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Efforts to Apply High-Level Technologies in Central and West Asian Countries

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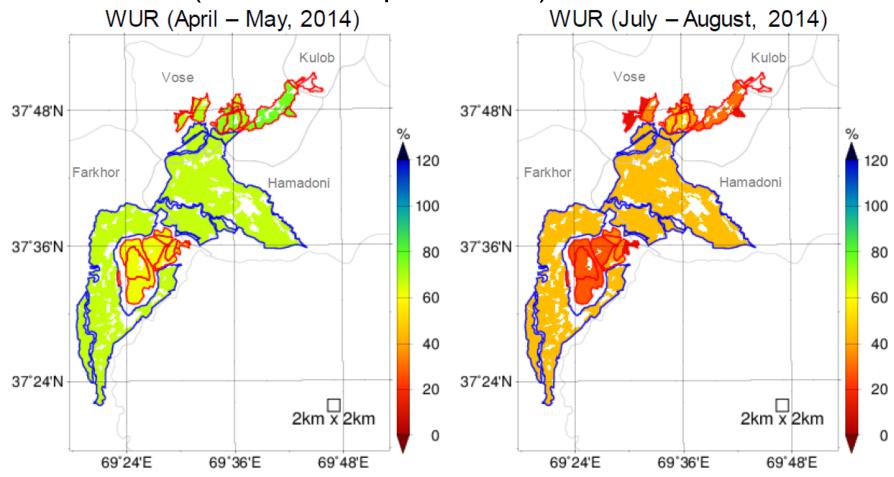
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Central and West Asia Tajikistan – Pyanj River WR Project Satellite-based M&E for Irrigation System

- Rehabilitation and modernization of an existing irrigation system (about 50,000 ha).
- Approved in September 2016
- Application of satellite remote sensing technology for monitoring and assessing irrigation performance.
 - Model developed during project preparation in 2016 = baseline data
 - Assessment of updated conditions at the end of the project in 2022 (and future)

Tajikistan – Pyanj River WR Project Satellite-based M&E for Irrigation System

 Monitor and evaluate system performance by water use ratio (Actual ET/ Optimum ET)



Challenges in Applying Satellite-based Technologies in DMCs

- Need quality ground observation data for better estimate;
- Need high-spec computers (servers), stable and high-speed internet connections, and stable electric supply; and
- Need competent and experienced national experts for enabling periodical updates and sustainable use.



Potential in DMCs Mobile Applications

Monitoring at field level:

 TAJ: Pyanj River WR project – Field flow discharge measurements in the irrigation system and discharge data transfer to the server

<u>Information dissemination to and collection from a small farmer level:</u>

- AFG: Arghandab Integrated Water Resources Project (Raising existing multi-purpose dam and development and rehabilitation of irrigation systems)
 - Agricultural extension advisory and information sharing (e.g. farm development cost information, crop recommendations, market information, "how to do" video, climate-resilience knowledge, etc.)
 - Water allocation and availability information.