





Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

Part 3: Assessing Utility and Communicating Uncertainty

Michael Eguchi (ImageCat), Paul Amyx (ImageCat), Charles Huyck (ImageCat) & Marina T. Mendoza (ImageCat)

October 10, 2023



Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling **Overview** 

Climate change impacts on human infrastructure are not well understood and vary drastically by location

Climate change impacts and risks are

difficult to manage (IPCC AR6, 2022).

becoming increasingly complex and more

are inevitable

Understanding community-specific risks to climate change is critical to evaluating adaptation strategies

"You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf." - Jon Kabat-Zinn









## **Training Outline**



#### Homework

Opens October 10 – Due October 24 – Posted on Training Webpage

A certificate of completion will be awarded to those who attend all live sessions and complete the homework assignment before the given due date.

NASA ARSET - Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling





Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling **Part 3: Assessing Utility and Communicating Uncertainty** 

# **Part 3 Objectives**



By the end of Part 3, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate the appropriate use of modeled building exposure data to a given community
- Apply strategies to identify and address equity and bias considerations
- Apply approaches to validate building data with imagery for regional datasets
- Document your exposure development process through metadata so that others can understand the process used, the limitations, and how to update if necessary.



## Part 3 – Trainers

Charles Huyck Executive Vice President ImageCat



Paul Amyx

# Marina Mendoza Project Engineer ImageCat



## Michael Eguchi Project Engineer ImageCat





NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

# Part 3: How to check exposure data and ensure fit for purpose

# Objective

- Overview of levels of exposure data
- Pre-event
  - How can the data assist in mitigation strategies?
  - How can the data further building safety through code adoption/enhancement or risk management?
  - Implications to insurance/reinsurance?
- Post-event
  - How can the data be used for post-disaster response?
- Limitations
  - How should the data NOT be used?



## Level 1 Global Data - Overview

### Description

- Rely on best available global datasets, but can be continental or regional
- Country-specific information is minimal while proxy countries are often be used
- Global population data sets used as primary source, with very rough mapping schemes typically broken out by rural and urban regions

Data Available

High level building descriptors





# Level 1 Global Data – Mitigation and Preparation

- Broad-scale prioritization of further study
- Development of international risk indices
- Insurance and Reinsurance
  - Risk Diversification
  - Climate Change / ESG risk assessment





## Level 1 Global Data – Post-Disaster Response



NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

Earthquake

Shakin

# Level 1 Global Data - Limitations

- Very high-level exposure data
- Metadata and accuracy will vary based on underlying source
- Proxy countries may be used so reliability of data is questioned
- Generally trying to capture residential development
- Not to be used for region or building specific reconnaissance post-event





# Level 2 Overview – Country Level Exposure

### Description

 Exposure data has been collected and reviewed at a national level (e.g. HAZUS)

Data Available

- General country-wide structural/material type distributions
- Census data
  - Household Size
  - Building replacement cost per square meter/foot





## Level 2 – Mitigation and Preparation



## Level 2 – Post-Disaster Response



## **Level 2 Limitations**

• No account for variations in regional building exposure







¿Chicago Construction

Codes 2019

# Level 3 Overview – Data Improvement / Sub-National Scale

### Description

- Subdividing the country to reflect unique development patterns
  - Review of literature and imagery to develop region specific mapping schemes
- Identifying major urban areas and enhancing building attributes
- Data Available
- Mapping schemes at development pattern resolution





# Level 4 Overview – Aggregated Building Specific Data

- Uses building data (OSM, building footprints, tax assessor, etc.) and aggregates up to polygonal level
- By aggregating, inferred data such as structural/occupancy, height distribution and other fields will not be mistaken for point-specific data
- May need to fill in the blanks for structural information at the aggregate level
  - Best guess given known data
    - Height
    - Occupancy
    - Age
- Aggregate up to avoid false precision.







# Level 3/4 – Mitigation and Preparedness



Assess building stock and infrastructure at a localized level



Examine Equity Concerns





Buy-out programs or mitigation programs



Scenarios for hazard planning



**MITIGATION PLAN** 

Disaster response and hazard mitigation plans



NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

## Level 3/4 – Post-Event





- Search and rescue missions
- Which region to focus on building reconnaissance
- Where to allocate personnel and equipment
- Where emergency shelters and aid should be focused
- Coordination, collaboration efforts and mutual aid

# Level 3/4 Limitations





- Better understanding of the built-up environment, however not to be used for site-specific analyses or individual building tagging post-event
- Caveat: with good quality point data in Level 4 analyses, building specific data can be used to identify key facilities for further study. E.g. school, hospitals, emergency operations, pre-retrofit residential, etc.
- Level 4: Loss of geographic precision

# **Level 5 Overview**

- Site-specific data, as with Level
  4, but running it at building level.
- Optimal when you have enough data to make an assessment at site specific
- Site location precision is necessary for analyses e.g. flood, landslide, tsunami, etc.





# Level 5 – Mitigation and Preparedness





## Level 5 – Post-Event





- Site review and safety
- Restoration of business operations



## **Level 5 Limitations**



- Building characteristics only as accurate as the source provided
- Where or who does the base data come from?
  - Insurance
  - Engineering team
  - Field survey
  - Other



# Overview: What is the appropriate use?

	International (L1)	National (L2)	Local/City (L3/L4)	Campus/Portfolio (L5)	Site-Specific- ENGINEERING REVIEW
Building codes	Establish international Codes	Code adoption and enforcement prioritization	Code adoption and Enforcement	Risk management	Engineering review/enforcement
Mitigation, including divestment	SDGs, Sendai Framework, international resource prioritization Anticipatory action assessment Prestaging resources	SDGs, Sendai Framework Compliance Legislation Establish risk assessment frameworks Training and education	Assess infrastructure and building stock Examine equity concerns Buy-out programs or mitigation programs Scenarios Disaster response and hazard mitigation plans Early warning systems	Life-safety/essential facilities Assess feasibility of low- cost solutions Prioritize Engineering Review Retrofit / mitigation strategy Managed retreat Real estate investment strategy	Building-level adjustments Hazard disclosure Building-level risk predictions
Post-Disaster Response	Deployment of International aid Anticipatory action Search and rescue teams.	Disaster declaration Deployment of federal resources	Search and rescue Allocation of personnel and equipment Emergency shelter and aid Building tagging Coordination and collaboration Mutual aid	Site review and safety Restoration of business operations	Damage Assessment
Insurance and Reinsurance	ESG Need handle of CC. Reinsurer trying to track hazard Risk diversification	Parametric triggered insurance	Government insurance	Portfolio Analysis Average annualized loss	Probable maximum loss (PML) Average annualized loss



## Conclusion

27

- Assess the needs and level of effort required for the analysis
- Each level has their own advantages and disadvantages that should be acknowledged by the user
- Understand the source and collection of data
  - Who collected it and how reliable can it conservatively be?
- Never make building specific decisions or assessments, such as red tagging
  - Pre and post-event assessments need to be performed through engineering review





# **Developing and Understanding Metadata**

# What is the ....?

- Spatial resolution
- Source of the data
- Replacement cost
- Data vintage
- And why is this point in the river?



# A Language for the Science of Exposure Development

275

- Illuminate the process Develop robust methods of representing exposure assumptions with respect to vintage, progeny, resolution, and limitations-particularly when fusing multiple datasets collected over a considerable period of time.
- Acknowledge the uncertainty Establish methods of characterizing the uncertainty of exposure datasets through the incorporation of modeling techniques. It is particularly important that end users understand uncertainties in key factors such as location, the taxonomy, and replacement cost before data use.



# Why is Metadata Important for the Creator of Exposure Data?

- Track exact steps used to produce the data so that when it's time for an updated version with better sources, can determine which steps need adjustment and which can be replicated as written
- It's often not the same people or organization that will be updating it
- Can update the dataset without commissioning a whole new study



# What Useful Things Can You Find in the Metadata?

- Mapping Scheme and Development Pattern definitions
- Detailed country-specific source data information and references
- Detailed country-specific processing steps
- Replacement Cost information
- Data field descriptions
- Limitations
- Contact information



rocessStep>				
<ul> <li><li_processstep></li_processstep></li> </ul>				
- <description></description>				
<pre><gco:characterstring>Population Data processing: The population values are from the national level 2020 Total population estimates from the United Nations World Population Prospects. Population is converted to an estimate of the number of households using the national average estimates of persons per household at the country level collected from various sources including IPUMS (Minnesota Population Center, 2019), national census, and the UN population database. The national level population and household values were mapped to the national statistics and IPUMS then interpolated to a 15-arcsecond (~500m) grid cell and used to infer the number of buildings. Administrative GIS data was not used to aggregate or allot population or buildings but GADM administrative levels 1 (national), 2 (state), and 3 (county or district) names and numeric code are added to the final result for ease of use by data users.   processStep&gt;</gco:characterstring></pre>				



# **Determining What to Include in Metadata**

- How do we know what information is important?
- How can we cut through the complexity of gathering this information?



## **Flowcharts!**



#### Tools to help you determine what information should be captured.







NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling
#### **Example Flowcharts for Different Exposure Levels**

#### Exposure Level 1 – Population Flowchart

Exposure Level 5 – Location Precision Flowchart













NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

#### **Creating the Metadata Documents**

![](_page_39_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### Use ArcCatalog to develop the metadata

Can export as both ISO-19139 and ESRI Native Metadata Format, to reach the widest audience

![](_page_39_Picture_4.jpeg)

NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

## **Creating the Metadata Documents**

1

- ArcGIS format
  - Default XML format used by ArcGIS
  - Other metadata formats can be derived from this
  - De facto industry standard but it is proprietary
- ISO-19139
  - International standard compatible with many typical GIS software tools
  - Non-proprietary
  - Expected to gain in popularity
- ISO-19110 (component of ISO-19139)
  - Also called the "Feature Catalog", stores metadata for specific fields of the GIS dataset
  - Designed to be used along with the ISO-19139 metadata file
  - In future revisions, this information will be embedded within ISO-19139

![](_page_40_Picture_14.jpeg)

## **Creating the Metadata Documents**

- ArcGIS will create metadata related to a dataset by default This can be edited through the ArcGIS metadata editor or ArcCatalog
- To initialize the metadata for use with the ISO formats, the metadata should be set to use the ISO-19139 template.
  - See the <u>ArcGIS site</u> for more information
- ArcGIS will automatically save to its proprietary format
- To create the ISO-19139 XML file, export from ArcGIS to ISO-19139 format
- To create the ISO-19110 XML file, there is currently a convoluted process
  - Export the metadata in FGDC CSDGM XML format (an intermediate format)
  - Download the NOAA FGDC-to-ISO XSLT transform file for ISO-19110
  - Use an XSLT processing tool to combine the FGDC XML file with the NOAA XSLT file, producing an ISO-19110 XML file
  - In the future these steps will hopefully not be needed!

## **Metadata Sections of Note**

27

#### Lineage Section

- Designated for tracking the input databases, data manipulation procedures or methodologies, and data processing. Data processing can give insight as to how a new survey was conducted, how various input data sets are fused or improved upon, and how various modelling or statistical methods are performed.
- Contains multiple "Process Steps" to describe each exercise undertaken to develop the final dataset.

#### Report Section

- Evaluation of the quality of the input data, processing methods, final data set quality review, and results summaries. The data evaluation consists of a quantitative or qualitative assessment.
- Contains multiple "Reports" to describe each evaluation undertaken to develop the final dataset.

![](_page_42_Picture_8.jpeg)

## **Resources for Creating Exposure Metadata**

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### • <u>Exposure Metadata Flowcharts</u>

- Supplementary document containing the flowcharts that have been created for each exposure data level (1 through 5)
- Includes discussion about the type of information that should be collected for each segment
- METEOR: Exposure data classification, metadata population and confidence assessment
  - Appendix A includes details for mapping information into the ISO-19139 metadata structure, the ISO-19110 metadata structure, and optional linkable tables
- METEOR: Bridge to commercial CAT model
  - Section 3 includes an example of the metadata fields that were generated for actual Level 1 exposure data created for the METEOR project
- <u>METEOR Exposure Data</u>
  - Includes ISO-19139 metadata that can be used as reference

![](_page_43_Picture_11.jpeg)

## Flowchart Example – Nepal Level 3 Exposure Development

- The following slides will go through a truncated set of the Level-3 flowcharts used for gathering data to develop the Level-3 building exposure for Nepal. The flowchart sections shown will include:
  - Building Height
  - Structural Distribution
  - Number of Buildings

#### Datasets Used to Develop the Nepal Building Exposure

- 1. Breiman, L. Random Forests. Machine Learning 45, 5-32 (2001).
- 2. Breiman, L., Friedman, J.H., Olshen, R., and Stone, C.J. (1984). Classification and Regression Tree. Wadsworth & Brooks/Cole Advanced Books & Software, Pacific California
- 3. Brzev, S., Scawthorn, C., Charleson, A. W., Allen, L., Greene, M., Jaiswal, K., and Silva, V. (2013). GEM Building Taxonomy (Version 2.0) (No. 2013-02). GEM Foundation. Retrieved from https://storage.globalquakemodel.org/media/publication/EXP-MOD-GEM-Building-Taxonomy-201302-V01\_1.pdf
- Center for International Earth Science Information Network CIESIN Columbia University, International Food Policy Research Institute IFPRI, The World Bank, and Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical CIAT. (2011). Global Rural-Urban Mapping Project, Version 1 (GRUMPv1): Urban Extents Grid [raster, map, map service]. Palisades, NY: NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC). Retrieved from https://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/data/set/grump-v1-urban-extents
- 5. Central Bureau of Statistics. (2012) National Population and Housing Census 2011.https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/census/documents/Nepal/Nepal-Census-2011-Vol1.pdf [VDC level data provided by NSET]
- Corbane, C., Florczyk, A., Pesaresi, M., Politis, P. and Syrris, V. (2018). GHS built-up grid, derived from Landsat, multitemporal (1975-1990-2000-2014), R2018A. European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC) doi: 10.2905/jrc-ghsl-10007 PID: Retrieved from http://data.europa.eu/89h/jrc-ghsl-10007
- 7. Corbane, C., Politis, P., Syrris, V. and Pesaresi, M. (2018): GHS built-up grid, derived from Sentinel-1 (2016), R2018A. European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC) doi: 10.2905/jrc-ghsl-10008 PID: Retrieved from http://data.europa.eu/89h/jrc-ghsl-10008
- 8. Cortes, C., Vapnik, V. Support-vector networks. Mach Learn 20, 273–297 (1995).
- 9. D'Ayala, D., and Bajracharya, S. S. (2003). Housing Report–Traditional Nawari house in Kathmandu Valley. Nepal. World Housing Encyclopedia–an Encyclopedia of Housing Construction in Seismically Active Area of the World. Retrieved from https://www.world-housing.net/WHEReports/wh100103.pdf
- 10. Department of Urban Development and Building Construction. (1994, 2003, 2015). Nepal National Building Codes [PDF files]. Retrieved from https://www.dudbc.gov.np/buildingcode
- 11. DLR Earth Observation Center. (2016). Global Urban Footprint (GUF). Available at https://www.dlr.de/eoc/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-11725/20508\_read-47944/
- 12. Earth Observation Group NOAA-NCEI (2015). Version 1 VIIRS Day/Night Band Nighttime Lights- 2015 Nighttime Light Annual Composite [dataset]: Retrieved from https://ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/viirs/download\_dnb\_composites.html
- 13. European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC) [Dataset] PID: http://data.europa.eu/89h/jrc-ghsl-ghsl\_built\_ldsmt\_globe\_r2015b
- 14. Facebook Connectivity Lab and Center for International Earth Science Information Network CIESIN Columbia University. 2016. High Resolution Settlement Layer (HRSL). Source imagery for HRSL © 2016 DigitalGlobe.
- 15. GoogleEarth. (n.d.) Nepal [map]. Available at https://www.google.com/earth/
- 16. ImageCat, Inc. (2019). OSM building footprint data aggregation to 3-arcsecond raster grid [dataset]. Unpublished.
- 17. Jaiswal, K.S. and Wald, D.J. (2011). Rapid estimation of the economic consequences of global earthquakes: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 2011–1116, 47 p.
- 18. Jaiswal, K. and Wald, D. (2014). PAGER Inventory Database v2.0.xls. Golden, CO: United States Geological Survey (USGS).
- 19. Jaiswal, K., Wald, D., & Porter, K. (2010). A global building inventory for earthquake loss estimation and risk management. Earthquake Spectra, 26(3), 731-748.
- 20. Kathmandu Living Labs (KLL). (2019). In-situ structural building type, height, and footprint area sampling polygons of Nepal [dataset]. Provided by Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team.
- 21. Minnesota Population Center. Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, International: Version 7.2 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2019. https://doi.org/10.18128/D020.V7.2
- 22. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). (2014). SRTM C-BAND DATA Version 2.1, 3 arc second [dataset]. Retrieved from https://dds.cr.usgs.gov/srtm/
- 23. National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET). (2019) Unit replacement costs from NSET's building survey for Nepal. Provided by the National Society for Earthquake Technology Nepal.
- 24. Nepal, C. B. S. (2011). National Population Census 2011-Nepal [dataset]. Provided by IPUMS International.
- 25. Nepal, C. B. S. (2012)-1. National population and housing census 2011 [National Report]. Gov't of Nepal, Natl Plan Comm Secr Cent Bureau Stat, 1, 1-278
- 26. Nepal, C. B. S. (2012)-2. Village Development Committee GIS data [dataset]. Provided by the National Society for Earthquake Technology Nepal (NSET).
- 27. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Landscan2012: Global Population Data. Oak Ridge, Tennessee: UT Battelle, Department of Energy. Available at http://www.ornl.gov/sci/landscan/landscan\_documentation.shtml
- 28. OpenStreetMap contributors. (2018) Geogabrik Public Server [nepal-latest-free.shp]. Retrieved from https://download.geofabrik.de/asia/nepal.html
- 29. Parajuli, Y.K., Bothara, J.K. and Upadhyay, B.K. (2003). Housing Report-Uncoursed rubble stone masonry walls with timber floor and roof. Nepal. World Housing Encyclopedia–an Encyclopedia–an Encyclopedia–an Encyclopedia–an Encyclopedia of Housing Construction in Seismically Active Area of the World Retrieved from https://www.eeri.org/lfe/pdf/nepal\_uncoursed\_rubble\_stone.pdf
- 30. Pesaresi, M., Ehrilch, D., Florczyk, A.J., Freire, S., Julea, A., Kemper, T., Soille, P. and Syrris, V. (2015): GHS built-up grid, derived from Landsat, multitemporal (1975, 1990, 2000, 2014)
- 31. Porter K., Hu, Z., Huyck, C. and Bevington, J. (2014), User guide: Field sampling strategies for estimating building inventories, GEM Technical Report 2014-02 V1.0.0, 42 pp., GEM Foundation, Pavia, Italy, doi: 10.13117/GEM.DATA-CAPTURE.TR2014.02.
- 32. Syrris, V., Corbane, C., Pesaresi, M., & Soille, P. (2018). Mosaicking Copernicus Sentinel-1 Data at Global Scale. IEEE Transactions on Big Data. Retrieved at http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=8428406&isnumber=7153538
- 33. Wald, D. J., P.S. Earle, K. Porter, K. Jaiswal, and T.I. Allen (2008). Development of the U.S. Geological Survey's Prompt Assessment of Global Earthquakes for Response (PAGER) System, Proc. 14th World Conf. Earth. Eng., Beijing.
- 34. World Housing Encyclopedia, http://www.world-housing.net
- 35. WorldPop(1) (www.worldpop.org School of Geography and Environmental Science, University of Southampton; Department of Geography and Geosciences, University of Louisville; Departement de Geographie, Universite de Namur) and Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University (2018). The spatial distribution of population in 2020, Nepal. From the Global High-Resolution Denominators Project - Funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (OPP1134076).
- 36. Yamazaki, D., Trigg, M. A., & Ikeshima, D. (2015). Development of a global~ 90 m water body map using multi-temporal Landsat images. Remote Sensing of Environment, 171, 337-351.
- 37. Yogeshwar, K.P., Bothara, J.K. and Upadhyay, B.K. (2002). Housing Report-Traditional oval-shaped rural house. Nepal. World Housing Encyclopedia–an Encyclopedia–an Encyclopedia of Housing Construction in Seismically Active Area of the World Retrieved at http://www.world-housing.net/WHEReports/wh100081.pdf

![](_page_45_Picture_38.jpeg)

![](_page_46_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_47_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_48_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_48_Picture_3.jpeg)

Estimates of structural distributions, or mapping schemes, was two-fold. First, a structural engineer conducts a web reconnaissance of any available data regarding both typical construction materials and methodologies within the region, as well as any data inferring structural distribution within the country. Sources such as the World Housing Encyclopedia [WHE], Prompt Assessment of Global Earthquakes for Response [PAGER] (Wald, et al. 2008), and Global Earthquake Model [GEM] (Brzev et al., 2013) were reviewed to identify all known structural types within the country. These preliminary types were validated through the Nepal National Building Code and Google StreetView survey.

After the web reconnaissance the structural engineer begins to formulate the mapping scheme by development pattern. Using the 2011 Nepal VDC-level census data the rural development pattern was assigned a mapping scheme using the building wall material type and number of household value. The building height values for UFB-1 and UFB-5 within the rural development pattern zones were obtained from Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (or IPUMS) data set. Based on discussion with Sharad Wagle, a Nepali Structural Engineer, cement mortar was assumed for those unreinforced masonry structures 5 stories or greater. The increased durability and bonding strength (in comparison to mud mortar) required for multi-story buildings was the logic behind such decisions. For low-rise, rural regions, mud mortar assumed as the bonding agent. For the remaining non-rural development patterns, the field survey data collected by HOTOSM was used to establish the mapping scheme for each of those development pattern types.

![](_page_49_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_49_Picture_5.jpeg)

development pattern.

![](_page_50_Figure_1.jpeg)

Kathmandu Living Labs (KLL). building (2019). In-situ structural type, height, and footprint area polygons of Nepal sampling [dataset]. Provided by Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team.

![](_page_50_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_51_Figure_0.jpeg)

GEM Class	DP1	DP2	DP3	DP4	DP5	DP6	DP7
MUR+ADO/HBET:1,3	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-
MUR+ADO/HBET:4,7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CR/LFINF+DNO/HBET:1,3	49%	37%	14%	28%	8%	17%	19%
CR/LFINF+DNO/HBET:4,7	22%	35%	56%	23%	4%	45%	22%
CR/LFINF+DNO/HBET:8,20	-	1%	3%	-	-	8%	1%
MATO/LN	-	-	-	2%	23%	-	-
S/LFM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S/LFBR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
s/lo	2%	1%	-	9%	-	-	1%
S/LFINF	2%	-	-	3%	-	3%	1%
MUR+CL99/HBET:1,2	16%	13%	5%	30%	54%	14%	32%
MUR+CL99/HBET:3,5	7%	13%	21%	5%	-	13%	22%
w	-	-	-	-	6%	-	1%
W+WWD	1%	-	-	-	6%	-	-

The HOTOSM building survey data was verified by a local in-country engineer (Sharad Wagle) and in-house engineer (Michael Eguchi). All of the mapping schemes are then mapped to the PAGER standard structural types. These structure types are overlaid with the manually delineated development pattern sample polygons to create a refined mapping scheme. A final round of sanity checking is conducted by ImageCat engineers.

Sharad Wagle (NSET) and Michael Eguchi (ImageCat)

![](_page_51_Picture_6.jpeg)

![](_page_52_Figure_1.jpeg)

Development patterns are patterns of construction in a given country that typify the building structure development and density as much as possible. They sometimes correspond with land use, but not always. The development patterns are determined by a structural engineer working with GIS analysts to conduct a web reconnaissance exercise using Google Earth, and structural distribution web searches to characterize the urbanity density and development patterns for each country. For Nepal, the ImageCat engineer characterized 8 development pattern types:

Development Pattern 1: Rural development found outside of city boundaries and is typically associated with agricultural development. The regions typically consist of small, remote villages with single roads in and out. Buildings are typically spaced far apart and are almost exclusively 1 to 2 stories. Local materials and construction practices are generally used and performed in these areas.

Development Pattern 2: This development pattern reflects areas typically dominated by single family residential structures. Commercial properties, such as local markets, are present, however residential structures are the primary occupancy. The built-up area is denser than rural class 1, however open land (yards, vacant lots, etc.) are present and can be observed via satellite imagery. All structures are low-rise, with most in the 1 to 2 story range.

Development Pattern 3: This development pattern is representative of regions with dense residential and commercial development. Apartments are typically located above first floor commercial properties. Structures are predominantly low to mid-rise, with an occasional high-rise structure located within the development pattern. Buildings are tightly spaced.

Development Pattern 4: This development pattern is typically associated with extremely dense, informal settlements. They are usually found within boundaries of large cities and are typically comprised of very small (<100 m<sup>2</sup>) standalone structures with little to no space between adjacent buildings. The settlement is unplanned, therefore there is no organization to the configuration of building layouts. Almost all structures are 1-story and are typically erected using cheap and accessible local materials.

Development Pattern 5: Development pattern 5 is characterized by urban areas predominantly occupied by low to mid-rise residential and commercial structures. An occasional high-rise apartment or office building may be present. These developments are typically found near or around major city centers. Buildings are tightly spaced and are fairly regular in shape.

Development Pattern 6: This development pattern is the central business district of urban areas within the major cities. The region is occupied by low to high-rise apartments and commercial offices. Most structures are under 7stories, however high-rise (8+ stories) can be found within the region. Building footprints are larger than most nonindustrial development patterns. This development pattern will be found only in major cities and along the major, paved roads.

Development Pattern 7: This development pattern is characterized by areas dominated by ports, mining or industrial activities. Structures are typically closely spaced and regular in shape. A majority of buildings within these regions are warehouses, rectangular shape and single story. Smaller low-rise, office and commercial structures can also be found on site.

Development Pattern 8: This development pattern is typically located within the urban region and is comprised of large developments, such as universities. The built-up environment is typically comprised of low to mid-rise structures with large building footprints.

![](_page_52_Picture_11.jpeg)

![](_page_53_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_53_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_55_Picture_1.jpeg)

Using the Nepal census count of household per village development committee (VDC) by wall material type a relationship between the average total building area using structural type was created to calculate total number of buildings for the rural zones.

![](_page_55_Picture_3.jpeg)

NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

![](_page_56_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_56_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_57_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_58_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### **More Examples**

- 275
- To see a continuation of this flowchart example for Nepal, please view <u>this</u> presentation (available from the <u>METEOR training materials for Nepal</u>).
- For more examples of actual metadata documents that have been produced for the METEOR project, see the <u>METEOR Exposure Data</u> site.

![](_page_59_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_60_Picture_0.jpeg)

## **Equity and Bias Considerations**

## **Overview of Equity and Bias Issues**

- We are on the side of justice, right?
- Not necessarily
  - Economic perspective
  - History
  - Bias
  - Data feeds into a larger decision-making framework

![](_page_61_Picture_7.jpeg)

![](_page_61_Picture_8.jpeg)

## Bias in the Exposure Data

- Unhoused, undocumented, and nomadic people more difficult to find (or easy to ignore).
- Mass migration due to conflict, other factors- are missed.
- Informal housing and BIPOC, ethnic minorities ignored or undercounted.
- Some census data is just old.

#### OReuters

#### Citizenship question on U.S. Census would cause Hispanic undercount by millions: study

The Trump administration's proposal to ask a citizenship question on the 2020 U.S. census could lead to an undercount of some 4.2 million...

Mar 22, 2019

--- Mizzima

#### Ethnic minorities missing from census, say Bangladesh activists

![](_page_62_Picture_11.jpeg)

Ethnic minorities have been undercounted in Bangladesh's latest census, Indigenous activists said Thursday, with implications for some of...

🐮 The New York Times

#### 2020 Census Undercounted Hispanic, Black and Native American Residents (Published 2022)

![](_page_62_Picture_15.jpeg)

The Census Bureau said that the overall population total was accurate but that counts of minorities were skewed. Advocacy groups threatened...

Mar 10, 2022

🛯 WBAY

#### Milwaukee challenge says 2020 census undercounted minorities

![](_page_62_Picture_20.jpeg)

The city of Milwaukee has joined the ranks of other major cities challenging their 2020 census figures, claiming the once-a-decade U.S. head...

Dec 20, 2022

#### 📱 Nikkei Asia

#### Pakistan census sparks accusations of manipulation

ISLAMABAD -- Pakistan's outgoing government is taking criticism for allegedly using the recent national census to delay elections for its...

4 weeks ago

![](_page_62_Picture_27.jpeg)

![](_page_62_Picture_29.jpeg)

## Bias in the Exposure Data

- Data is extrapolated from tracts to grids using different assumptions.
- Building footprints more difficult to extract in some rural environments
  - Under tree canopies
  - In mountainous terrain
  - Biased training data
- Data is better where people pay more attention (more assets).

![](_page_63_Picture_7.jpeg)

![](_page_63_Picture_8.jpeg)

## **Adam Smith's Dystopian Hand**

- Those with less power and resources gravitate to higher risk areas (typically).
- Less power means less ability to impact social change.
- Risk analysis may feed into this process.
- When land is reclaimed, important to pay attention to the displaced.
- In some countries, it may mean keep quiet or you'll be cleared out.

![](_page_64_Picture_6.jpeg)

![](_page_64_Picture_7.jpeg)

![](_page_64_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_64_Picture_9.jpeg)

## An Accountant's Perspective

- Risk modeling tools
  - Descend from sophisticated actuarial tools (CAT models)
  - Moved over to FEMA in the 90s,
  - Are a template for international tools
- This means:
  - Money over people (we tried)
  - Buildings over systems
    - Math is hard
    - Data is sparse •
  - Vulnerability focused on engineered construction in developed countries

#### How much does it cost to build this hut?

![](_page_65_Picture_12.jpeg)

Does it matter?

![](_page_65_Picture_14.jpeg)

## An Accountant's Perspective

- Focus on Annualized Losses
  - Annualized losses don't adequately assess the big ones!
  - Less frequent, high-impact events can overwhelm communities- cascading impacts
  - Regions with frequent impact are often better prepared

# How do we price disruption?

![](_page_66_Picture_6.jpeg)

![](_page_66_Picture_7.jpeg)

## Benefit Cost Analysis Does Not Help Society Answer the Question of "Who"

- Wealthy and highly populated cities have better risk consultants.
- Rural and less wealthy areas do not have the expertise.
- Wealthier constituents have more political leverage.
- The equations favor conditions where higher-value property is protected.
- Homeowners over renters
- The equations themselves don't care if the recipients are billionaires.

![](_page_67_Picture_7.jpeg)

"Federal Emergency Management Agency spent disproportionate amounts of money elevating homes in communities that are wealthy or overwhelmingly white"

Source: https://www.politico.com/news/2022/06/16/fema-flood-program-civil-rights-00037261

### An Accountant's Perspective

- Benefit cost analysis-BCA is not designed to address a shifting climate
  - BCA provides a quantitative basis for evaluating investment options. By discounting future benefits, you effectively are comparing the benefit with investing the initial cost with a return that is equivalent to the discount rate. (I wish I would have put the money in the bank)
  - Not suitable for the unique condition where benefits accrue substantially in the future. (Wish I'd paid for the mitigation- or retreated)

Climate change is shifting storm patterns, reducing the frequency of lower-category storms and increasing the occurrence of more destructive Category 4 and 5 storms

• ESG indices show reduced risk!

![](_page_68_Picture_7.jpeg)

Stranded Asset

![](_page_68_Picture_9.jpeg)

## An Accountant's Perspective

Focus on individual properties, not communities

- Mitigation has synergy, difficult to capture
- Vulnerable populations may not align with the site-specific risk
- Identifying risk requires a comprehensive view of the entire community
- Example: Hurricane Katrina's risk from breached levees had distant impacts.

![](_page_69_Picture_6.jpeg)

9<sup>th</sup> Ward needed the levee strengthened, not raised structures

![](_page_69_Figure_8.jpeg)

NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

## **Geographic Precision is Not Accuracy**

- Exposure data that is not based on engineering reports should not be used or publicized at the building level.
- False precision leads to inappropriate decisions that impact people's lives.
- In GIS, more accuracy always seems better- but we need a more holistic perspective.

![](_page_70_Picture_4.jpeg)

## Portland NAACP joins fight over city's earthquake warning

The group says the policy will reinforce gentrification in Portland's historically black neighborhoods.

Chttps://www.oregonlive.com

![](_page_70_Picture_8.jpeg)

### A Conundrum

- Exposure data is essential to understanding risk.
- Exposure data can be used for nefarious purposes in totalitarian regimes.
- Exposure data, lifeline data, can be repurposed for terrorism, conflict.

![](_page_71_Picture_4.jpeg)

"Informal" to "no lateral force-resisting system"

![](_page_71_Picture_6.jpeg)
## So, What Can You Do?

- Contribute to more sophisticated research in the area
- Encourage transparency (but not always openness)
- Protect privacy
- Acknowledge uncertainty
- Aggregate
- Speak up
- Find the accidents waiting to happen



### What questions are we trying to answer?





Case Study: Assessing Climate Change Impacts with Building Exposure Data in Antigua and Barbuda

## National Adaptation Plans (UNFCCC)

The objectives of the national adaptation plan process are:

(a) To reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, by building adaptive capacity and resilience;

(b) To facilitate the integration of climate change adaptation (...) into relevant new and existing policies, programmes and activities...







# The NAP Process



- 1. Analyze current climate and future climate change scenarios and risks
- 2. Assess climate vulnerabilities
- 3. Identify adaptation options
- 4. Review and appraise adaptation options

### TABLE 1. STEPS UNDER EACH OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE FORMULATION OF NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANS, WHICH MAY BE UNDERTAKEN AS APPROPRIATE<sup>a</sup>

#### ELEMENT A. LAY THE GROUNDWORK AND ADDRESS GAPS

- 1. Initiating and launching of the NAP process
- 2. Stocktaking: identifying available information on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and assessing gaps and needs of the enabling environment for the NAP process
- 3. Addressing capacity gaps and weaknesses in undertaking the NAP process
- 4. Comprehensively and iteratively assessing development needs and climate vulnerabilities

#### ELEMENT B. PREPARATORY ELEMENTS

- 1. Analysing current climate and future climate change scenarios
- 2. Assessing climate vulnerabilities and identifying adaptation options at the sector, subnational, national and other appropriate levels
- 3. Reviewing and appraising adaptation options
- 4. Compiling and communicating national adaptation plans
- 5. Integrating climate change adaptation into national and subnational development and sectoral planning

#### **ELEMENT C. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES**

- 1. Prioritizing climate change adaptation in national planning
- 2. Developing a (long-term) national adaptation implementation strategy
- 3. Enhancing capacity for planning and implementation of adaptation
- 4. Promoting coordination and synergy at the regional level and with other multilateral environmental agreements

#### ELEMENT D. REPORTING, MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 1. Monitoring the NAP process
- 2. Reviewing the NAP process to assess progress, effectiveness and gaps
- 3. Iteratively updating the national adaptation plans
- 4. Outreach on the NAP process and reporting on progress and effectiveness

#### Technical guidelines for the NAP



### 1. Analyze Current Climate and Future Climate Change Scenarios and Risks



### HAZARDS

Hazards considered:

- Tropical Cyclone Wind and Surge
- Extreme Temperature
- Extreme Rainfall
- Sea Level Rise



Stochastic Wind Field Model 3-second gust at 10-meters elevation

in open terrain (m/s)





Hist mid 21st end 21st

**Regional Climate Model Rainfall Projections** 

driven by HadGEM2-ES (1 of 3 downscaled Global Climate Models)

12 km downscaled climate data from the UK

Met Office was a key component in the

climate change risk modeling process



**RCP 8.5** 

Late 21st

century

change in

annual rain

rom historic

(mm)



### **Climate Change Risk Modeling**



### 2030 to 2100



### **Building Exposure Development**





- ~98 GIS layers
- LIDAR data
- Building footprints
- Valuation from parcel level data
- Essential facilities- several places
- Utility datasets



Use detailed elevation data- Digital Surface-Terrain to yield heightthen stories



### **Building Exposure**





NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

### **Average Annual Loss**



### **100-Year Event**







## 2. Assess Climate Vulnerabilities

- **Vulnerability**: The degree to which a system is susceptible to, or unable to cope with, adverse effects of climate change, including climate variability and extremes. Vulnerability is a function of the character, magnitude and rate of climate variation to which a system is exposed, its sensitivity and its adaptive capacity.
- Adaptive capacity: The ability of a system to adjust to climate change in order to moderate potential damages, to take advantage of opportunities or to cope with the consequences.
- **Exposure**: The presence of people, infrastructure, natural systems, and economic, cultural, and social resources in areas that are subject to climate hazards.
- **Sensitivity**: The degree to which a species, natural system, or community, government, and other associated systems would be affected by exposure to a changing climate.
- **Potential Impact**: Potential negative effects on a system, population, or asset based on its exposure and sensitivity to a climate hazard.

<u>UNFCCC Glossary</u> <u>California Adaptation Planning Guide</u>







# ScorePotential ImpactAdaptive CapacityLowImpact is unlikely based on projected<br/>climate hazards; would result in minor<br/>consequences to the sector.The population, organization (business)<br/>or asset lacks capacity to manage climate<br/>impact; major changes would be

		required.
Medium	Impact is somewhat likely based on projected climate hazards; would result in some consequences to the sector.	The population, organization (business) or asset has some capacity to manage climate impact; some changes would be required.
High	Impact is highly likely based on projected climate hazards; would result in substantial consequences to the sector.	The population, organization (business) or asset has high capacity to manage climate impact; minimal to no changes are required.

### California Adaptation Planning Guide



Potential

Sensitivity

Exposure



**Let** Stakeholder consultations

Adaptive



# **Vulnerability Scoring**

### **Data Sources**









**Risk Modelling** 

Stakeholder Consultations Reports on Past Events



NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

### **Climate Hazards**









#### 100-year Event RCP8.5 Total





NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling

### **Vulnerability: Thematic Areas**









Buildings

### Lifeline / Critical Infrastructure

Supply Chain

Economic

### Hurricane Vulnerability Example

Hazard	Thematic Area	Vulnerability Description	
Hurricane	Buildings	Certain commercial buildings in Antigua and Barbuda are likely to be damaged by	
		wind from hurricanes and impacts are projected to become more severe by 2050.	5





## **Supply Chain Vulnerability Examples**

Hazard	Thematic	Vulnerability Description	Vulnerability	
	Area			
Hurricane	Supply	Hurricanes directly impacting Antigua and Barbuda cause disruptions to supply chains		
	Chain	due to impacts on shipping operations affecting trade. Hurricanes impacting overseas		
		suppliers cause disruptions to supply chains.	5	
Sea Level	Supply	Rising sea levels and frequent flooding increases the vulnerability of ports in Antigua		
Rise	Chain	and Barbuda. The risk of disruption to port operations is expected to increase in the		
		medium term.	4	

# Respond to these statements - and share with us the level of potential impacts on your business



🕍 Mentimeter



### Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Exa

Thematic

Area

Infrastructure climate change.

Critical

Hazard

Rise

Rise

Sea Level Economic

Sea Level Lifeline /

e Vulnerability Examples	- 17	ę
Vulnerability Description	Vulnerability Score	
Under sea level rise projections, beach will be lost to sea and erosion is expected to accelerate. This phenomenon directly affects the profitability of the tourism sector and		

	-	04
· · · ·		

may indirectly affect commercial businesses.

Some areas may become completely inaccessible during coastal flood events due to

flooded or damaged roads, which will be progressively exacerbated through time due to



5

2

### 3. Identify Adaptation Actions: 4 Key Areas

Adaptation Actions: 4 Key Areas



Physical Adaptation and Policy Planning



Climate-Proofing Buildings



Financing and Financial Instruments for Adaptation Training, Capacity Building,

Knowledge Transfer for Climate Adaptation & Business Continuity Planning



# 3. & 4. Identify and Review Adaptation Actions (Examples)

Area	Action	Co-benefit	Cost	Timeframe
Physical Adoptotion and	Building code implementation and enforcement	Yes	\$\$\$	Medium-Long
Adaptation and Policy	Building retrofit programs	Yes	\$\$\$	Medium
	Building elevated structures	Yes	\$\$	Medium-Long
	Zoning / land use planning	Yes	\$\$\$\$	Long
	Encouraging and incentivizing the use of pervious and climate-smart surfaces in new development	Yes	\$\$	Short
Climate- proofing buildings	Use hurricane shutters and other impact resistance coverings for openings	Yes	\$	Short
	Install roof-to-wall anchorage via hurricane straps and improved nailing of roofs	Yes	\$	Short
	Increase presence of cool roofs and cool walls	Yes	\$\$	Medium
	Use water membranes to prevent roof leakage	Yes	\$	Short
	Install barriers to keep flood waters out of building	Yes	\$	Short



## 3. & 4. Identify and Review Adaptation Actions (Examples)

Area	Action	Co-benefit	Cost	Timeframe
Financing and Financial	Work with the insurance sector or other developmental organizations to introduce climate change-related microinsurance schemes	Yes, but limited	\$\$\$	Medium
Instruments	Improve access to finance after disasters for MSMEs, utilizing business assets and accounts as bank account collateral	Yes	\$\$\$	Medium
	Support the collaborative development of solutions to address the insurability gap by working with the government and other insurance programs in the region	Yes	\$\$\$	Medium-Long
	Strengthen dialogue between insurers and policymakers around Build Back Better	Yes, depends on stakeholder engagement	\$\$	Short
	Provide access to climate-proofing financing, rebates, and incentives for building owners	Yes	\$\$	Medium
Training, Capacity	Have an emergency plan with business continuity, considering climate change effects	Yes	\$	Short
Building and Knowledge Transfer	Develop and deliver education and training resources to equip MSMEs with an understanding of climate projections and climate risk in their business	Yes	\$	Short
	Increase access to business-related emergency preparedness and mitigation resources	Yes	\$	Short
	Supply Chain Management: Identifying alternative suppliers, off-site inventory of goods, stress testing and scenario planning	Yes	\$\$\$	Medium
	Create a compendium of climate change adaptation practices	Yes	\$	Short





# **Closing Thoughts, Future Directions**

### **Future Directions**

- More AI in exposure development
- More detailed in situ data:
  - Streetview, UAVs...







# **Computer Tech Hardware**



Lower Production Capacity





- Al can introduce more bias
- The use of detailed in situ data can aggravate privacy and security concerns









# Part 3: **Summary**

### Summary

- What is exposure data, and how is it used in the loss estimation process?
- The basic process of developing exposure data
- Structural mapping scheme development and building sampling
- Case Study: walkthrough of building exposure data for Tunisia



Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling **Summary** 

# **Training Summary**

### Part 1: Development of Regional Exposure Data with Earth Observations

- What is exposure data, and how is it used in the loss estimation process?
- The basic process of developing exposure data
- Structural mapping scheme development and building sampling
- Case Study: walkthrough of building exposure data for Tunisia

### Part 2: Development of Site-specific Exposure Data with Earth Observations

- Developing a building-level exposure data set for HAZUS Flood Study in New York
- Using Earth Observations to develop a building structures dataset
- Case study: Sampling from streetview to characterize vulnerability

### Part 3: Assessing Utility and Communicating Uncertainty

- Exposure data best practices
- Developing and understanding metadata
- Equity and bias considerations
- Case study: Assessing climate change impacts with building exposure data in Antigua and Barbuda





### **Homework and Certificates**

- Homework:
  - One homework assignment
  - Opens on 10/10/2023
  - Access from the <u>training webpage</u>
  - Answers must be submitted via Google Forms
  - Due by 24/10/2023
- Certificate of Completion:
  - Attend all three live webinars (attendance is recorded automatically)
  - Complete the homework assignment by the deadline
  - You will receive a certificate via email approximately two months after completion of the course.



# **Contact Information**

275

Trainers:

- Charles Huyck
  - <u>ckh@imagecatinc.com</u>
- Paul Amyx
  - gre@imagecatinc.com
- Michael Eguchi
  - <u>mte@imagecatinc.com</u>
- Marina Mendoza
  - <u>mtm@imagecatinc.com</u>
- Brock Blevins
  - brock.blevins@nasa.gov

- ARSET Website
- Follow us on Twitter!
  - <u>@NASAARSET</u>
- ARSET YouTube

Visit our Sister Programs:

- DEVELOP
- SERVIR


## Acknowledgements



The NASA Applied Sciences Disasters Program (NASA Grant NH18ZDA001N) and Shanna McClain, Program Manager for NASA's Disasters program area of NASA's Earth Science Applied Sciences Program

UK Space Agency, British Geological Survey and the METEOR project

Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal

USAID, Miyamoto International, OpenStreetMap, Keith Porter of SPA, and the Global Earthquake Model

Antigua and Barbuda Government, United Republic of Tanzania

Robert Chen, Director of Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN)

Carolynne Hultquist, University of Canterbury

Yuri Gorokhovich, Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences, City University of New York (Lehman College)







## **Thank You!**



NASA ARSET – Transforming Earth Observation (EO) Data into Building Infrastructure Data Sets for Disaster Risk Modeling