Shades of blue</td>
<td>Black to dark blue</td>
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<td>Urban areas</td>
<td>White to light blue</td>
<td>Blue to gray</td>
<td>Lavender</td>
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<td>Bare soil</td>
<td>White to light gray</td>
<td>Blue to gray</td>
<td>Magenta, Lavender, or pale pink</td>
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Information extraction for Geo-data base

3 important criteria to evaluate data usefulness

1. Content; are the variables relevant/useful

2. Quality; are the data reliable, up-to-date

3. Size and Coverage

Map Source: Alade and Adepoju, 2010
Identification & Mapping of Settlements, Major Roads & Water Bodies

Final composite map of part of Anambra State, Nigeria showing the extracted features from the satellite images
Map produced after information extraction from satellite imagery.
Objectives Used to Assess Plan

- Minimise risk to infrastructure
- Manage risk to agricultural land
- Minimise risk to human health and life
- Minimise risk to community
- Minimise risk to, or enhance, social amenity
- Support the achievement of good ecological status/potential under the EU Water Framework Directive
- Minimise risk to sites with pollution potential
- Avoid damage to, and where possible enhance, the flora and fauna of the catchment
- Avoid damage to, and where possible enhance, fisheries within the catchment
- Protect, and where possible enhance, landscape character and visual amenity within the catchment
- Avoid damage to or loss of features of cultural heritage importance, their setting and heritage value within the catchment
Individual Risk Receptors
GIS Applications for Stages of Disaster Management

• Prevention: Actions taken in disaster-prone areas in order to limit the consequences of a possible shock

• Preparedness: Identifies human and material resources needed during a specific possible disaster.

• Response: Issues warnings and evacuations. Shelters are prepared, actions are taken, and the situation is assessed.

• Recovery: Focuses on cleanup and rebuilding, concentrating on the longer-term response to the disaster.
The Information and Data Required for Impact, Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment and Planning

Policy relevant impact and vulnerability assessment and effective adaptation planning requires a large range of data and information such as: climatic data, including

- Systematic observations of temperature, precipitation, weather patterns and hazards;

- Non-climatic data, including environmental, socio-economic and technical information

- and historic, local and traditional knowledge.
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<td>Number of disasters in the past</td>
<td>Magnitude and location of the shock</td>
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<td>Population at risk</td>
<td>Forecast of the shock evolution</td>
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<td>Infrastructures of the impacted area</td>
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<td>Population in need of assistance</td>
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<td>Possible areas of intervention</td>
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Climatic Data Used in GIS for Mitigation and Preparation for flood and drought

Rainfall - Northern Wet Season To Date
1 October to 31 December 2010
Product of the National Climate Centre

http://www.bom.gov.au

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Issued: 31/12/2010
Use of topographic map as a dataset for GIS analysis in Vulnerability assessment
## Mitigation Stage and GIS Data Use

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<td>Land use types – Residential, open spaces, educational, government buildings, commercial, transport routes, important buildings</td>
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## Preparation Stage against flood disaster and GIS Data Use

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<td>Satellite imagery (for change and extent detection)</td>
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<td>Risk Knowledge, Monitoring and Warning Service, Dissemination and Communication, Response Capability – GIS database established to store all disaster and natural hazard risk information for EWS’s</td>
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<td>Climatic data for trends analysis</td>
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<td>Number of disasters in the past</td>
<td>Flood disasters in the past spatially geo-coded to specific locations.</td>
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<td>Population at risk</td>
<td>Formal or informal settlements, quality of building, infrastructures – rainwater pipes, close highland for evacuation, flood plains and overflow areas for rivers e.t.c</td>
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Early Warning System as a Preparation against flood disaster

**RISK KNOWLEDGE**
Systematically collect data and undertake risk assessments
- Are the hazards and the vulnerabilities well known?
- What are the patterns and trends in these factors?
- Are risk maps and data widely available?

**MONITORING & WARNING SERVICE**
Develop hazard monitoring and early warning services
- Are the right parameters being monitored?
- Is there a sound scientific basis for making forecasts?
- Can accurate and timely warnings be generated?

**DISSEMINATION & COMMUNICATION**
Communicate risk information and early warnings
- Do warnings reach all of those at risk?
- Are the risks and warnings understood?
- Is the warning information clear and useable?

**RESPONSE CAPABILITY**
Build national and community response capabilities
- Are response plans up to date and tested?
- Are local capacities and knowledge made use of?
- Are people prepared and ready to react to warnings?
Response Stage to assess flood situation and GIS Data Use for Change Detection of the Great flood from Mississippi river

Before flood on August 14, 1991

Connected also to Illinois and Missouri river

After flood - August 19, 1993..
Use of GIS and Remote Sensing in pre/post flood scenario (Disaster Response)

Calgary Pre-Flood/Post-Flood Comparison

Before flood: Google Earth Image
September 2008

After flood: NASA/ISERV Image
June 22, 2013

This image was taken by ISERV—a new NASA-developed testbed camera onboard the International Space Station.
GIS used in suitability analysis as a response for IDP settlements of flood victims
Accessibility Scenario 1:

Better area of relocation (higher elevation, closer proximity to rail transport at Jibi stop with space and good proximity to facilities at Gbazango settlement)

Assumed area of flood

Source: Alade, 2013
Benefits of Vulnerability Mapping

• Improved communication about risks and what is threatened

• Better visual presentations and understanding of the risks and vulnerabilities

• Allows for decision on mitigating measures

• Prevent or reduce loss of life, injury and environmental consequences before a disaster occurs or determine where to respond first and best evacuation routes

• Used as overlay on flood inundation and slope stability zones with property maps to determine buildings at risk on water inundation or slope failure
Shared experiences from the United Nations Disaster Charter

Sharing my experience about the scientific procedure as one of the project managers for the charter – Talk session
Vulnerability Assessment as a component of UN Disaster Charter activation
• Torrential rains triggered floods and landslides on Indonesia's Java Island
• Garut district - worst affected.
• 36 people killed
• 22 are missing
• over 6000 people left homeless.
• City's business district brought to a halt.
• Jakarta's police force with the government begun to evacuate affected communities and provide inflatable boats. How many?
• The president of Jakarta - anti-flood projects as the city is prone to intense flooding during monsoon season.

Acquired: Pre-disaster: 09/06/2014  -  Post-disaster: 07/10/2016

UN Disaster Charter activation
UN Disaster Charter activation, 2016
In west java, showing heavily damaged Settlements in red triangles
Thank You