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International Panel on Deltas and Coastal Areas – IPDC



12 December 2024



ONLINE SESSION

EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS AND FLOOD EVACUATION PLANNING

Including case studies from South Africa and Mozambique

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

14:00 - 15:00 CET





Early Warning Systems and Flood Evacuation Planning

- Critical to saving lives, reducing impacts, and building community resilience
- Increasingly important in the face of growing climate risks
- **Today's program**: exploring how EWS can be used to predict pluvial and coastal floods and how (flood) forecasting data can be transformed into actionable plans
 - Case study 1: Flood Early Warning Systems in Durban, South Africa
 - Case study 2: Flood Evacuation Planning in Quelimane, Mozambique
 - Interactive Q&A with the speakers
- Post your questions in the chat!
- Microphone/camera off during presentations



Speakers

Early Warning Systems in Durban, South Africa



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Flood Evacuation Planning in Quelimane, Mozambique





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ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITIES FORECAST EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

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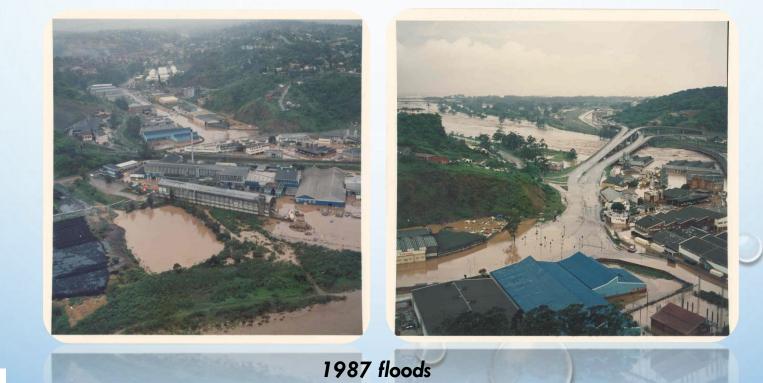
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THE GROWING THREAT OF FLOODS

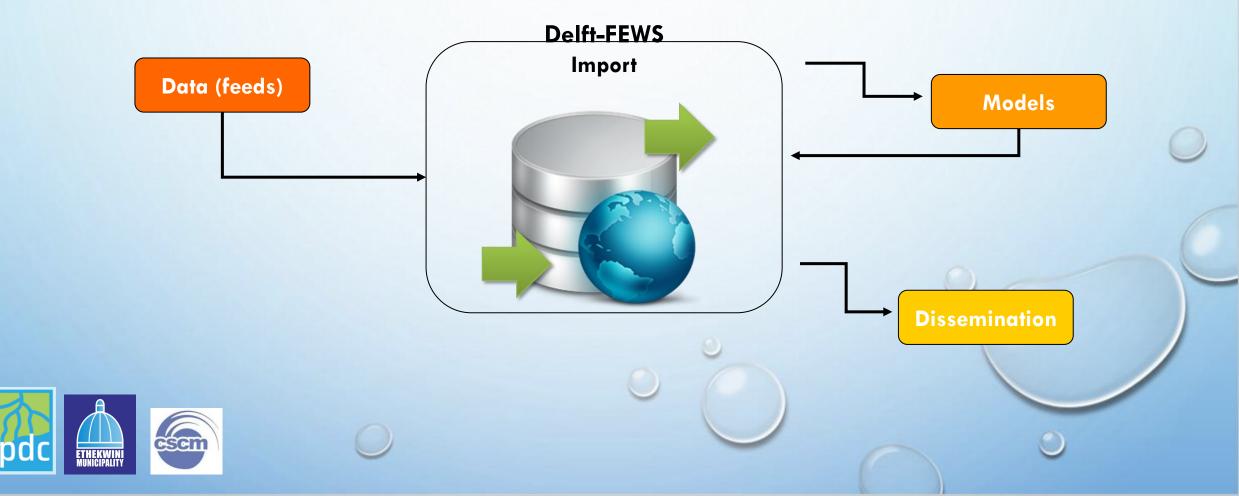
FLOODS, PARTICULARLY COASTAL AND RIVERINE FLOODS, HAVE BEEN ESCALATING IN FREQUENCY AND SEVERITY. SINCE 1987, THE CITY OF DURBAN AND SURROUNDING REGIONS HAVE EXPERIENCED DEVASTATING FLOOD EVENTS, CAUSING SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE, HOMES, AND LIVELIHOODS.





WHAT IS A FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (FEWS)?

A FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (FEWS) IS A PROACTIVE TOOL THAT HELPS PREDICT AND COMMUNICATE POTENTIAL FLOODING EVENTS IN ADVANCE, ALLOWING COMMUNITIES AND AUTHORITIES TO PREPARE AND RESPOND EFFECTIVELY.



FEWS IN DURBAN – A LOCALIZED APPROACH

DURBAN'S IMPLEMENTATION: DURBAN HAS DEVELOPED A TAILORED FEWS TO PROVIDE HYPER-LOCALIZED FLOOD PREDICTIONS. WHILE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES GIVE BROAD REGIONAL FORECASTS, FEWS IN DURBAN FOCUSES ON SPECIFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS, RIVERS, AND COASTAL AREAS TO PINPOINT WHERE FLOODS ARE MOST LIKELY TO OCCUR.

HOW FEWS WORKS IN DURBAN:

- DATA FEEDS AND MODELS:
- WEATHER DATA FROM LOCAL WEATHER STATIONS.
- RIVER GAUGES THAT MONITOR WATER LEVELS IN REAL-TIME.
- TIDE MONITORING ALONG THE COASTLINE TO PREDICT STORM SURGES.
- SPECIALIZED MODELS FOR SIMULATING FLOOD IMPACTS, BASED ON REAL-TIME AND FORECASTED DATA.
- PREDICTIONS AND ALERTS: THE SYSTEM CAN PREDICT NOT ONLY IF FLOODING IS LIKELY BUT WHICH PARTS OF DURBAN ARE AT GREATEST RISK, ALLOWING FOR MORE PRECISE EMERGENCY RESPONSE.



THE ROLE OF FEWS IN ADDITION TO SAWS

- COMPLEMENTARY TO NATIONAL SERVICES: WHILE SAWS PROVIDES VALUABLE FLOOD FORECASTS FOR BROADER REGIONS, FEWS OFFERS A MORE DETAILED AND LOCALIZED APPROACH. IT DOESN'T REPLACE NATIONAL SERVICES BUT AUGMENTS THEM BY:
- PROVIDING MORE GRANULAR, AREA-SPECIFIC FLOOD PREDICTIONS.
- OFFERING TIMELY WARNINGS ABOUT THE PRECISE AREAS WITHIN THE CITY THAT ARE AT RISK, ALLOWING LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO ACT SWIFTLY AND FOCUS THEIR RESOURCES WHERE NEEDED MOST.
- WHY DETAILED DATA MATTERS: FEWS HELPS LOCAL AUTHORITIES, COMMUNITIES, AND BUSINESSES UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHERE THEY SHOULD PREPARE—WHETHER THAT'S REINFORCING FLOOD DEFENCES IN VULNERABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS, EVACUATING PEOPLE, OR MANAGING INFRASTRUCTURE RISKS.



GETTING AHEAD OF FLOOD DISASTERS

 THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF FLOODS, AS WE'VE SEEN FROM IMAGES SPANNING OVER 30 YEARS, DEMONSTRATES THE URGENT NEED FOR A MORE LOCALIZED AND PREDICTIVE APPROACH TO FLOOD MANAGEMENT. BY UTILIZING A FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY IN DURBAN, WE CAN BETTER PROTECT LIVES, PROPERTY, AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY. FEWS ALLOWS US TO STAY AHEAD OF DISASTER BY PREDICTING THE AREAS MOST AT RISK AND GIVING US THE TIME TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY.

 IT'S ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUE INVESTING IN AND IMPROVING FEWS FOR BETTER DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. BY WORKING WITH NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND UTILIZING LOCALIZED DATA, WE CAN REDUCE THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF FLOODS ON OUR COMMUNITIES.



Our Team Setup

HYDRAULIC TEAM

- PCSWMM modelling assistance (1D and 2D)
- Floodline delineation using PCSWMM
- Forecast Information

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 Hindcast data for model runs

INSTRUMENTATION TEAM

- Rainfall /Wind / Tide data
- Flow meters for Model calibration
- Instrument positions and status

GIS SPECIALIST

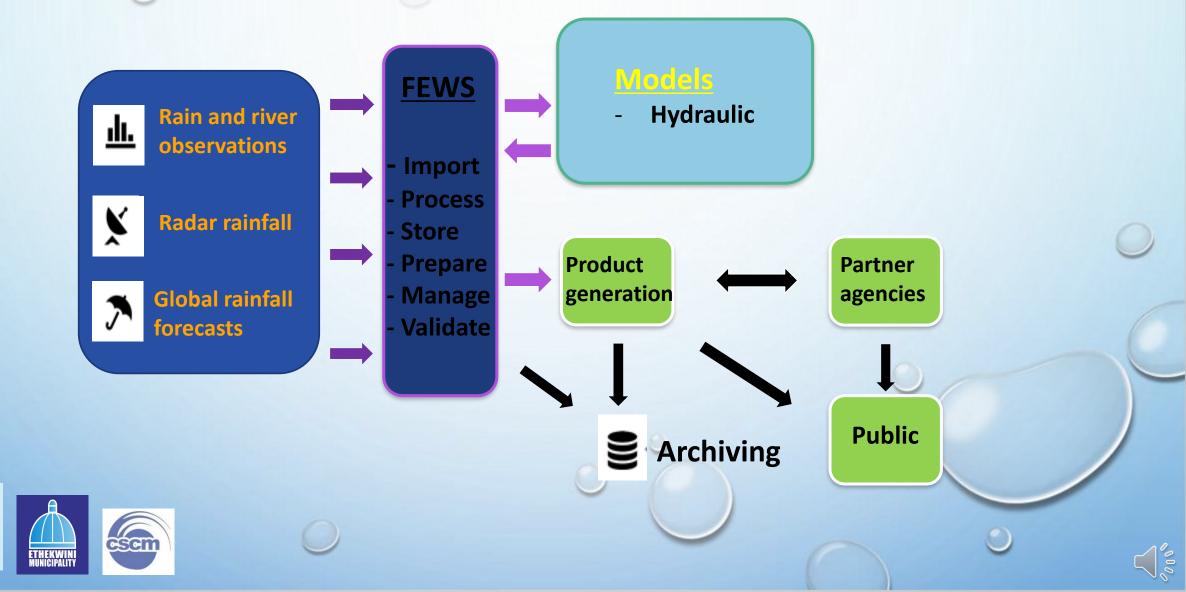
- PCSWMM model clippings
- Lidar data
- Long sections and cross sections from lidar survey

NB- Free software, open source coding – No black box



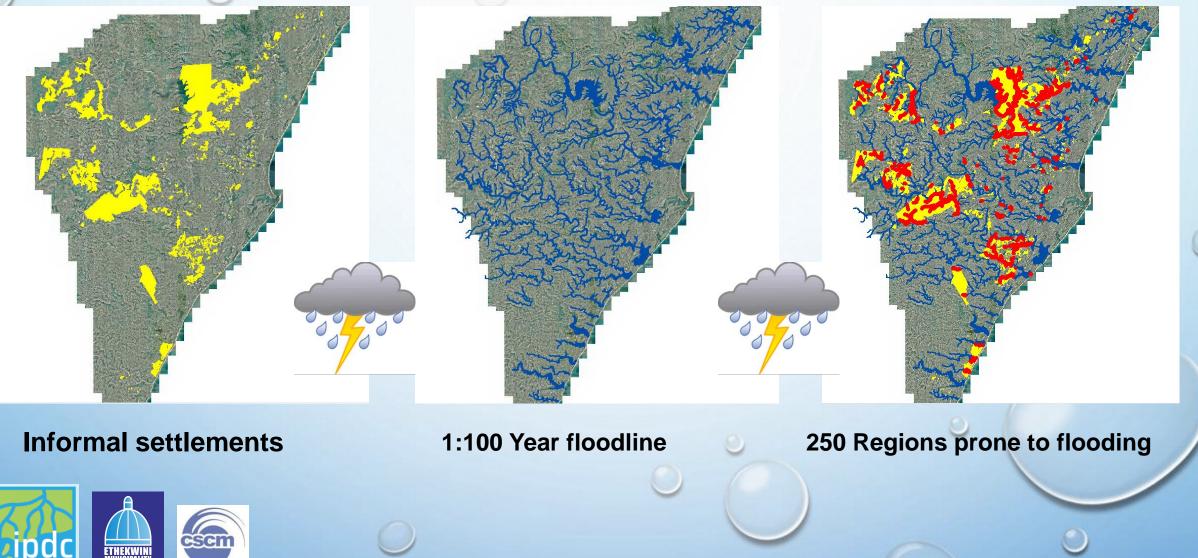
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RAINFALL FORECASTING AND MODELLING

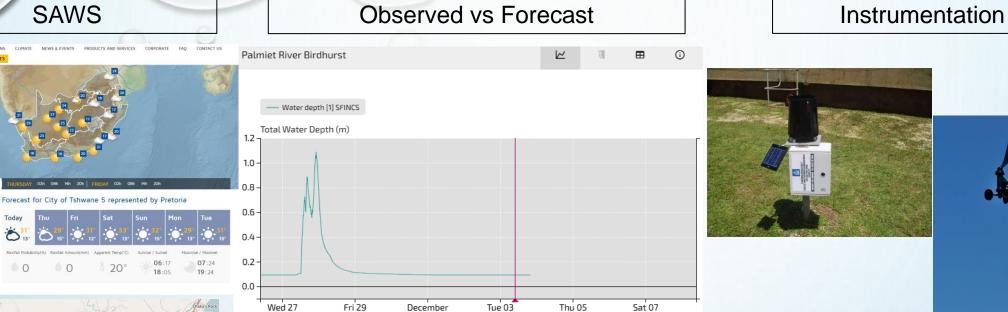


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TYPICAL SCENARIO FOR MOST ENGINEERS AND DECISION MAKERS



DATA FEEDS





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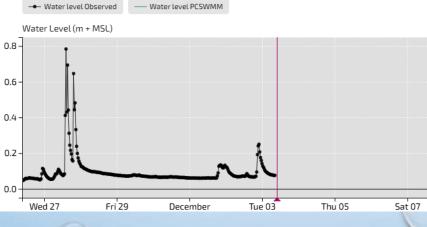
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WEATHER MEDIA RELEASE

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WARNINGS

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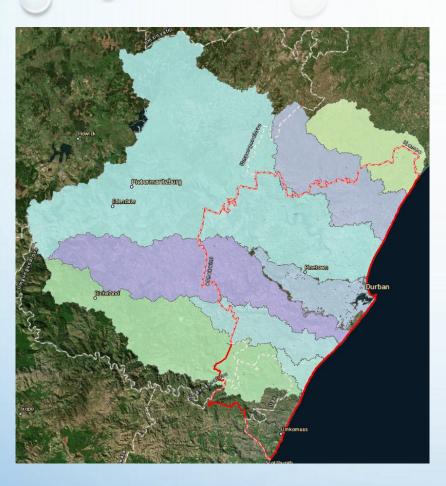






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Models



HYDRAULIC MODELS

- 9 ACTIVE MODELS PCSWMM
- EXTEND BEYOND ETHEKWINI
- REUSE AND CONTINUOUS
 IMPROVEMENT
- APPROX. 250 CRITICAL NODES





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FEWS PROCESS

- SAWS provides 3 Day Forecast every 12 hours
- The FEWS system runs the river hydraulic models every 12 hours
- The FEWS system then highlights if any critical point alert level is likely to be exceeded.
- The FEWS team then monitors the forecasts and informs Disaster management through a Whatsapp group of any alerts shown by the system.
- The FEWS team also liaises with the SAWS team and assesses other global forecast models.
- Disaster Management then instructs communications on public announcements on the back of SAWS warnings.
- The FEWS team monitors the real time Rain Gauges, Level gauges and the SAWS radar to assess the severity of the storm and its directions.
- This information is fed via a Whatsapp group to Disaster Management who informs communities.



FEWS SYSTEM OUTPUT

Hazard map 0 to 24 hours

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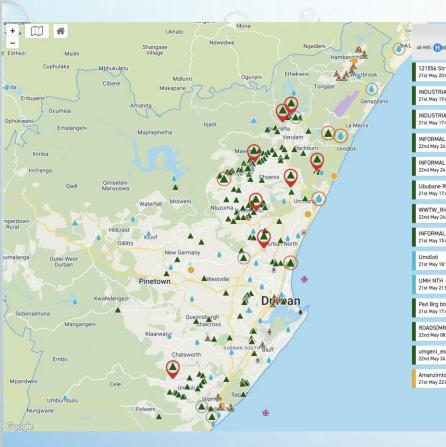
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LOOF / HILLCRES

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SERVOR HILLS / NEWLAND

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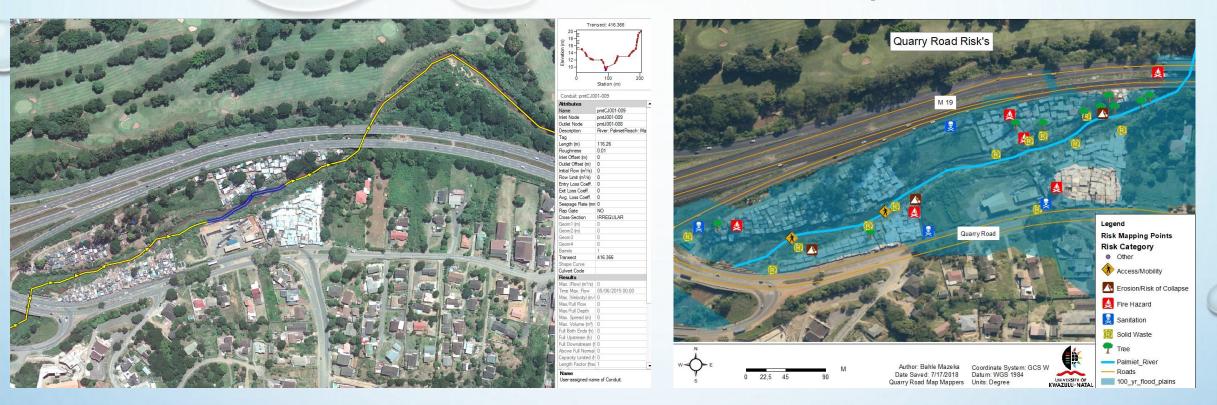
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\$	BLUFF	10 YEAR	81.76	22-10-2022 10:00
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	DURBAN NORTH	2 YEAR	35.40	22-10-2022 12:00
7	HAMMARSDALE	2 YEAR	36.31	22-10-2022 10:00
	ILANGA / SHONGWENI	2 YEAR	34.53	22-10-2022 09:00
	ILLOVU	2 YEAR	37.38	22-10-2022 09:00
	ISIPINGO	5 YEAR	58.29	22-10-2022 09:00
	KLOOF / HILLCREST	10 YEAR	139.65	22-10-2022 09:00
	MADUNDUBE	2 YEAR	34.07	22-10-2022 09:00
	MOLWENI	2 YEAR	45.09	22-10-2022 09:00
	PINETOWN	10 YEAR	105.92	22-10-2022 09:00
	QUEENSBURGH / CHATSWORTH	10 YEAR	105.82	22-10-2022 09:00
	RESERVOIR HILLS / NEWLANDS	10 YEAR	67.06	22-10-2022 10:00
	UMKOMAAS	5 YEAR	51.75	22-10-2022 08:00
	UMLAZI	10 YEAR	65.31	22-10-2022 10:00
	WESTVILLE	10 YEAR	103.71	22-10-2022 10:00

Warning level	Description
2 YEARS	2 year retun period for hourly forecasted rainfall
5 YEARS	5 year retun period for hourly forecasted rainfall
10 YEARS	10 year retun period for hourly forecasted rainfall

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SFINCS – Palmiet River Pilot Project



QUARRY ROAD WEST

- INFORMAL SETTLEMENT LOCATED WITHIN 1:100 YEAR FLOOD LINE. PRONE TO FLOODING
- 1070 INFORMAL HOUSES LOCATED IN FOUR SECTIONS, TWO ON EACH SIDE OF THE RIVER
- COMMUNITY BASED EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

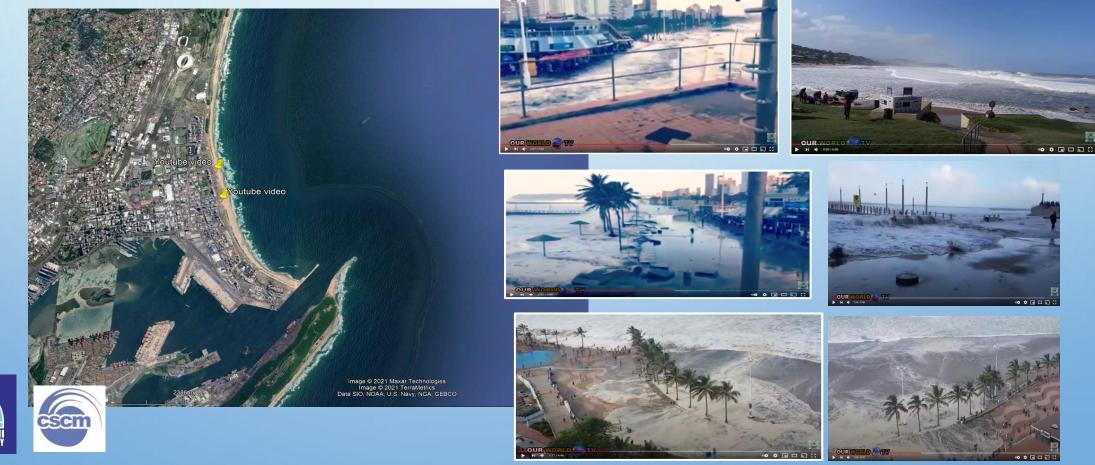


MONITORING STORM EVENTS BY FEWS TEAM. INFORMATION DISSEMINATED TO COMMUNITY LEADER VIA WHATSAPP GROUPS



THE NEED FOR COASTAL FLOODING PREDICTIONS

 COASTAL FLOODING IS A GROWING CONCERN FOR CITIES LIKE DURBAN, WHERE THE COMBINATION OF RISING SEA LEVELS, STORM SURGES, AND HEAVY RAINFALL CAN LEAD TO DEVASTATING IMPACTS ALONG THE COASTLINE. PREDICTING THESE EVENTS CAN HELP PROTECT PEOPLE, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND BUSINESSES ALONG THE PROMENADE AND BEACHES.



THE ROLE OF MODELLING AND FORECASTING IN COASTAL FLOOD PREDICTION

- COASTAL MODELLING: USES COMPUTER SIMULATIONS TO PREDICT HOW OCEAN CONDITIONS, SUCH AS TIDES, WAVES, AND CURRENTS, INTERACT WITH LOCAL GEOGRAPHY AND WEATHER TO CAUSE FLOODING.
- FORECASTING: BASED ON REAL-TIME DATA AND PREDICTIVE MODELS, FORECASTING HELPS ESTIMATE WHEN AND WHERE FLOODING WILL OCCUR ALONG THE COASTLINE.
- HOW IT WORKS:
- OCEAN DATA FEEDS: DATA FROM WEATHER STATIONS, AND OCEAN BUOYS ARE COLLECTED AND ANALYSED.
- MODELS: PREDICTIVE MODELS SIMULATE WAVE HEIGHTS, STORM SURGES, AND TIDAL
 EFFECTS ON LOCAL SHORES.
- FLOOD FORECASTS: THESE MODELS HELP IDENTIFY AREAS LIKE THE PROMENADE, BEACHES, AND LOW-LYING COASTAL AREAS AT RISK OF FLOODING.



HOW THIS SYSTEM WORKS FOR DURBAN

- LOCAL DATA:
- DATA FROM OCEAN BUOYS AND SATELLITE IMAGERY PROVIDE REAL-TIME MONITORING OF WAVE HEIGHTS, TIDES, AND SEA TEMPERATURES ALONG DURBAN'S COASTLINE.
- WEATHER FORECASTS ARE INTEGRATED TO ACCOUNT FOR RAINFALL, WINDS, AND STORMS THAT COULD WORSEN THE RISK OF COASTAL FLOODING.
- PREDICTION MODELS:
- HYDRODYNAMIC MODELS: SIMULATE THE FLOW OF WATER AND WAVE INTERACTIONS WITH THE COASTLINE.
- STORM SURGE MODELS: PREDICT THE RISE IN WATER LEVELS CAUSED BY STORMS OR STRONG WINDS.
- FLOOD INUNDATION MODELS: ESTIMATE AREAS MOST AT RISK OF FLOODING BASED ON CURRENT AND
 FORECASTED OCEAN CONDITIONS.



HYDRODYNAMIC MODELLING AT ETHEKWINI



DELFT3D-FLOW FLEXIBLE MESH (OR D-FLOW FM): TWO- OR THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODELLING OF
HYDRODYNAMICS (WATER LEVELS, CURRENTS, SALINITY, TEMPERATURE GRADIENTS) IN COASTAL





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• SWAN: TWO-DIMENSIONAL SHALLOW-WATER WAVE MODEL (PHASED-AVERAGED)



XBEACH: ONE- OR TWO-DIMENSIONAL MODEL TO COMPUTE WAVE

TRANSFORMATION AND SEDIMENT TRANSPORT AT THE COAST

- SFINCS
- SFINCS: COASTAL INUNDATION MODEL





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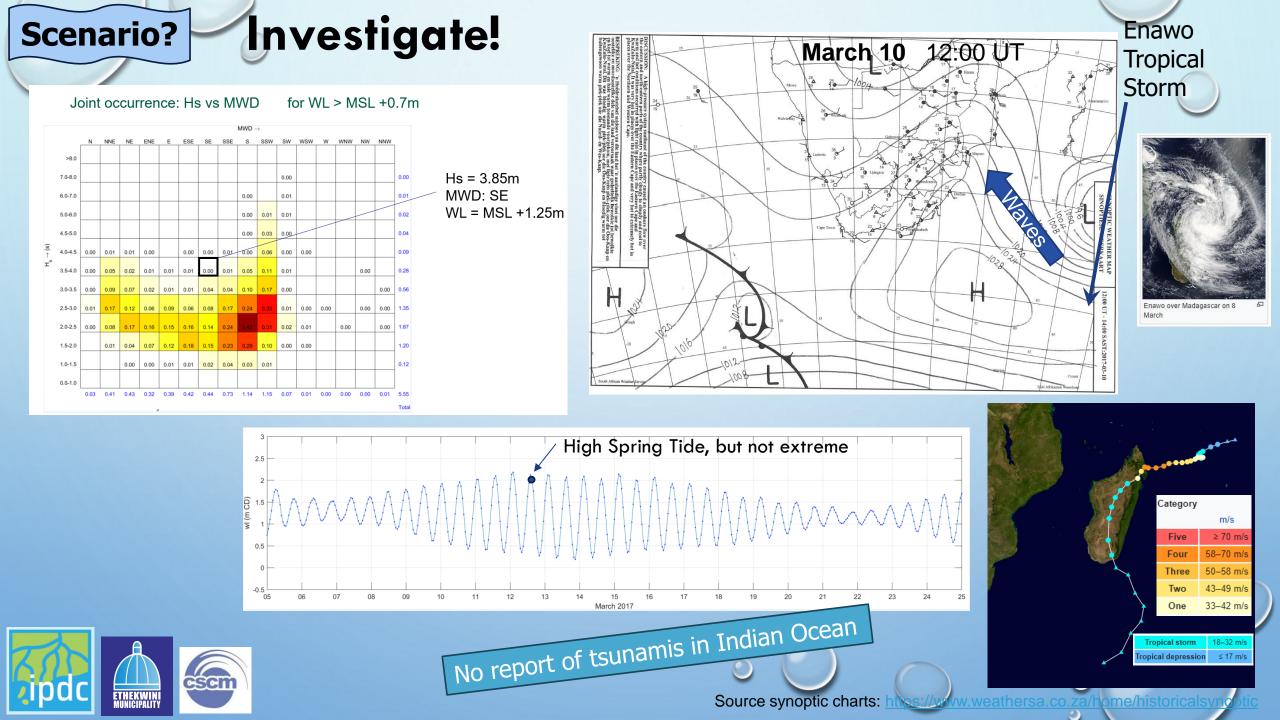
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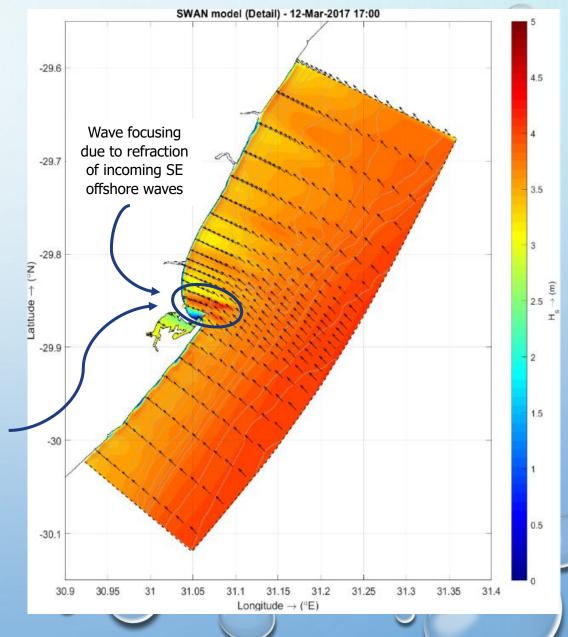
SWAN Wave Model

Waves

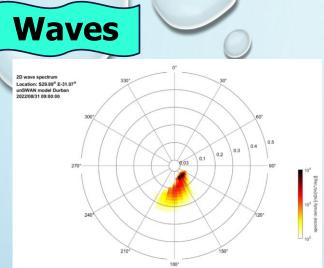
- Unstructured Grid
- Extent: 150 km long-shore, 60 km cross-shore
- 3 open boundaries (north, east and south)
- Coarse resolution (2 km) in deep water, high resolution (20 m) along the coast
- Forcing: Tide, Wind, Wave Height, Wave Direction



Source: Youtube







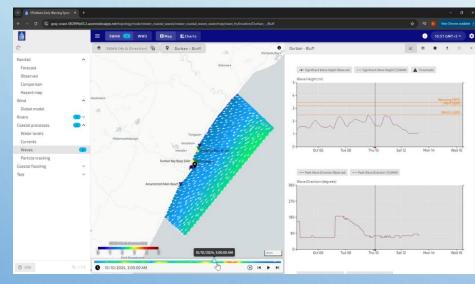
Model Comparisons

Wave Height (Hs),

Wave Period (Tp),

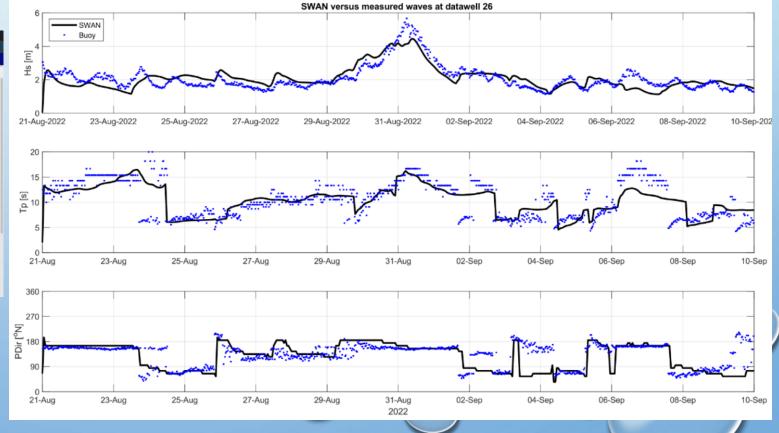
Wave Direction (Pdir)

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The Model

• X-Beach 1D Model

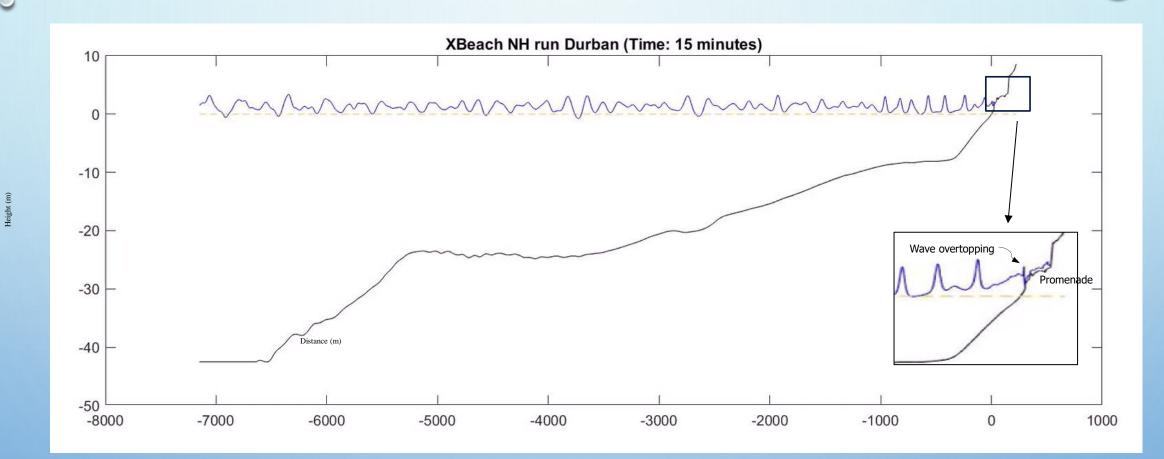
Waves

- Forced offshore with a Jonswap spectrum
- Extent: 1D transect out to 40m water depth
- $H_{m0} = 3.9$ (Significant wave height offshore)
- $T_p = 15.3$ (Peak period)
- $z_s = 1.25m$ above MSL (tidal water level
- Forcing: Tide, Wind, Wave Height, Wave Direction





X-Beach 1D Model Results



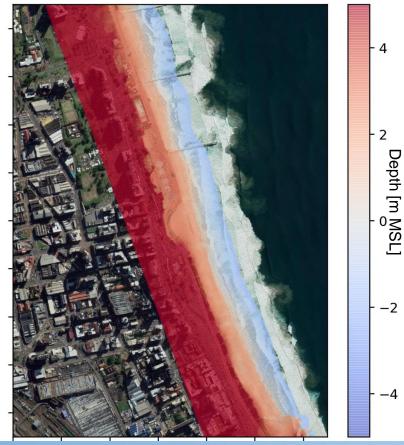


Waves

Flooding

The Model

Bed level



- Overland Flood Model
- Extent: 1D transect out to 40m water depth
- Boundary conditions = Incoming waves + tide (1.25m above MSL) + wave setup
- Promenade topography where topo > 1.5m above MSL was taken from eThekwini Lidar
- eThekwini bathy survey was merged with topography
- Split water level into in- and outgoing wave components at 2m water depth - only incoming waves contribute to inundation







Source: Youtube

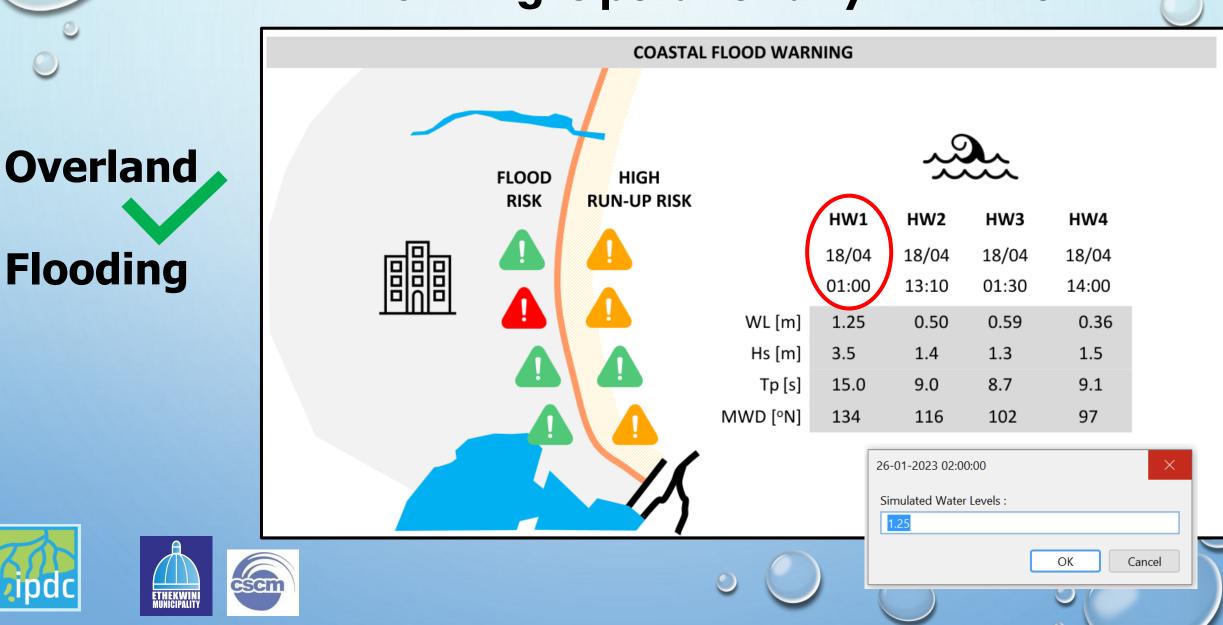
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Flooding





Running Operationally in FEWS

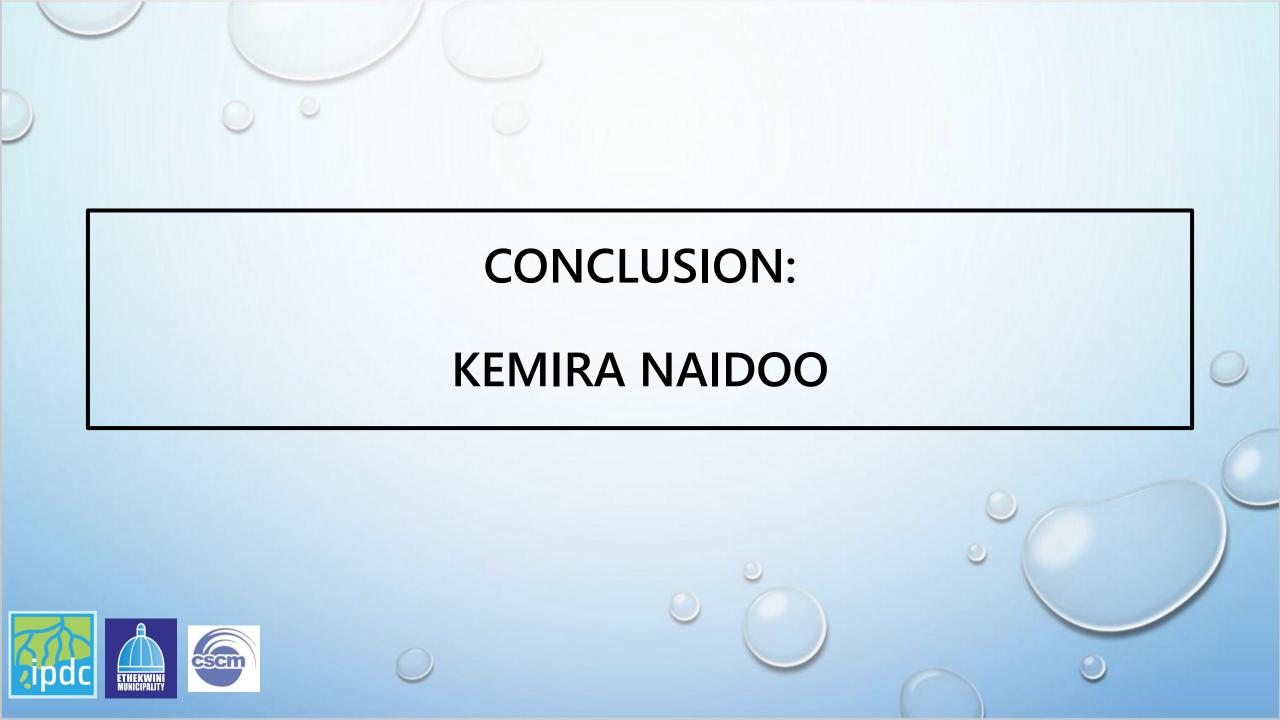


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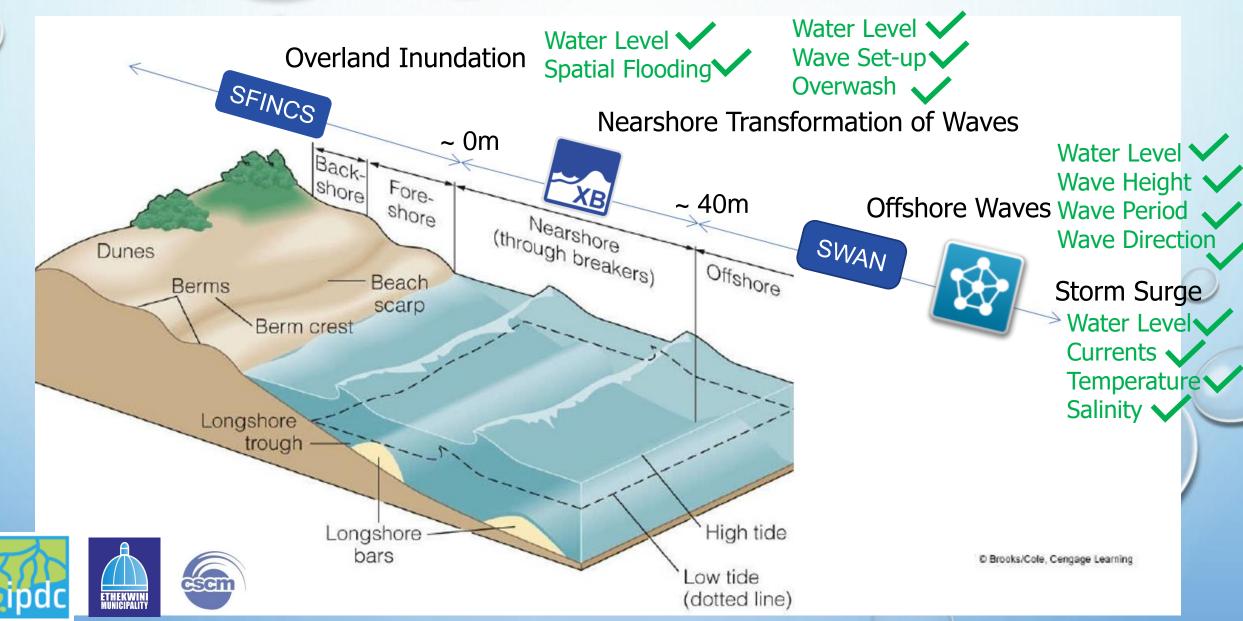
BENEFITS AND ACTIONS FROM COASTAL FLOOD PREDICTIONS

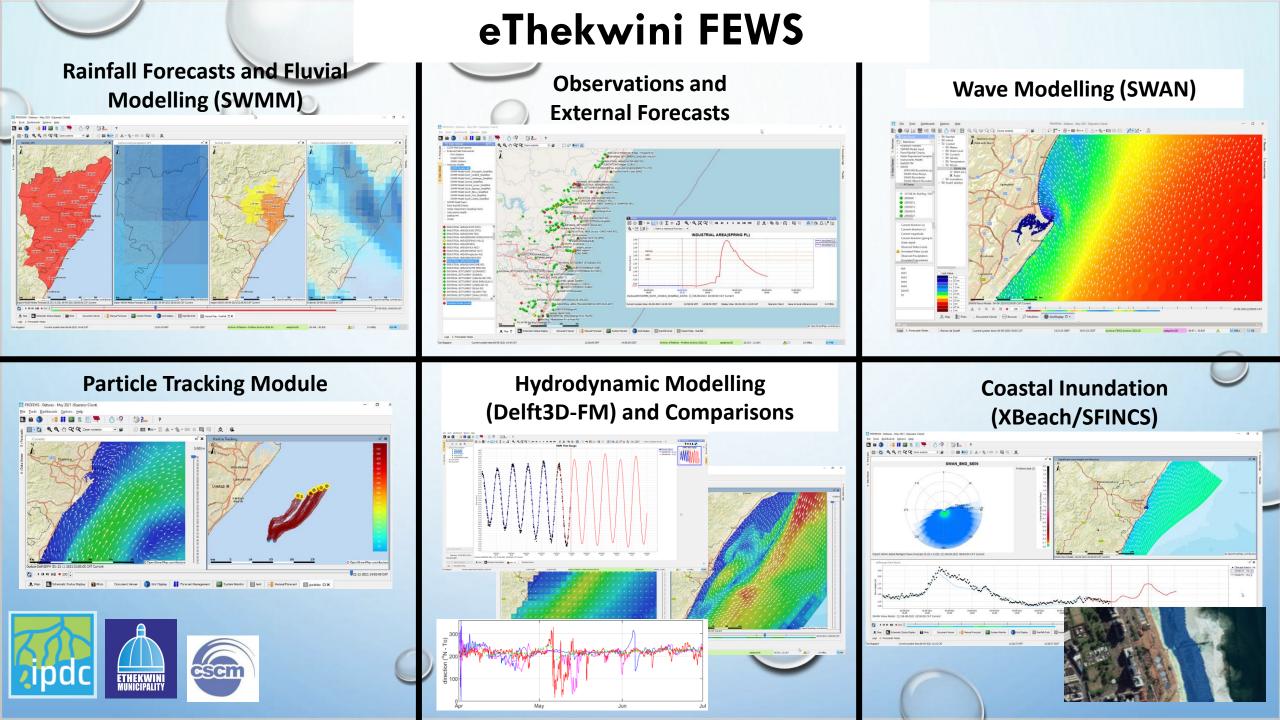
- KEY BENEFITS OF FORECASTING:
- EARLY WARNINGS: PREDICTING COASTAL FLOODING ALLOWS AUTHORITIES TO ISSUE ALERTS IN ADVANCE, GIVING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TIME TO PREPARE.
- TARGETED RESPONSE: IDENTIFYING WHICH AREAS ARE MOST AT RISK (E.G., SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE PROMENADE OR BEACH) ENABLES FOCUSED EVACUATION OR FLOOD PROTECTION EFFORTS.
- IMPROVED RESILIENCE: HELPS LOCAL PLANNERS DESIGN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CAN
 WITHSTAND FUTURE FLOODING EVENTS AND RISING SEA LEVELS.
- CONCLUSION: THE INTEGRATION OF OCEAN AND NEARSHORE WATER FORECASTING INTO FLOOD MANAGEMENT WILL HELP DURBAN STAY AHEAD OF DISASTERS, MINIMIZE DAMAGE, AND PROTECT BOTH PEOPLE AND PROPERTY ALONG THE COAST.





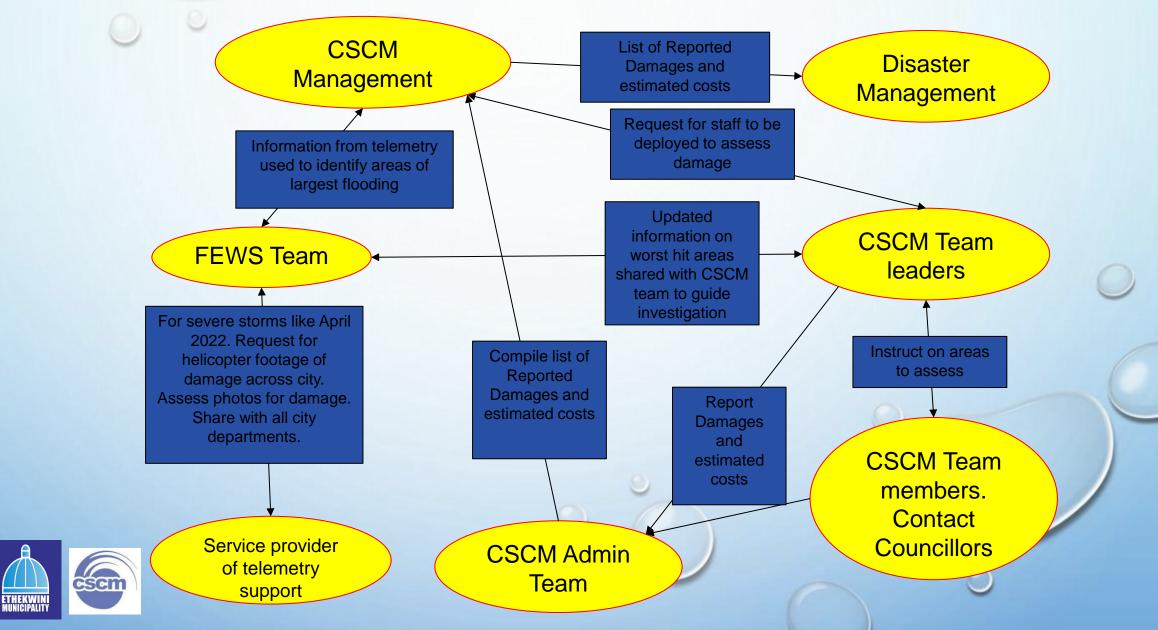
HYDRODYNAMIC MODELLING AT ETHEKWINI COAST





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CSCM Storm Warnings

FEWS Notification 2024-01-21 14:00: A SAWS Level 6 (Orange) warning remains in effect. Forecast models indicate that light to moderate rainfall is expected throughout the day, with further light to moderate rainfall anticipated between 17H00 and 20H00 on Tuesday, 22 October 2024, with a peak expected at approximately 19H00. Light rainfall is forecasted across the entire eThekwini Municipality, with higher intensities expected in the northern and western regions. Given the rainfall experienced over the past 24 hours, there is an increased risk of localized flooding in vulnerable areas within the municipality. The FEWS team will continue to monitor the forecasts, which remain subject to change and will provide updates accordingly. 13:48

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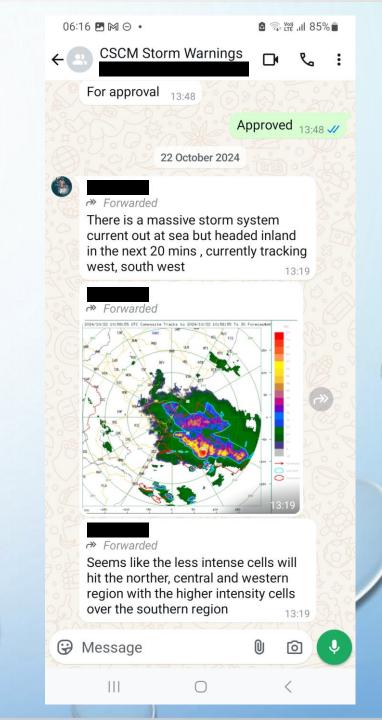
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TYPICAL NOTIFICATIONS FOR INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS



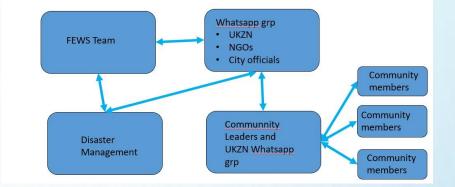


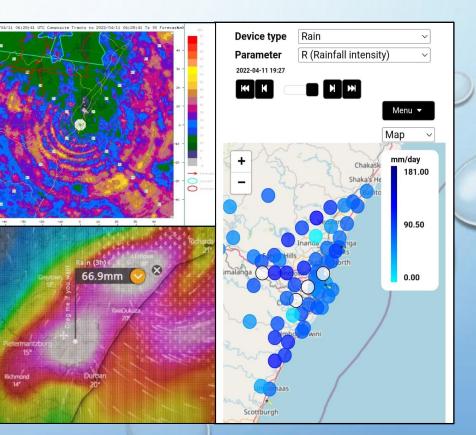
Quarry Road West Informal Settlement Communication plan

INFORMAL SETTLEMENT LIAISON



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The Way Forward...

- Continuous validation of all models
- Updated bathymetry
- Updated cross-sections
- Extend SFINCS to entire eThekwini coastline
- Compound SFINCS model for both inland and coastal inundation





A very big thank you...









THANK YOU!







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Evacuation and response before and after a cyclone event

Results of a workshop on Mozambique: cyclone Freddy and Quelimane

Lieke Meijer, Eva Costa de Barros, Roel de Goede and Ap van Dongeren

DISCLAIMER: The results presented in this document are experimental and based on global datasets. These results have not been validated and should be interpreted with caution. No actions or decisions should be made solely based on the information provided herein.

Enhancing Flood Management in Mozambique Participatory Workshop

Objective: Workshop for representatives from Beira and Quelimane and the UN World Food Programme, focusing on flood response strategies.

Key Approach: Integration of flood data (SFINCS model) with road connectivity information (RA2CE model) to identify optimal evacuation routes before, during, and after floods.

Outcome: Empowering local decision-makers to plan effective evacuation and supply distribution routes for vulnerable populations



Before

During and After



Which areas are most probably affected by floods?



How can implementing an Early Warning System address the needs of vulnerable communities?

Who should be warned and evacuated?



How many people are affected by the floods, and where will they be?





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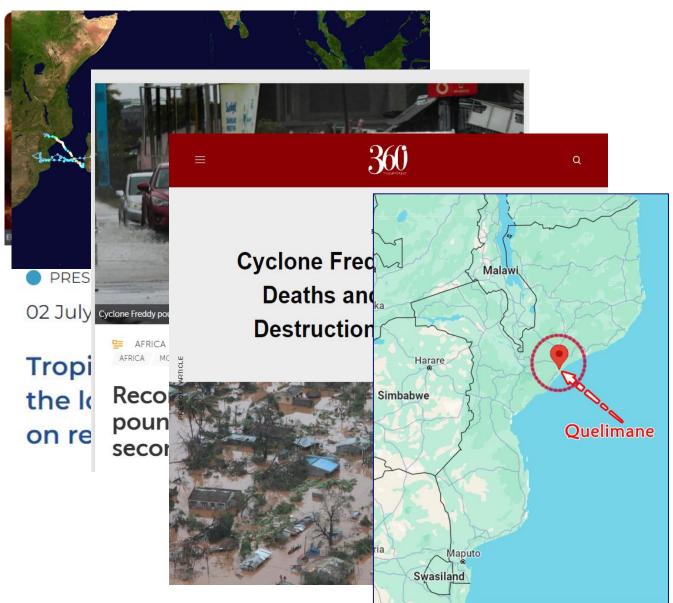
What are the evacuation routes to shelters?



How can they be reached?

Case study, Cyclone Freddy

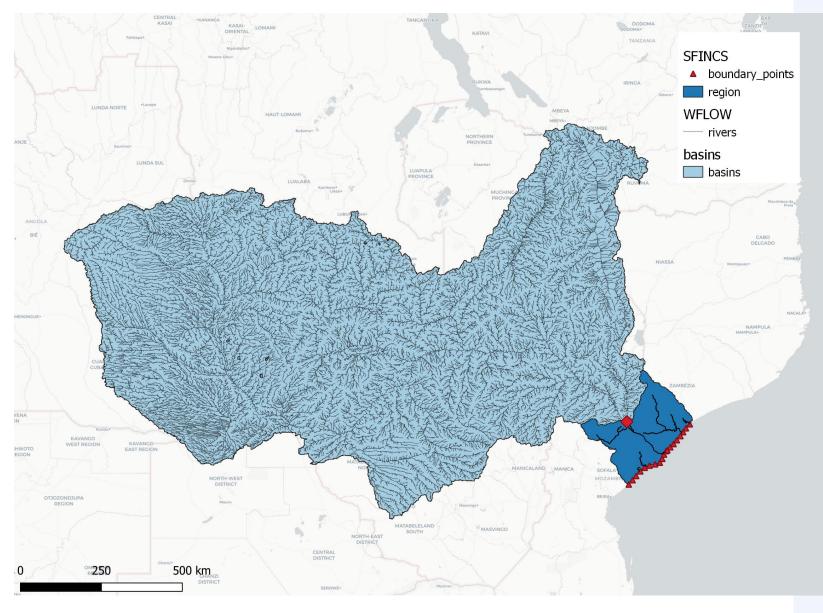
- Tropical cyclone Freddy, the longest cyclone on record
- Multiple landfalls in multiple countries
- Let's zoom in on the situation at Quelimane, Mozambique



What is SFINCS?

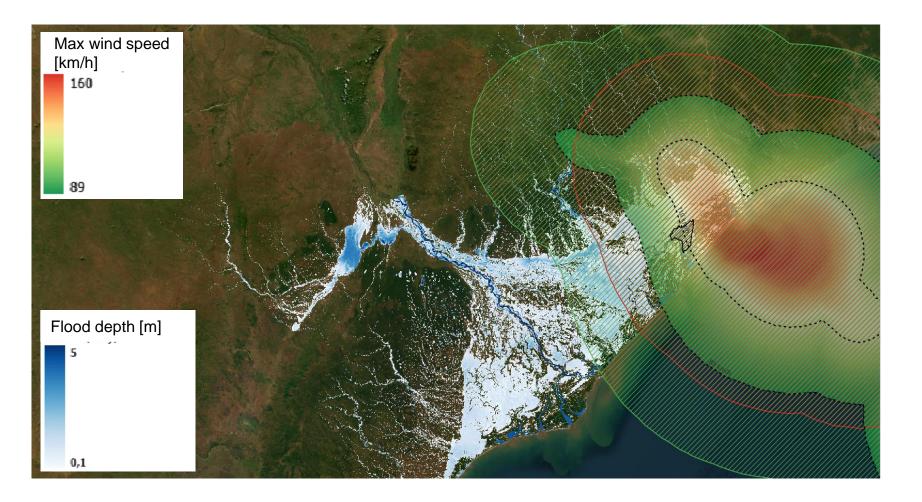
- Fast dynamic flood model
- Compound flooding: precipitation, river discharge, tide and surge
- Coupled to hydrological model to include the discharge from the Zambezi

SFINCS

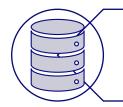


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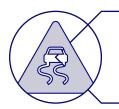
Flooding affects larger area than the maximum winds



What is the RA2CE impact model?



Flexible python-based model, open source



Impact of hazards on roads



Resilience Assessment and Adaptation

planning for Critical infrastructure (RA2CE)

Accessibility in hazard situation



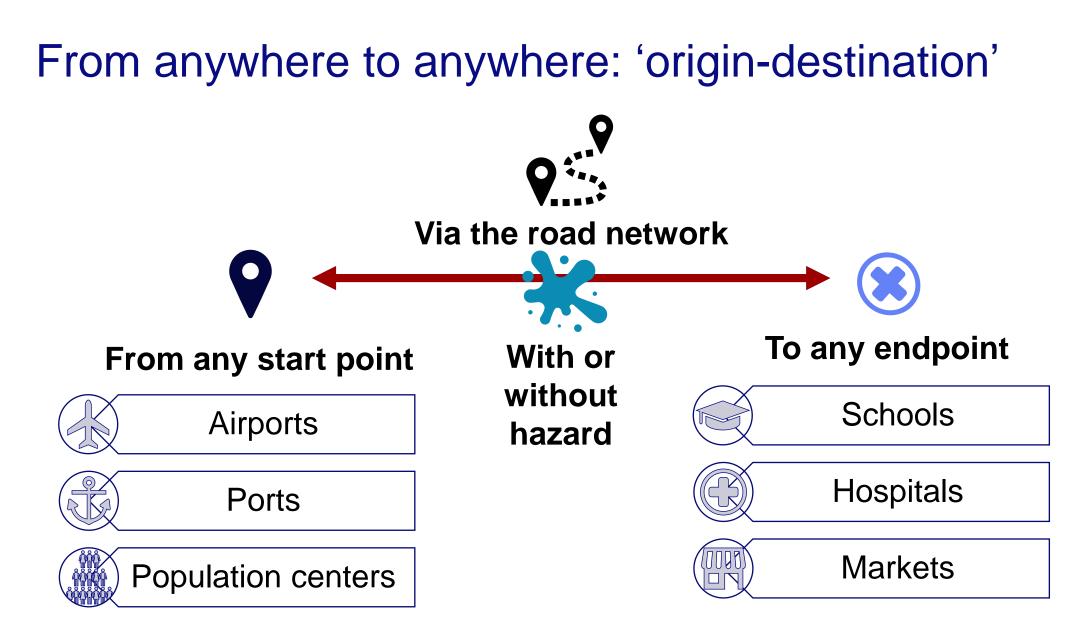
Societal disruption quantification



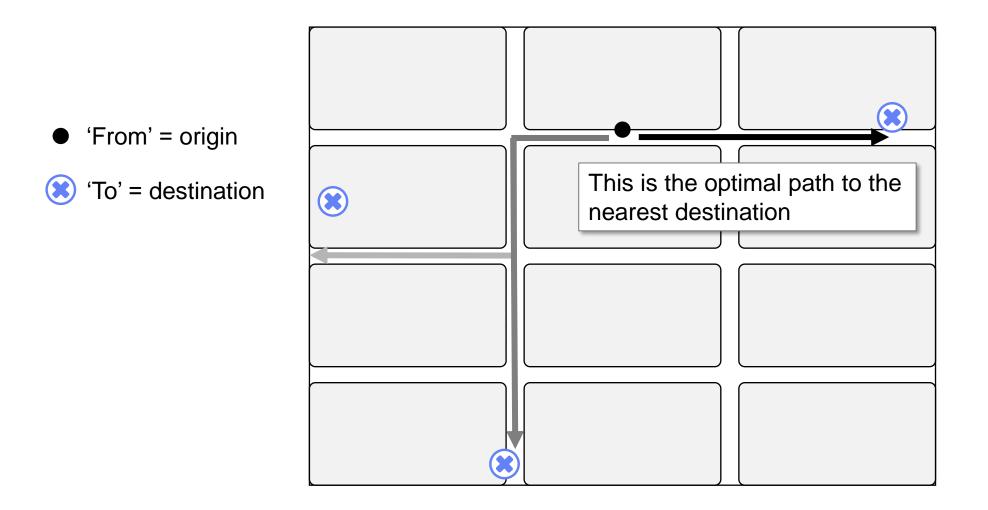
Physical damages to roads

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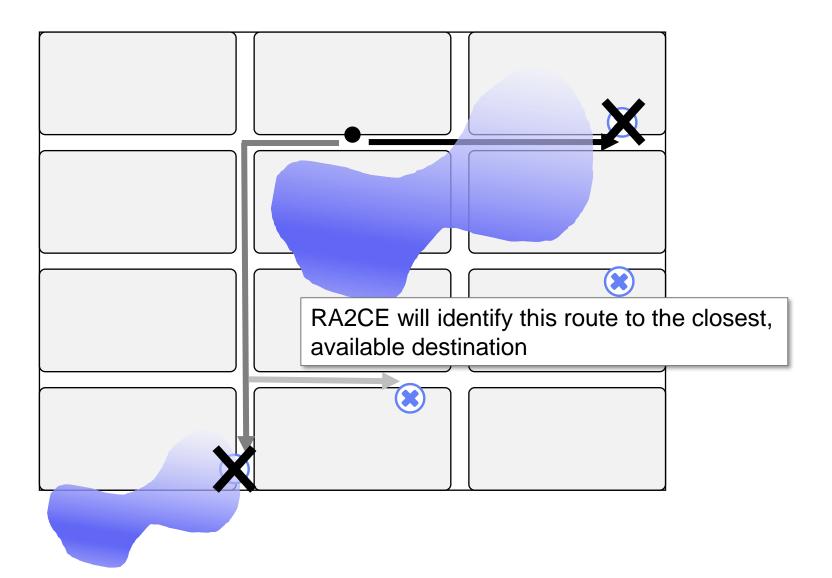
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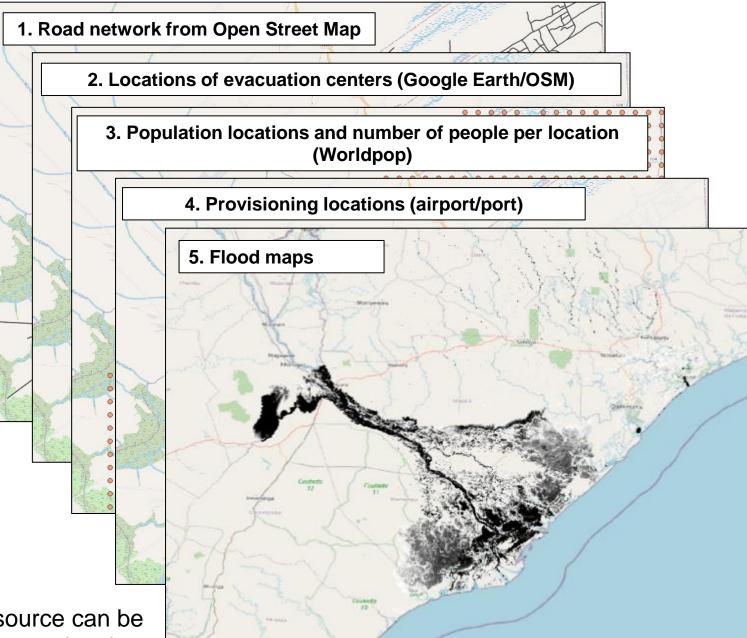
Find optimal path to closest destination



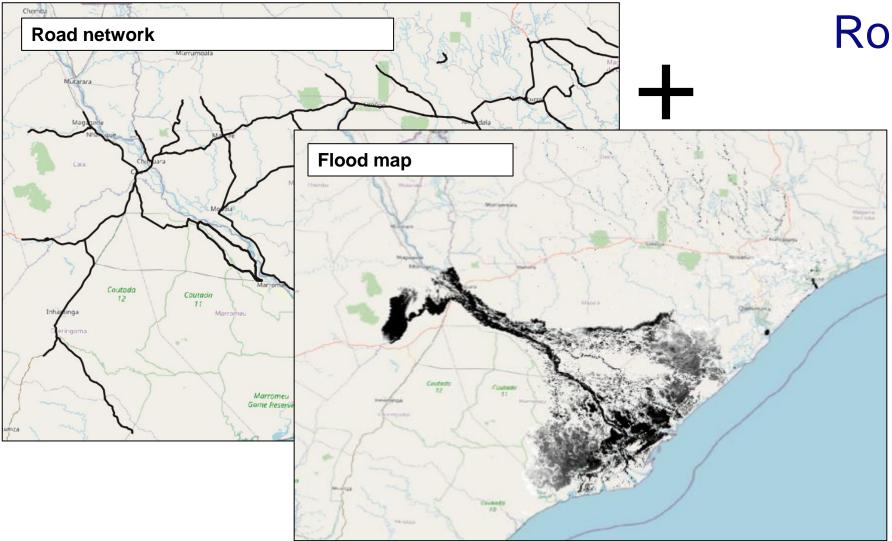
Find closest available location during hazard



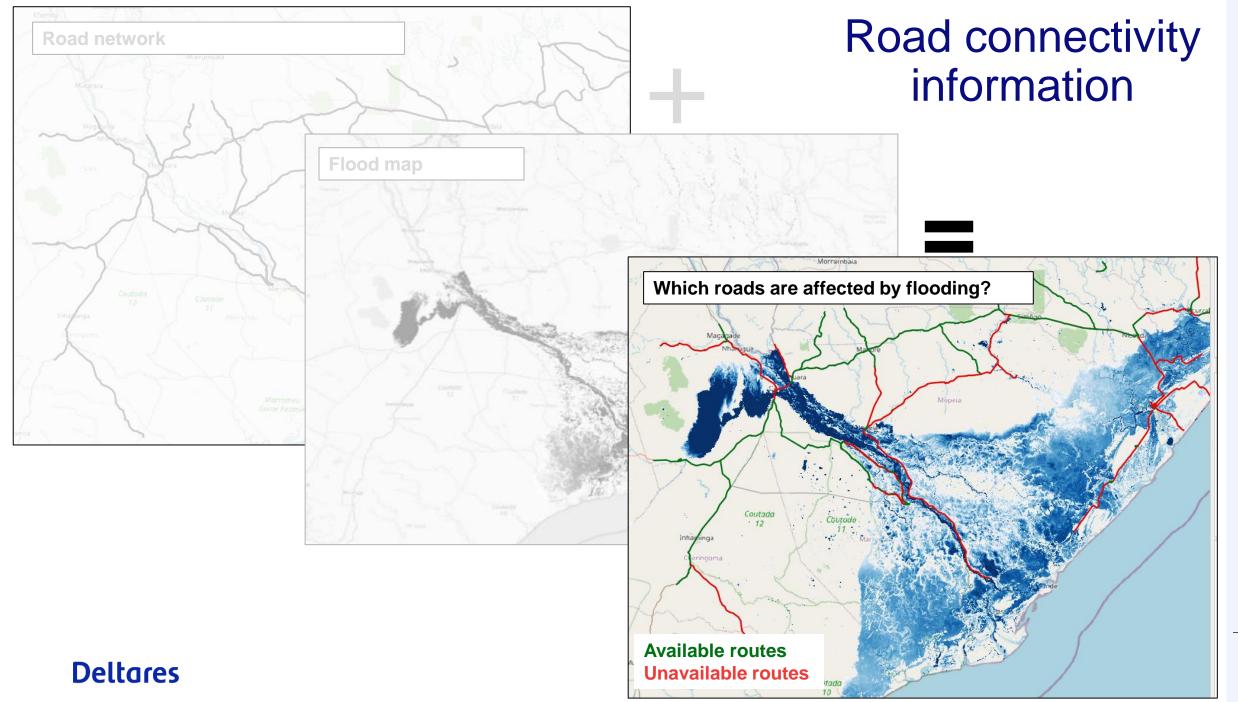
Input data



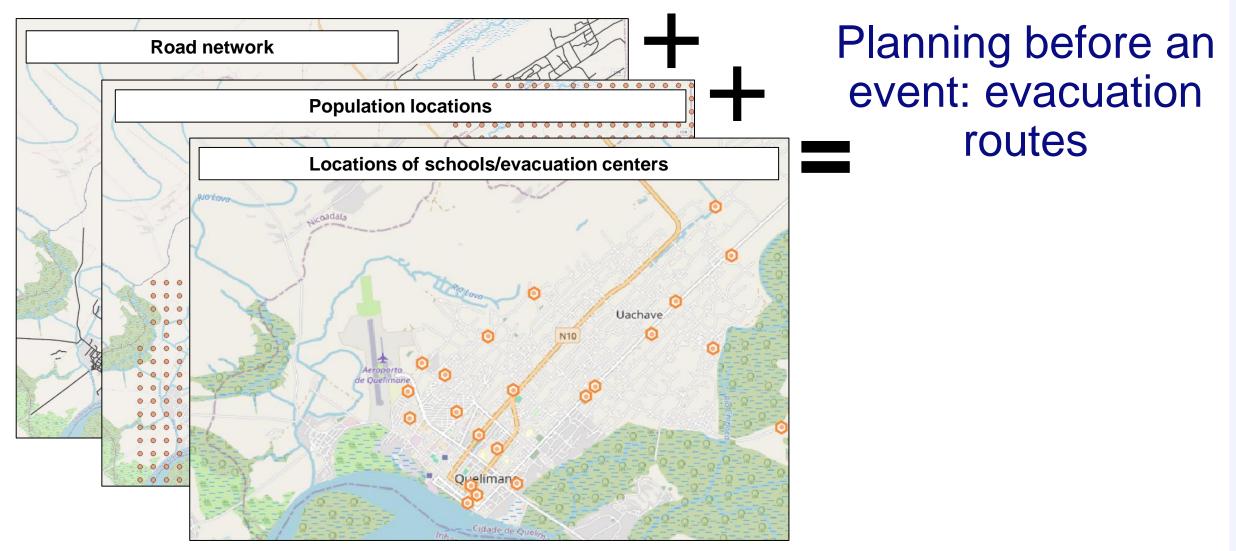
Our model is flexible! Any data source can be used. For example: local road data or local population data. For any location.

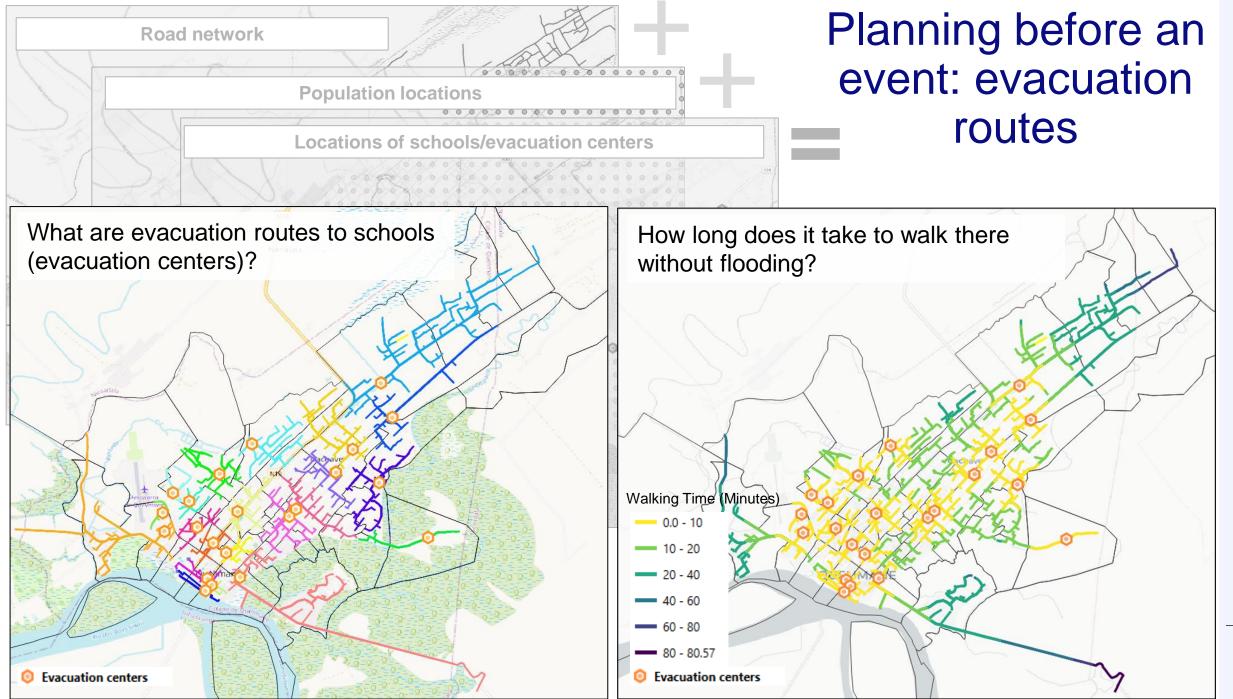


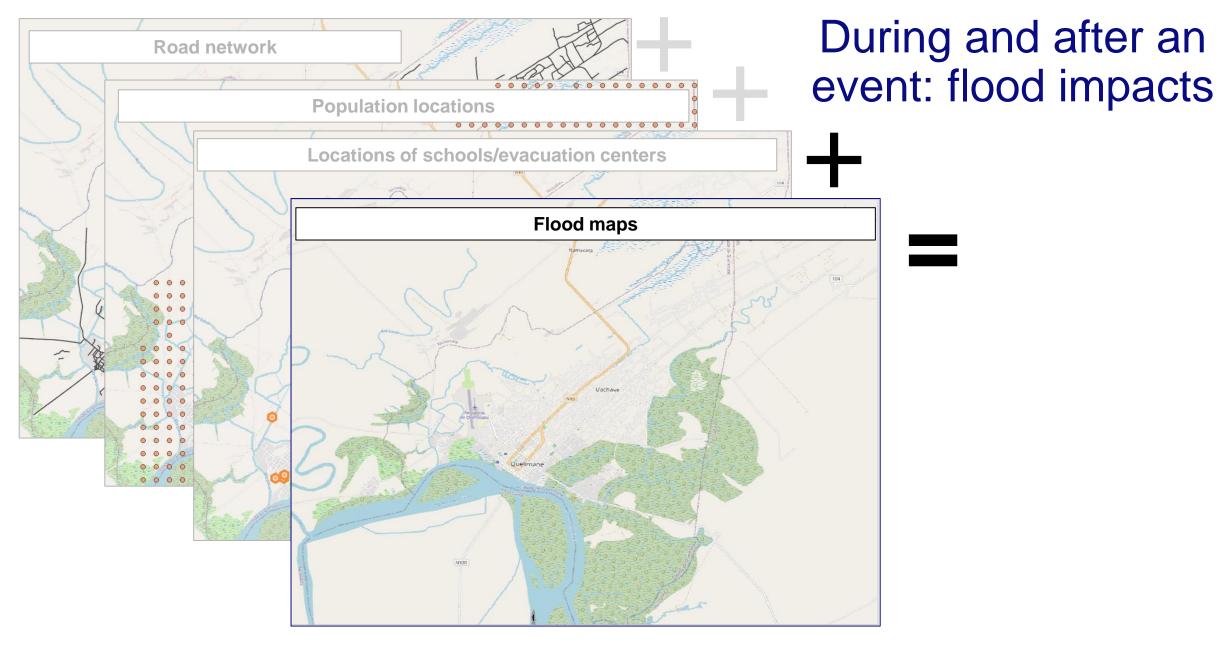
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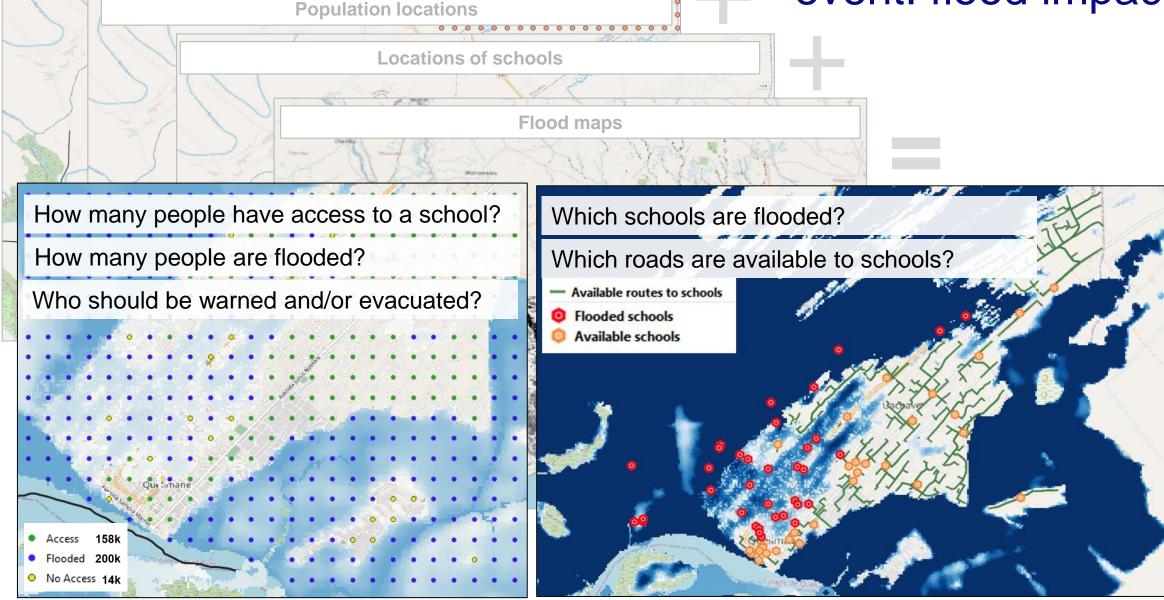
Impact modeling using RA2CE



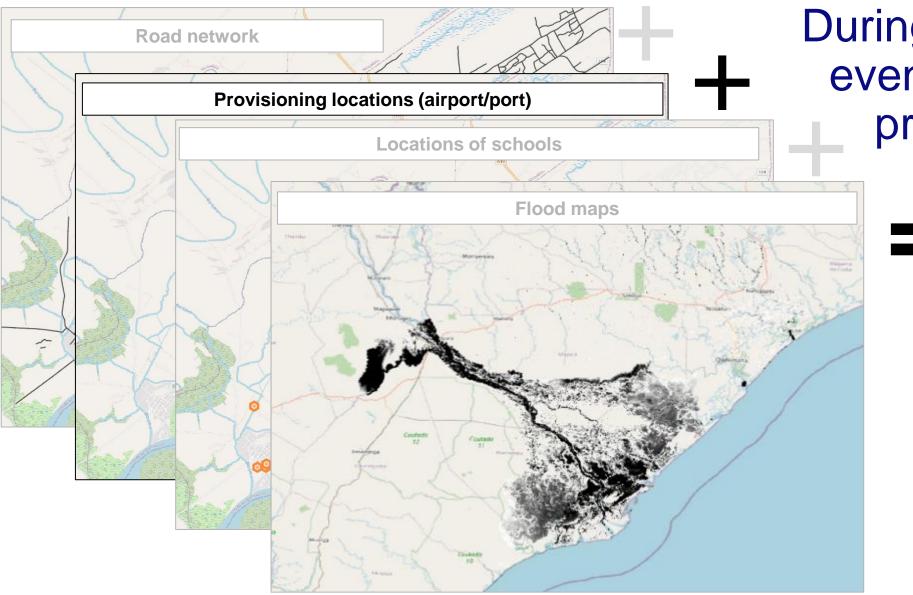




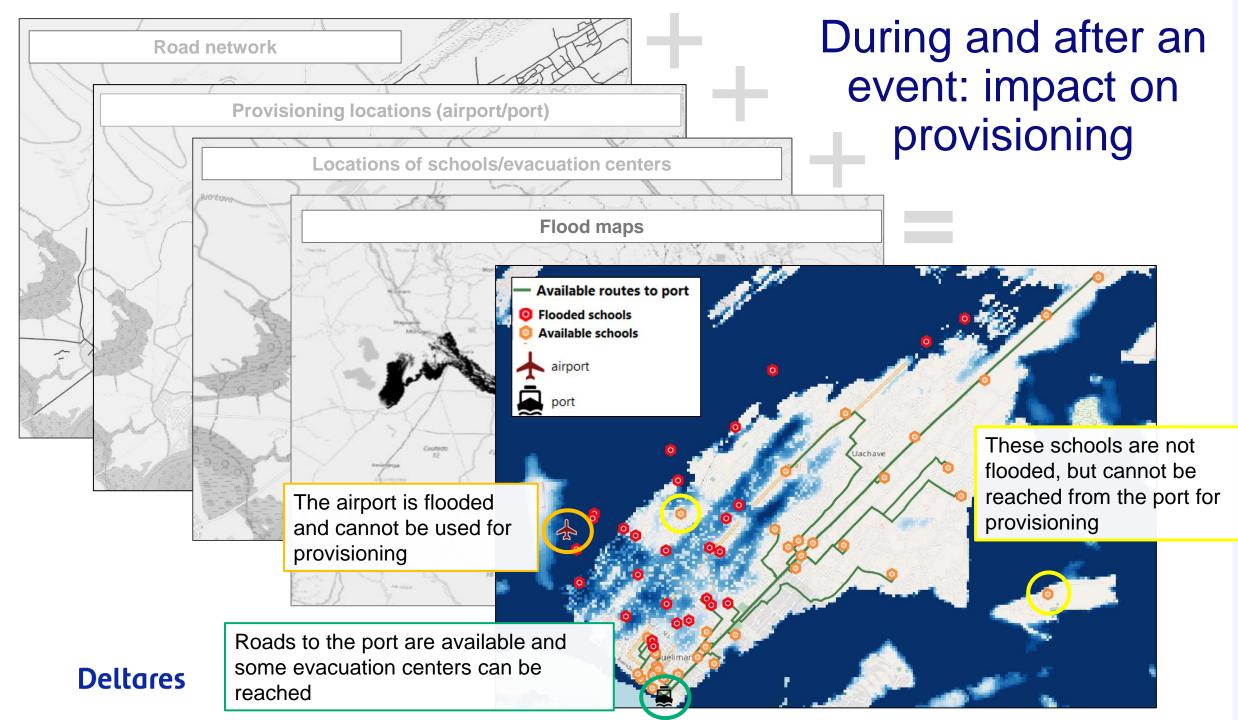
During and after an event: flood impacts



Road network

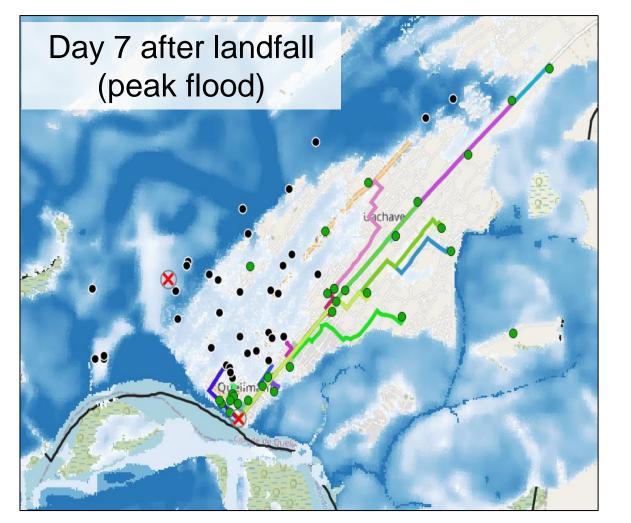


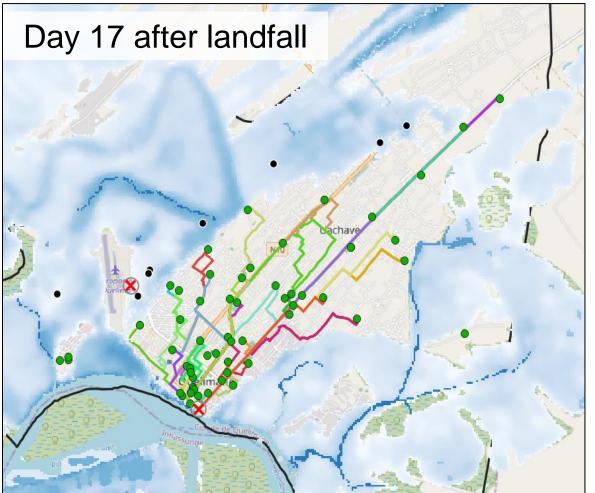
During and after an event: impact on provisioning



Provisioning over time as floods recede

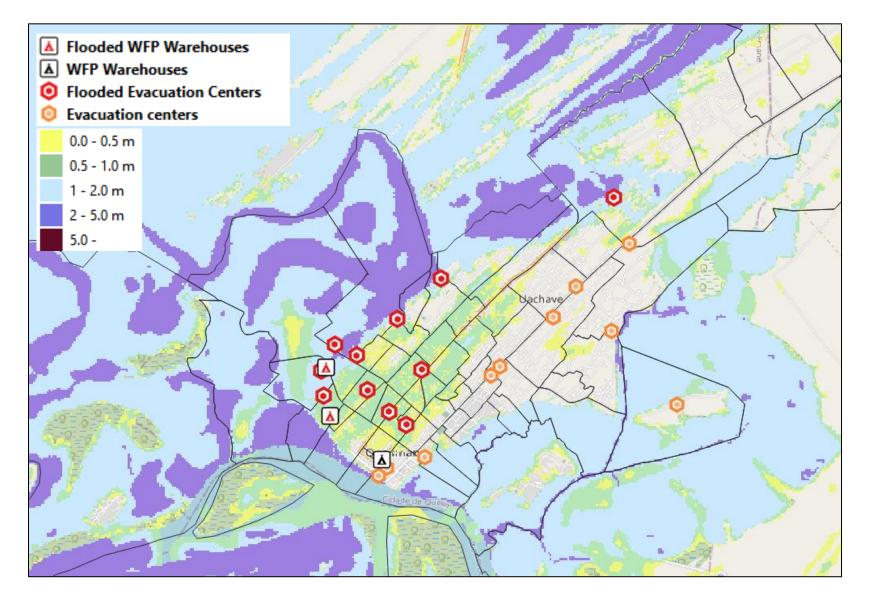
Flooded schools or no access from ports
Non-flooded schools



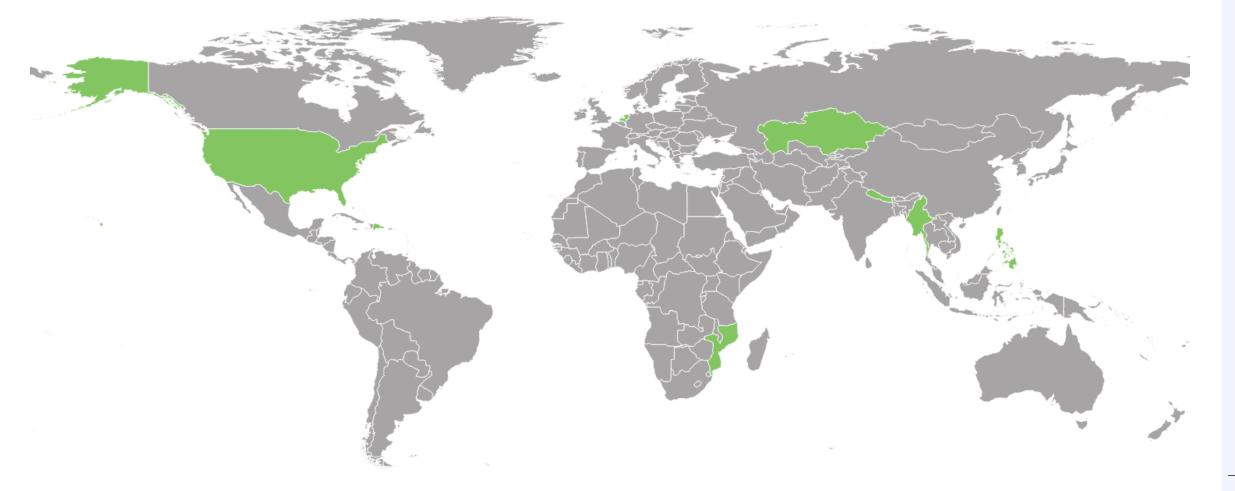


Planning for floods: consider hazard-free zones

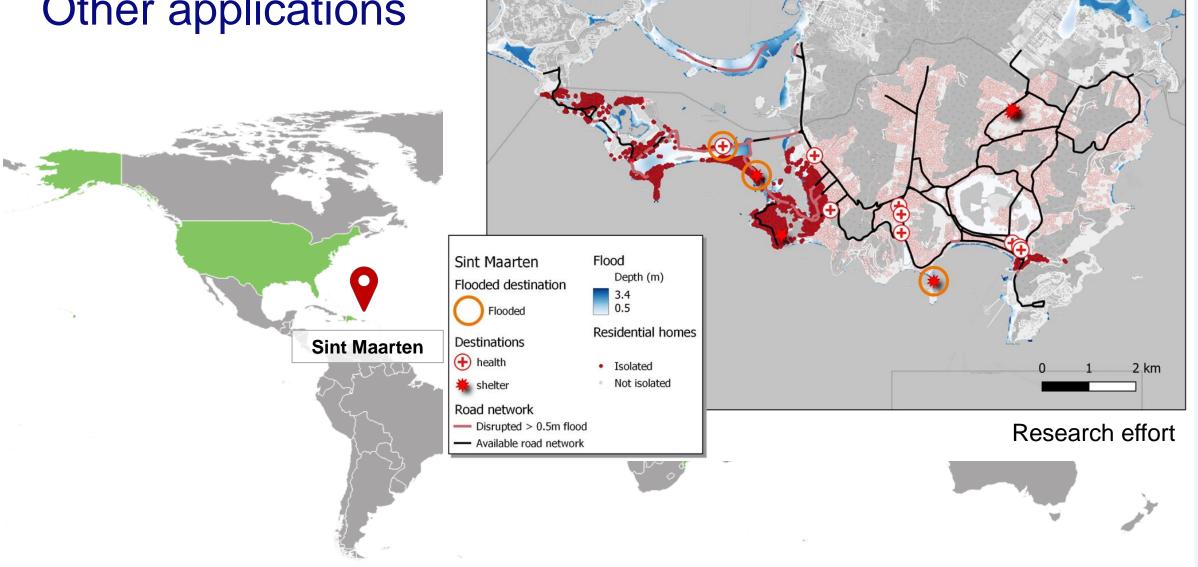
- Peak flood situation
- Day 7 after landfall



Other RA2CE applications

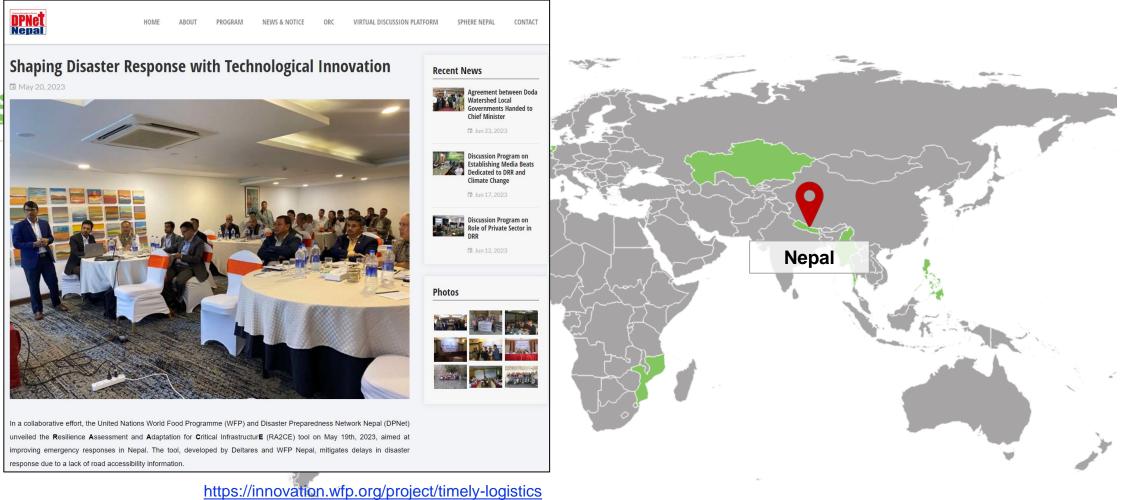


Other applications



Impact modeling using RA2CE

Other applications



https://innovation.wfp.org/project/timely-logistics https://www.dpnet.org.np/news/detail/shapingdisaster-response-with-technologicalinnovation

Project in co-creation with the World Food Program country office Nepal

We look for more case studies



Implement outcomes for real-life situations

Gain context understanding

Where to link to other initiatives?



Co-creation and prioritisation of new developments

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