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Advances in Use of Technology and Partnerships for Disaster Risk Assessment and Key Lessons

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Disaster Risk Assessment

- Identification and estimation of hazards
- Identify elements at risk in areas that could potentially be affected by hazard events – Exposure
- Identify vulnerability
- Estimate risk, combining the likelihood characteristics and exposure and vulnerability



Increased understanding on disaster risk assessment

- Risk evolves and must be managed on an ongoing basis, and
- DRM requires many partners working cooperatively and sharing information



Hazard

- High resolution digital elevation data for coastal and flood plains
- Real time and historical hydromet info in digital formats
- Data on displacement of land mass after an earthquake
- Creating and providing open access to many global and national data sets



Exposure

- Global data sets on population, settlement,
- National data from various ministries and statistics authorities are increasingly released for public use
- Local Open, crowd-sourcing techniques (e.g 160,000 building mapped in Indonesia using Openstreet Map)



Exposure contd.

 Mapping foot print and exposure details of houses





Vulnerability functions

Development country specific vulnerability functions for the local building stock. eg. Philippines Indonesia Nepal Bangladesh

Risk Modelling , Visualization and Communication

- Open quake
- CAPRA
- InASAFE
- Geo Node





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Properties with Above Floor Inundation

Gauge Height below 5.0 metres 5.0 to 6.0 metres 6.0 to 6.5 metres 6.5 to 7.0 metres above 7.0 metres

Partnerships: Public, Private, NGOs & Academic

- OpenQuake Global Earthquake Model
- Willis Research Network initiative
- The Understanding Risk community of practice
- Various country cases: Philippines, Bangladesh, Nepal, Armenia



Key Lessons

- Ownership of risk assessment process and efforts to reduce risk – involve stakeholders from the very beginning
- Promote inter-disciplinary and multi-sectoral collaboration at all levels from community to international
- Well-targeted education and communication of risk information can increase awareness of natural hazards and their potential impacts.
- Understand and communicate the limitation of risk information
- Promote the generation of open data