

How USAID/OFDA Uses Geoscience to Reduce the Impact of Geological Disasters Worldwide

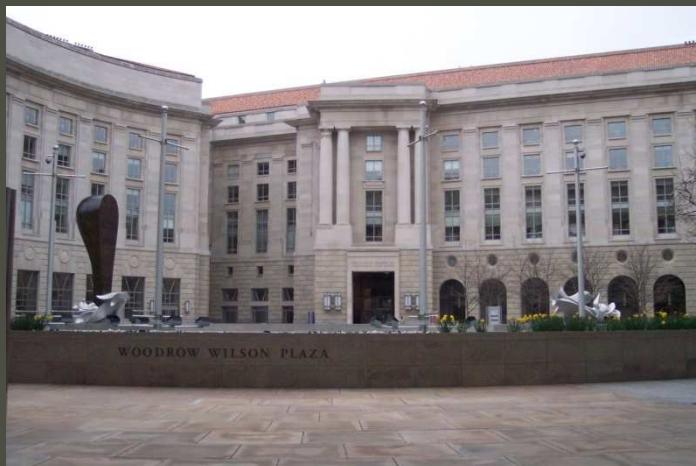


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What is USAID?

The U.S. Agency for International Development is the independent federal government agency that provides foreign assistance and humanitarian aid to advance the political and economic interests of the United States.

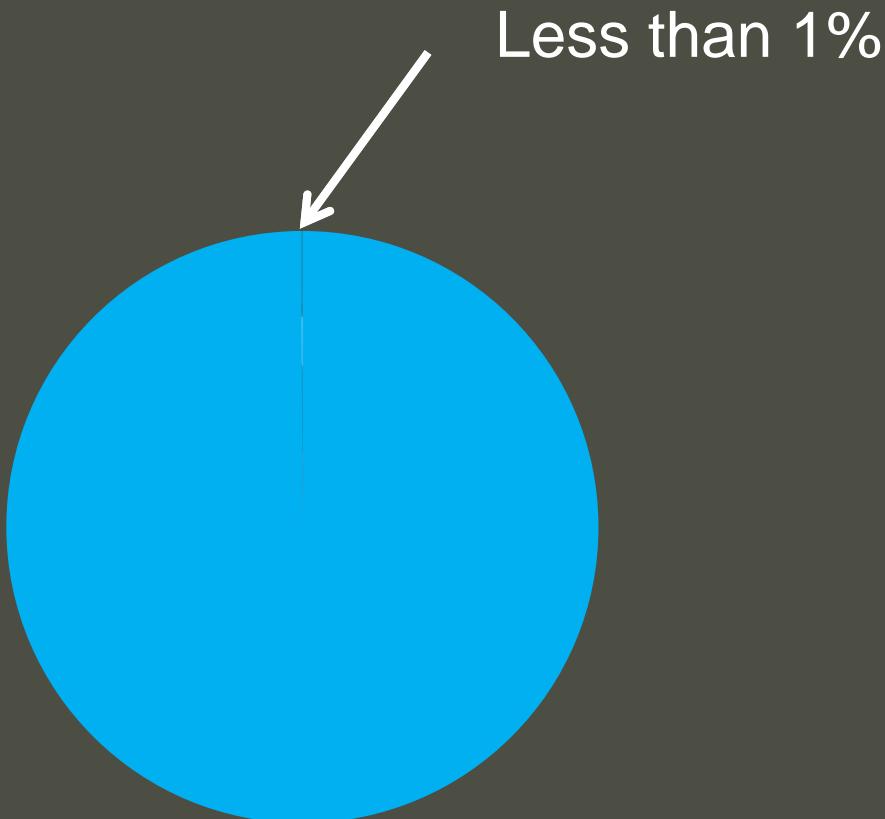


What USAID Does:

- Economic growth & trade
 - Agriculture
 - Global health
- Conservation of natural resources
 - Democracy and governance
 - Education, and...
 - Humanitarian assistance



How Much Does U.S. Foreign Aid Cost?



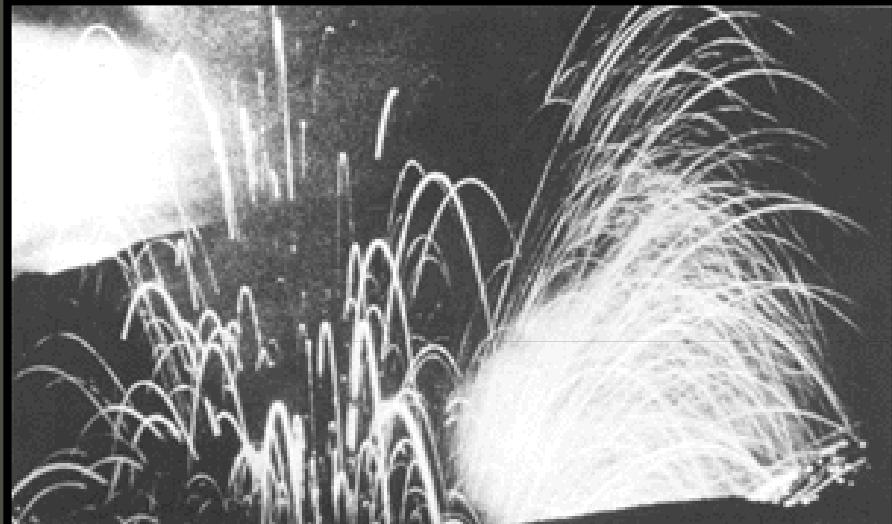
Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance

As the U.S. government agency charged with providing humanitarian relief on behalf of the American people, USAID provides both short- and long-term humanitarian assistance.



Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance

40+ Years of Disaster Assistance



**1963, Irazu Volcano in
Costa Rica**



**1963, Skopje Earthquake in
Former Yugoslavia**



OFDA's Responsibility

- Within the US Agency for International Development (**USAID**), the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (**OFDA**) is responsible for coordinating humanitarian assistance from the US government in response to international crises and disasters

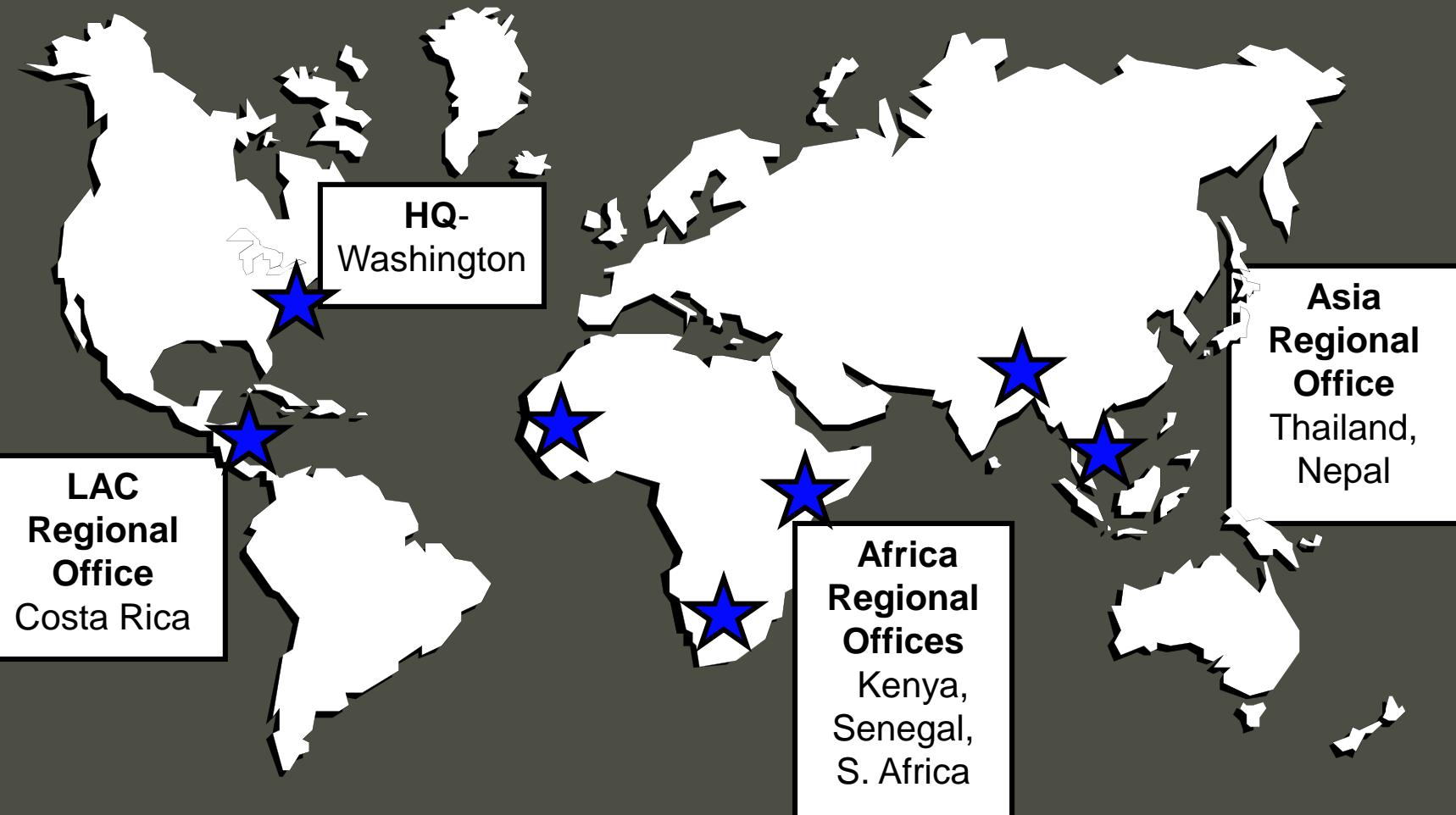


OFDA's Mandate

- **Save lives**
- **Alleviate human suffering**
- **Reduce the economic and social impact of disasters**

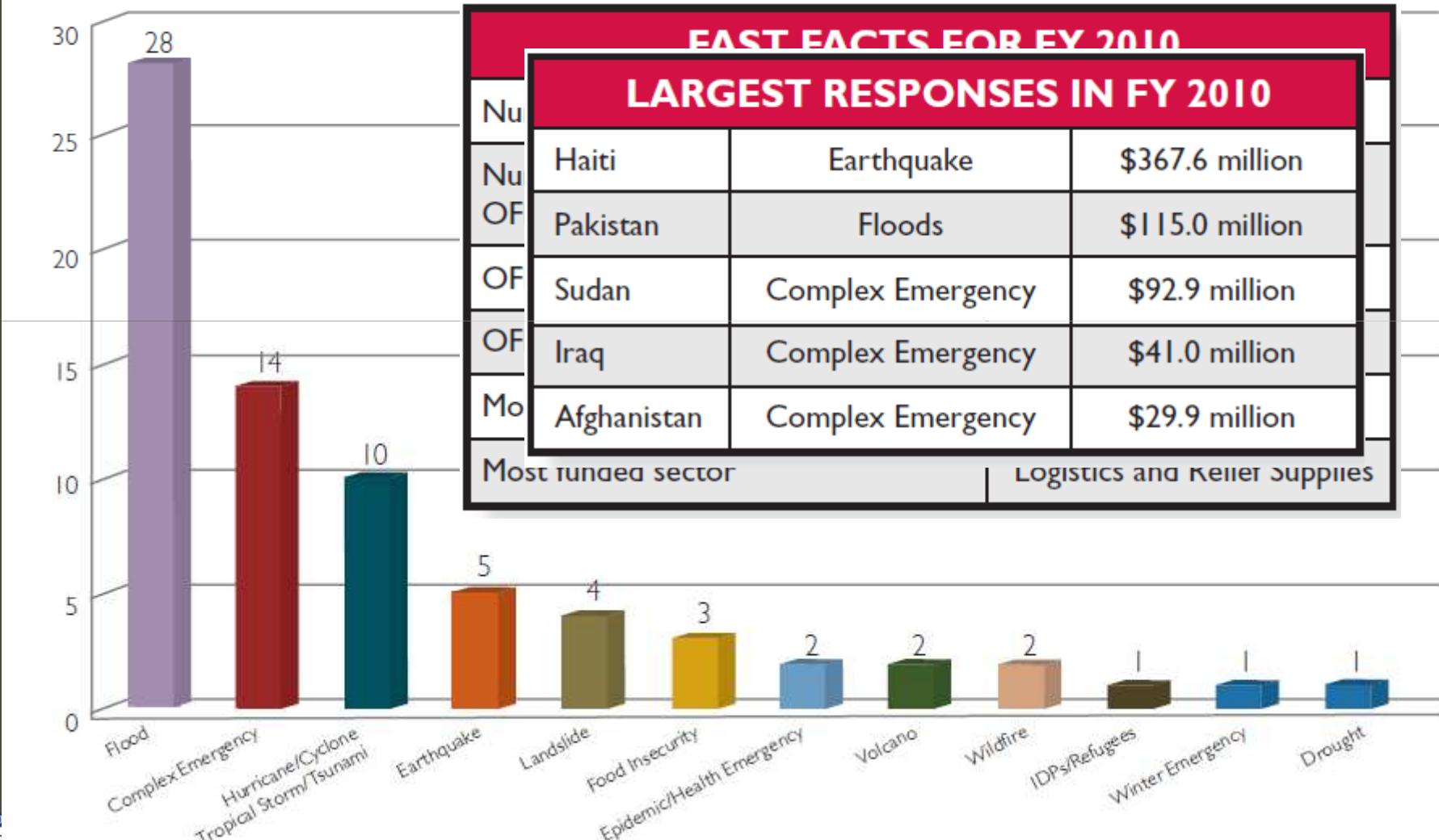


OFDA Regional Offices



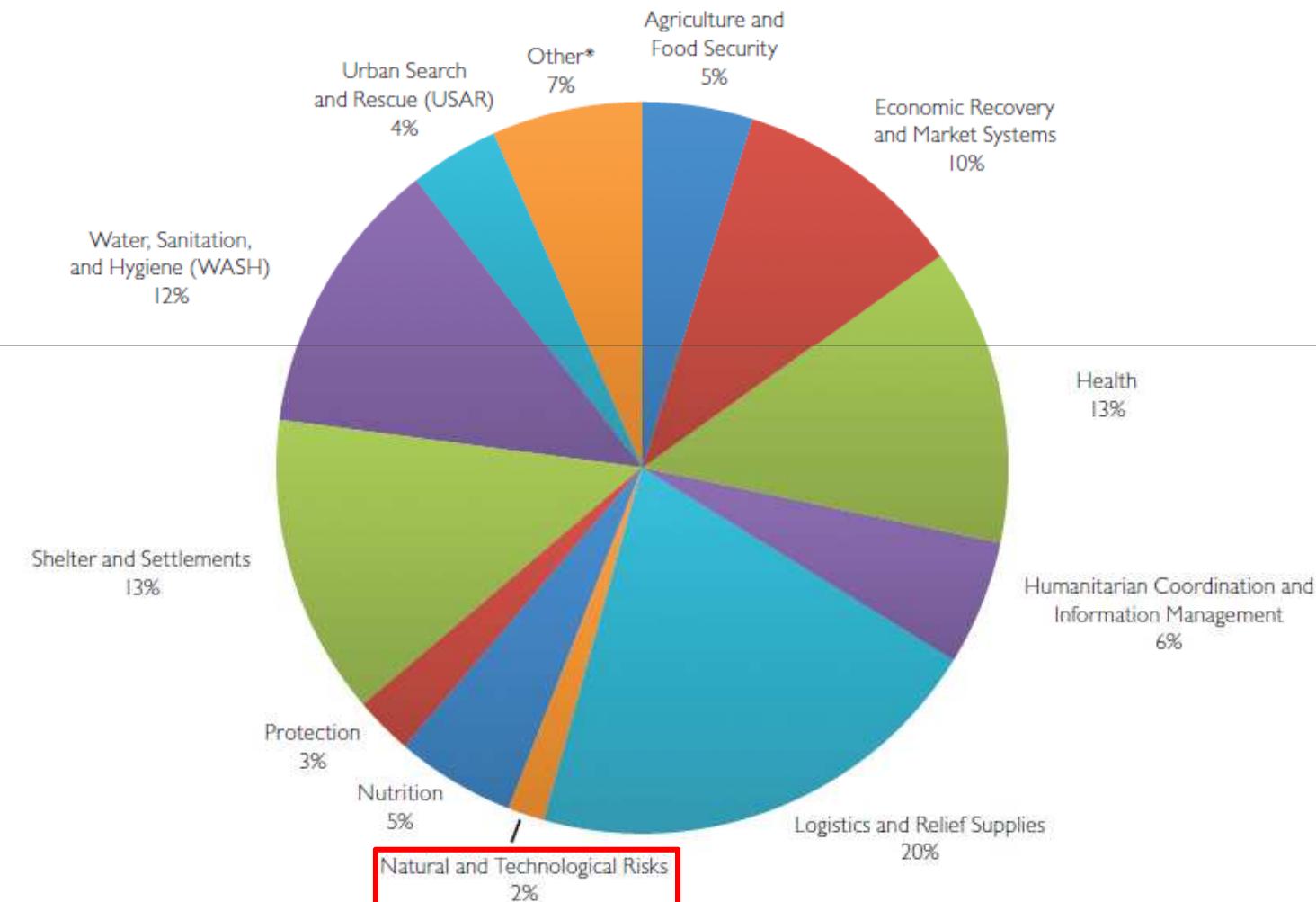
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Types of Disasters Requiring OFDA Assistance



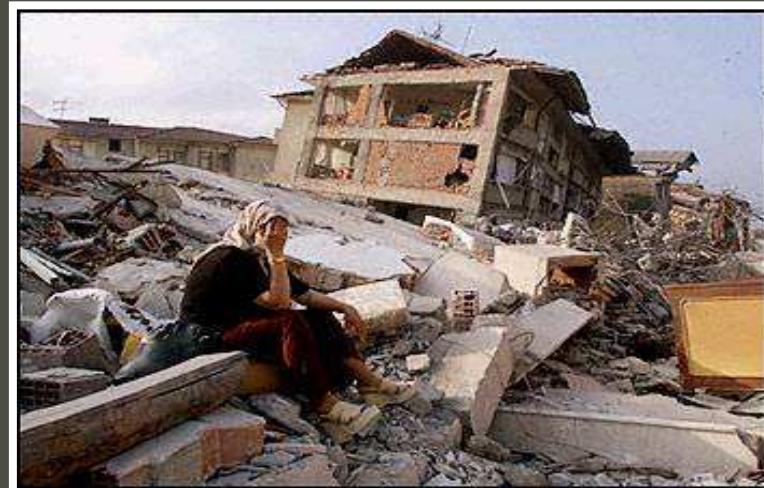
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OFDA Funding By Sector



USAID/OFDA's DRR Programs

- OFDA believes that mitigation and preparedness can reduce the impact of disasters
- FY 2011 \$91 million
- Develop DRR strategies with U.N. and WB Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery
- Technical assistance specialists help guide DRR activities



Volcano DRR

- Nov. 13, 1985 Nevado Del Ruiz erupted, killing over 23,000 people in Amero
- No international team of volcanologists
- In 1986 VDAP was formed



Volcano DRR

Volcano Disaster Assistance Program

What: 25-year partnership between USAID/OFDA & USGS

Who: World's most experienced volcano crisis-response team

Why: Prevent volcanic crises from becoming disasters

How: By invitation only
Work in background with counterparts
Response and capacity building



[http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/
vdap/](http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/vdap/)



Volcanoes Where VDAP Teams Have Been Deployed



- 26 major crises in 25 years
- Infrastructure built in 12 countries

- 10's of thousands of lives saved
- 100's of \$ millions in property savings

Volcano Disaster Assistance Program



In FY11

- 4 Crisis Responses (red)
- 19 Remote Assistance (blue)
- 18 Trainings (green)
- 2 Large Capacity Building Projects
- 28 volcanoes in 6 countries



CVGHM & VDAP Response to Merapi, 2010

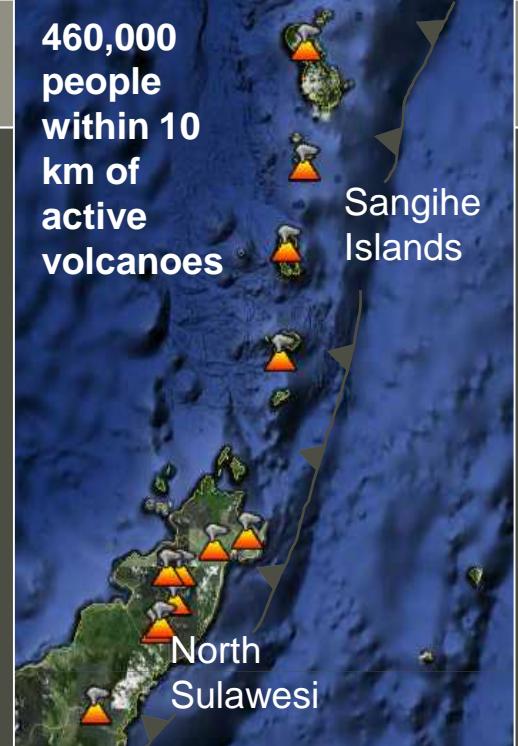
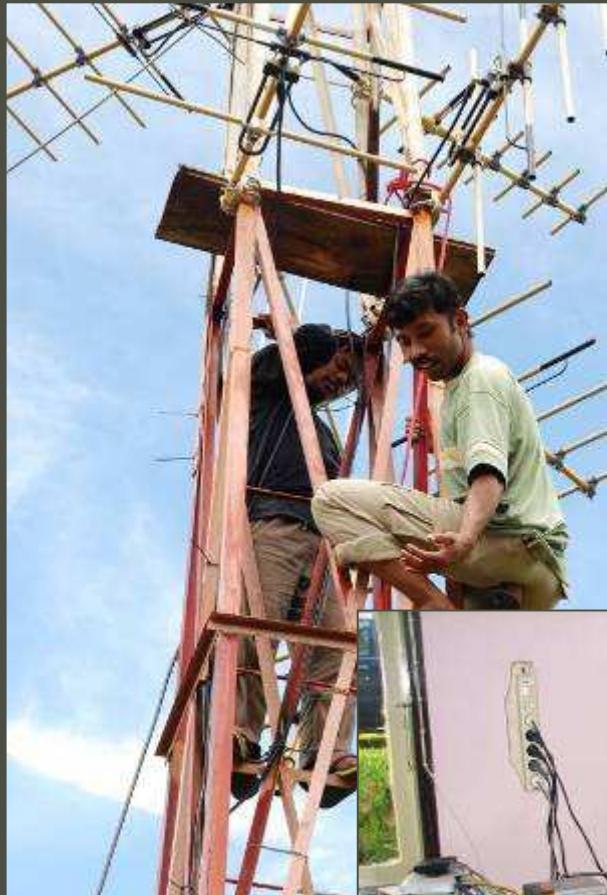


25-26 Oct. 2010



- CVGHM correctly anticipated large explosive eruption
- 25 October, 18:00 - CVGHM issued Level 4 Alert; Evacuations to 10 km
- 26 October, 17:02 - 23 hours later; large explosive eruption (VEI 3) – Deadly pyroclastic flows to 8 km
- Mbah Marigian & ~30 who refused to evacuate killed at Kinahrejo, 7 km from summit
- Thousands of lives saved by Alert and evacuations
- 27-30 October, people return to homes...

Capacity Building



Earthquake DRR

- Improve the understanding of historical earthquakes
- Improve seismic monitoring
- Create detailed earthquake-hazard maps and improved building codes
- Educate at-risk communities
- Improve response



Earthquake Disaster Assistance Team

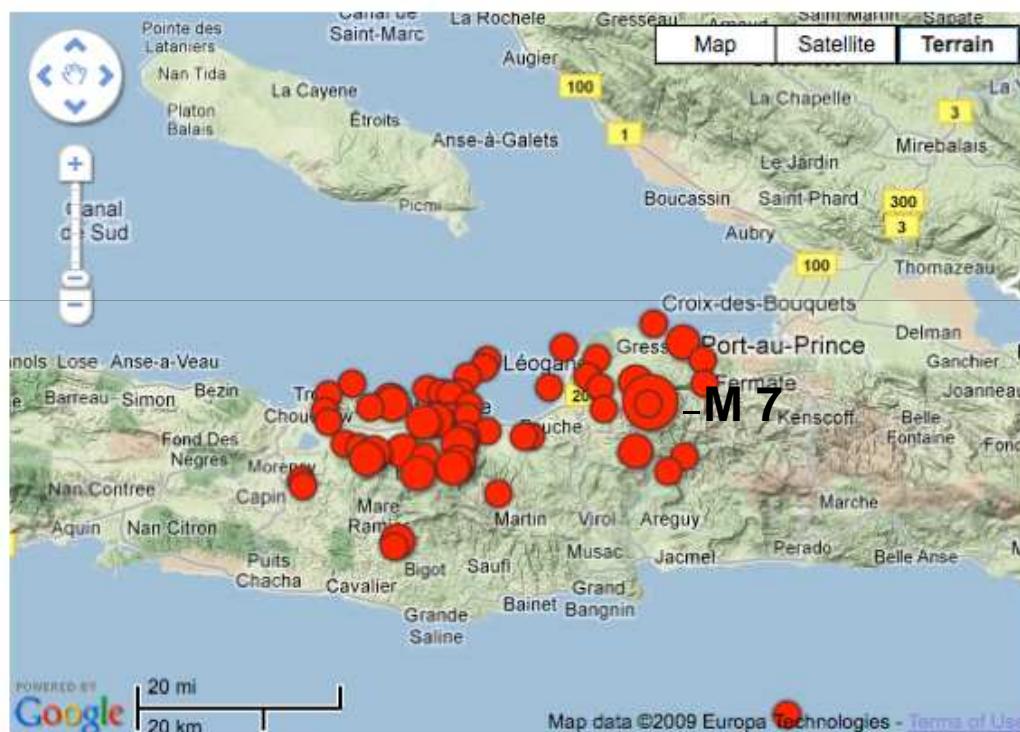
- Roster of US Geological Survey seismologists
- Liaise with other seismological groups
- By invitation
- Work in background with counterparts
- Response and capacity building



Haiti Jan 12 Earthquake

M7.0 Haiti Earthquake and Aftershocks

Last Updated: 25 January 2010, 20:57:38 UTC



Legend



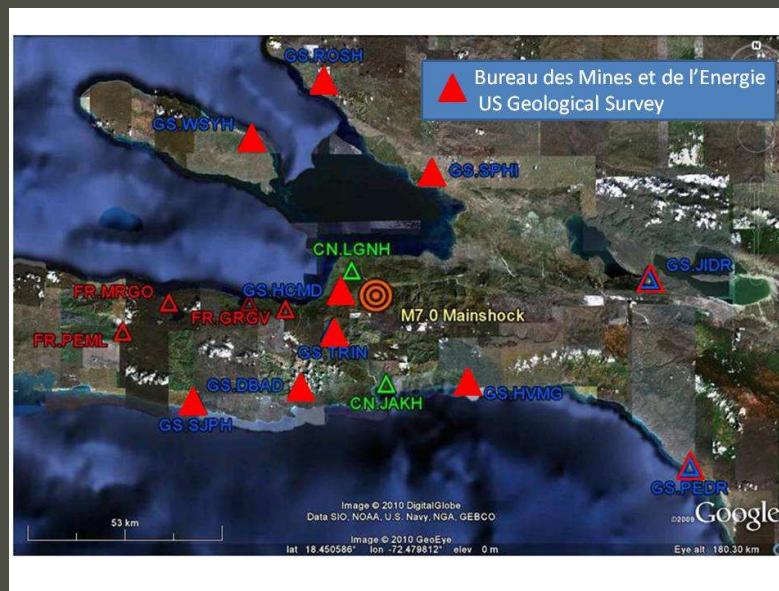
EDAT: Seismometer Deployment

Before EDAT



Haiti had one poorly functioning seismometer before the earthquake

After EDAT

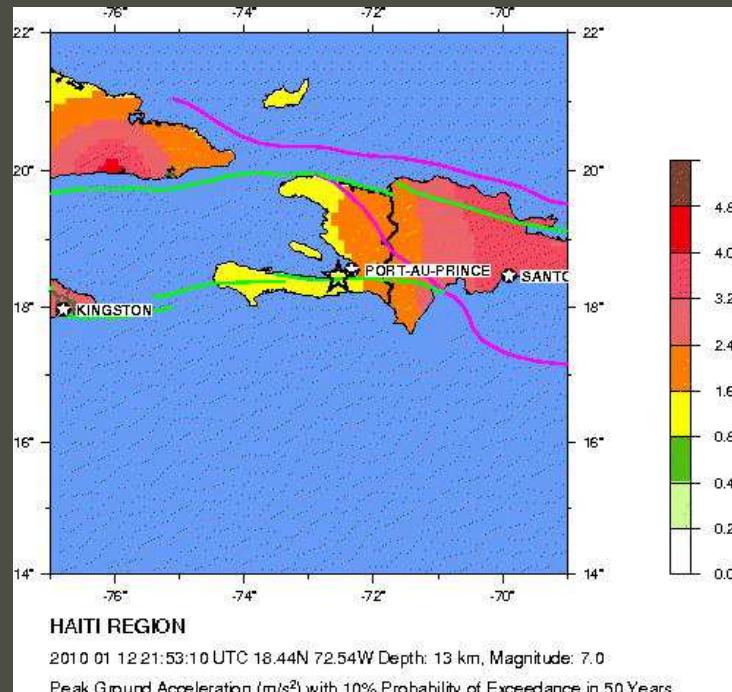


USGS and BME installed several seismometers around Haiti (red triangles)

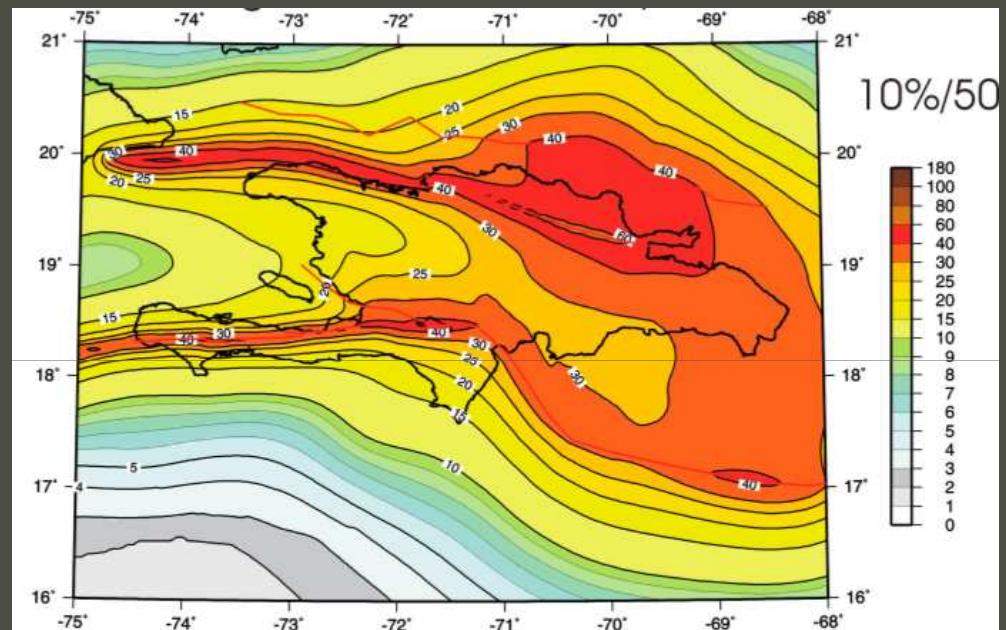


EDAT: Seismic Hazard Assessment

Before EDAT



After EDAT



Only a general seismic hazard map of Haiti existed before the earthquake

EDAT and colleagues produced a more detailed seismic hazard map



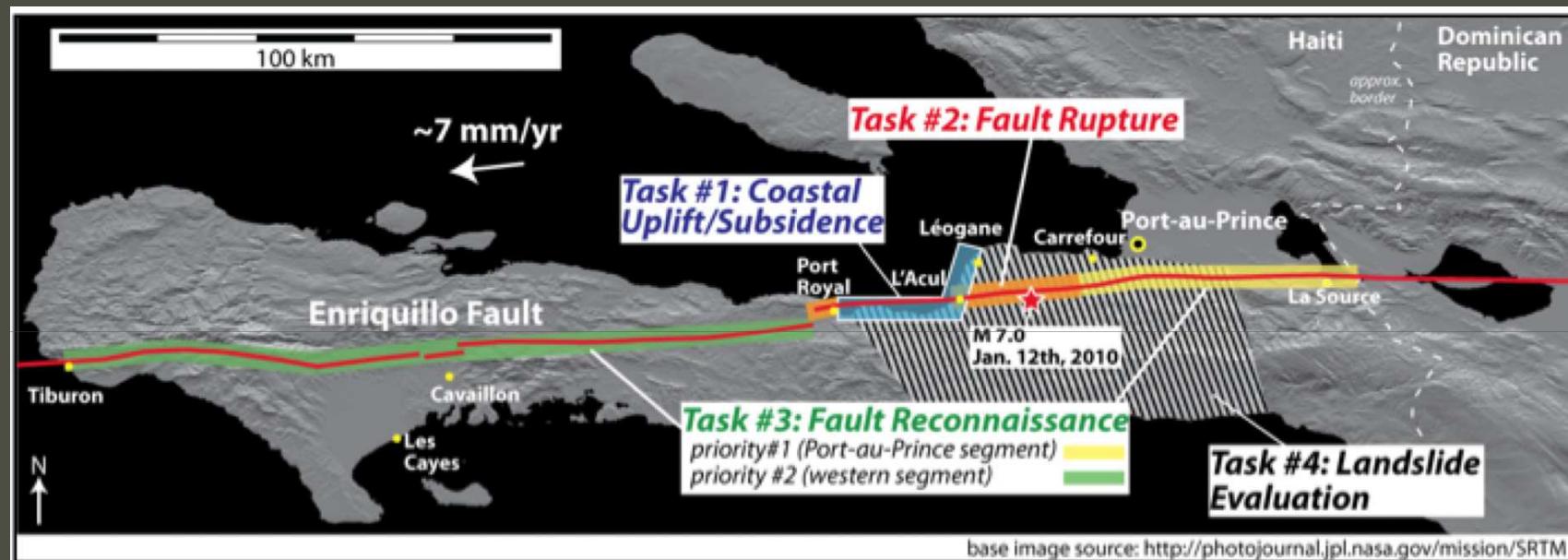
EDAT: Landslide Assessment



Fig. 5. Preliminary inventory map of landslides triggered by the January 12, 2010, Haiti



EDAT: Geology Assessment



Impact of EDAT in Haiti

- Scientific results: risk mitigation
 - Small surface rupture found
 - More accurate seismic hazard map
 - Future landslides were assessed
 - Structure of the fault was characterized, leading to better microzonation information for Port-au-Prince
- Training, capacity building
 - BME colleagues will be trained at USGS
 - Funds from other USAID offices was obtained to install a permanent 5-station seismic network
 - USGS hopes to continue their relationship with BME



Outreach in Haiti



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2006 May 26 22:53:58 UTC

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Earthquake Details

Magnitude	6.3 (Strong)
Date-Time	Friday, May 26, 2006 at 22:53:58 UTC = Coordinated Universal Time Saturday, May 27, 2006 at 03:53:58 UTC = local time at epicenter Time of Earthquake in other Time Zones
Location	7.962°S, 110.458°E
Depth	10 km (6.2 miles) set by
Region	JAVA, INDONESIA
Distances	20 km (10 miles) SSE of 110 km (70 miles) S of Sumbawa 150 km (95 miles) SE of Sulawesi 455 km (285 miles) ESE of Bali
Location Uncertainty	horizontal +/- 7.5 km (4.6 miles)
Parameters	Nst=130, Nph=130, Dmin=220.2 km, Rmss=1.4 sec, Gp= 43°, M-type=teleseismic moment magnitude (Mw), Version=9
Source	USGS NEIC (WDCCS-D)
Event ID	usneb6

This event has been reviewed by a seismologist.

[Did you feel it?](#)

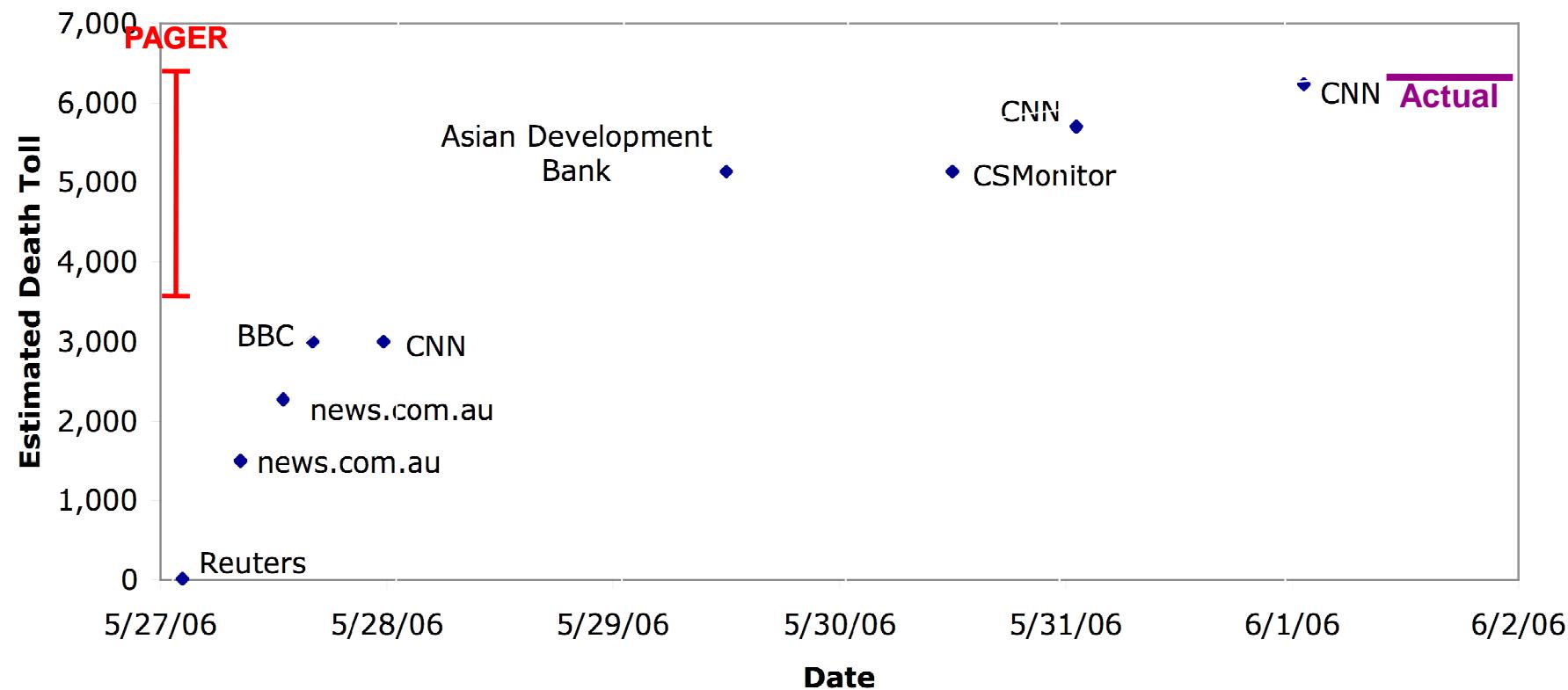
Report shaking and damage at your location. You can also view a map displaying accumulated data from your report and others.

Magnitude & Epicenter

News Accounts

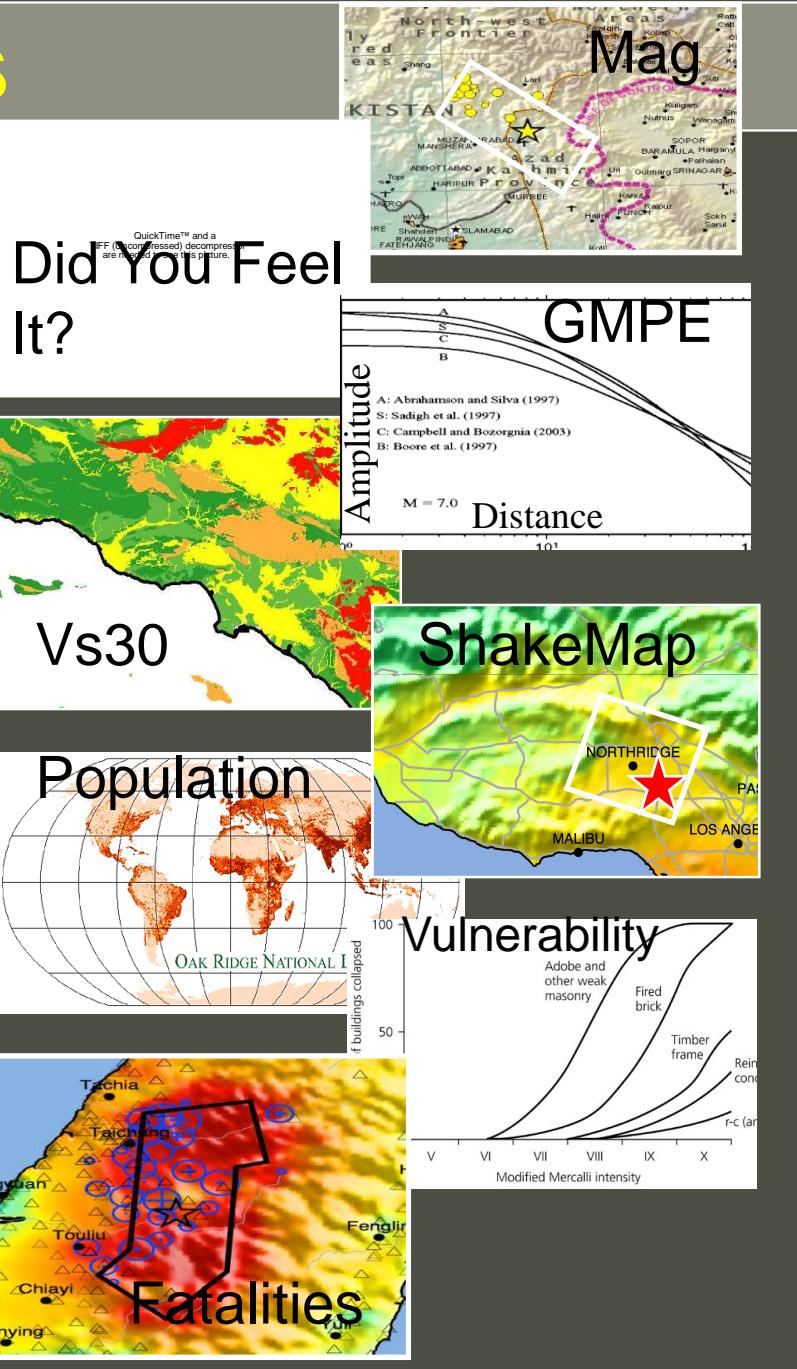
~ hours to days

Timeline : Estimated Death Toll Java 5/27 Earthquake



PAGER Ingredients

- Earthquake Information (location, magnitude, & rupture dimensions)
- Shaking Observations & Intensities
- Ground Motion Prediction Equations
- Site Conditions (Site Amplification)
- ShakeMap Shaking Estimates
- Population database
- Region-specific vulnerabilities
- Past earthquake database for calibration



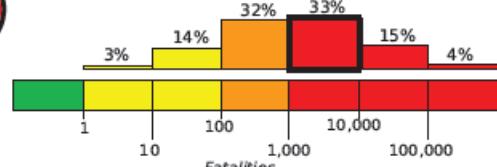
M 7.2, EASTERN TURKEY

Origin Time: Sun 2011-10-23 10:41:21 UTC (13:41:21 local)

Location: 38.63°N 43.49°E Depth: 20 km

Created: 1 day, 3 hours after earthquake

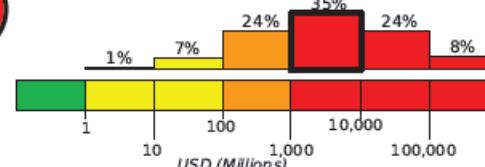
Estimated Fatalities



Red alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. High casualties and extensive damage are probable and the disaster is likely widespread. Past red alerts have required a national or international response.

Estimated economic losses are 0-1% GDP of Turkey.

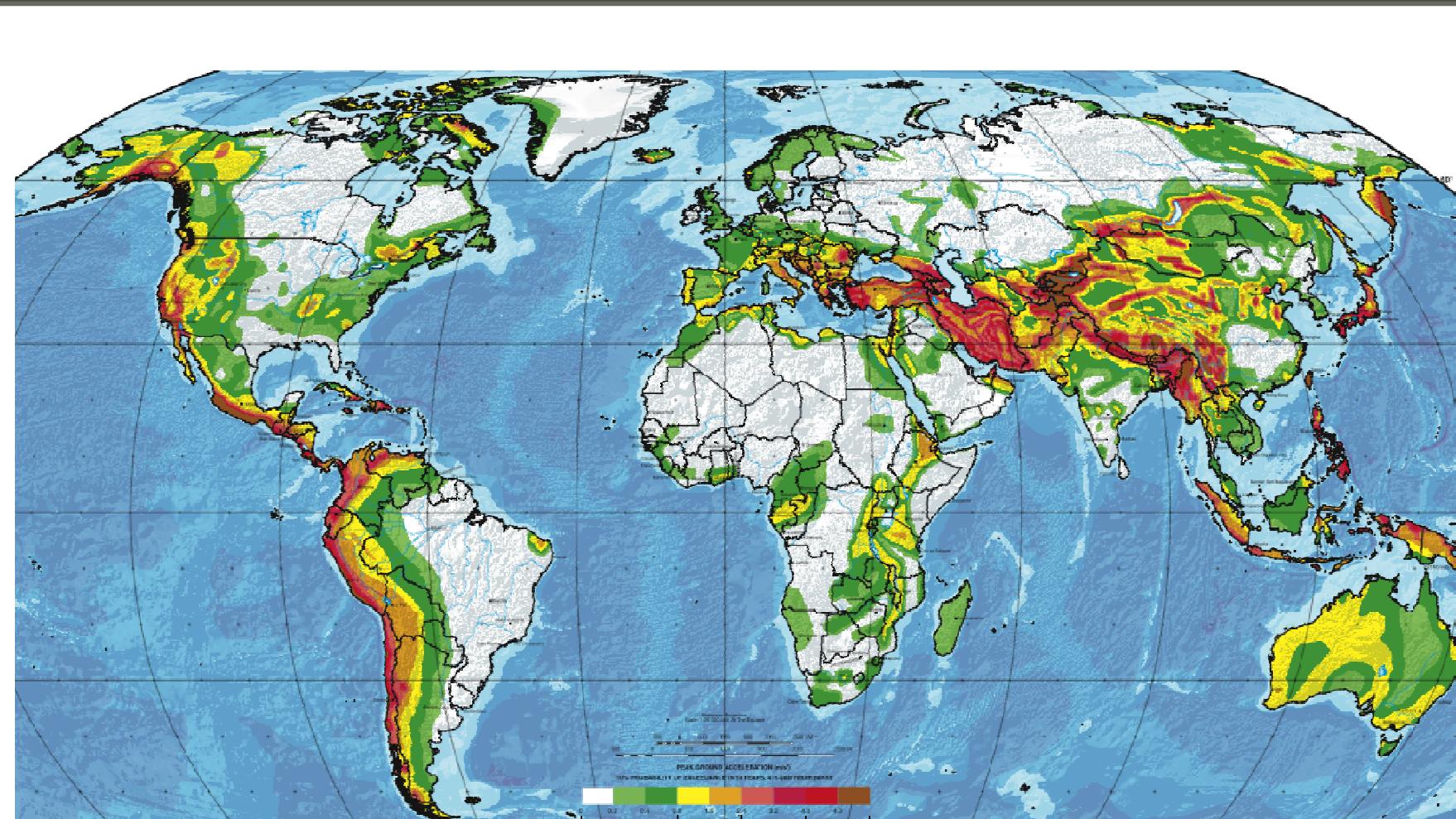
Estimated Economic Losses



Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k = x1000)		-	*	109*	2,342k*	15,690k	528k	139k	384k	26k	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY		I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+	
PERCEIVED SHAKING		Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme	
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	none	none	none	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	
	Vulnerable Structures	none	none	none	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy	





Global Earthquake Model

A comprehensive interactive model: Calculating and communicating hazard, risk (exposure and vulnerability) and impacts on the society and the economy

State-of-the-art: Latest developments in science and technology

Community based: Community involved in designing and implementing GEM procedures, software, tools, methods, collecting data etc.

Open access: Open source software, transparent tools and accessible global datasets

Global coverage: Global and regional coverage. Interaction with Regional Programmes

Serving Multitude of Users: Intuitive, customised interfaces and users needs assessments

Dynamic (“alive”): Updatable, modular, flexible models and tools

Public / Private Partnership: Combines strengths and objectives of public and private sectors

Application beyond GEM: Expandable to other perils



PRIVATE PARTICIPANTS

Founders:



5 Mill. €



1 Mill. €



3 Mill. €



1 Mill. €



1.6 Mill. €

Sponsors:



1 Mill. €



1 Mill. €



PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS



Australia



Belgium



Ecuador



Germany



Italy



New Zealand



Norway



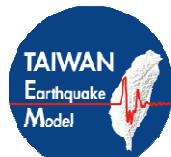
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OECD

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WORLD BANK

The World Bank



UN-ISDR

United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction



UNESCO

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



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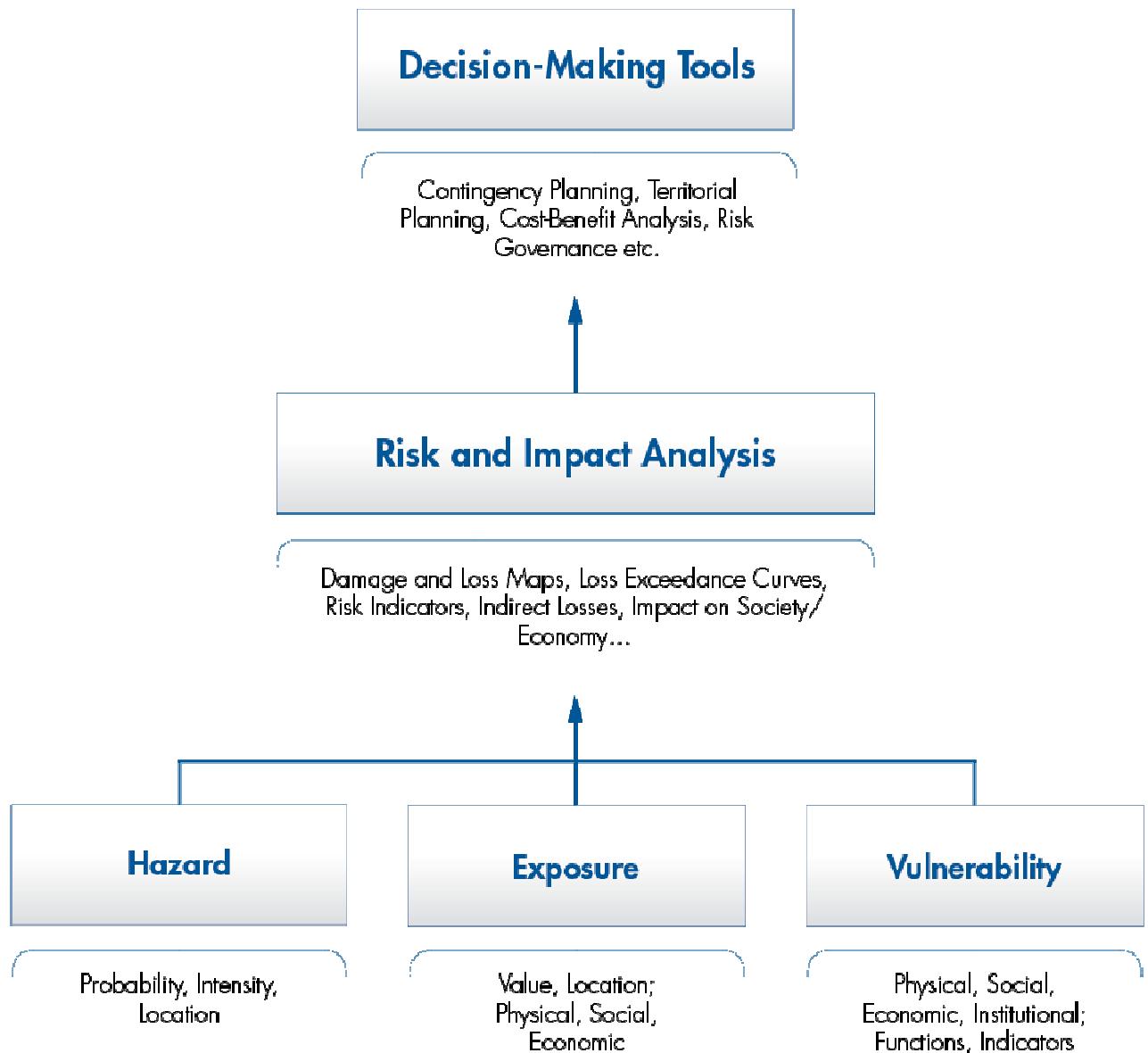
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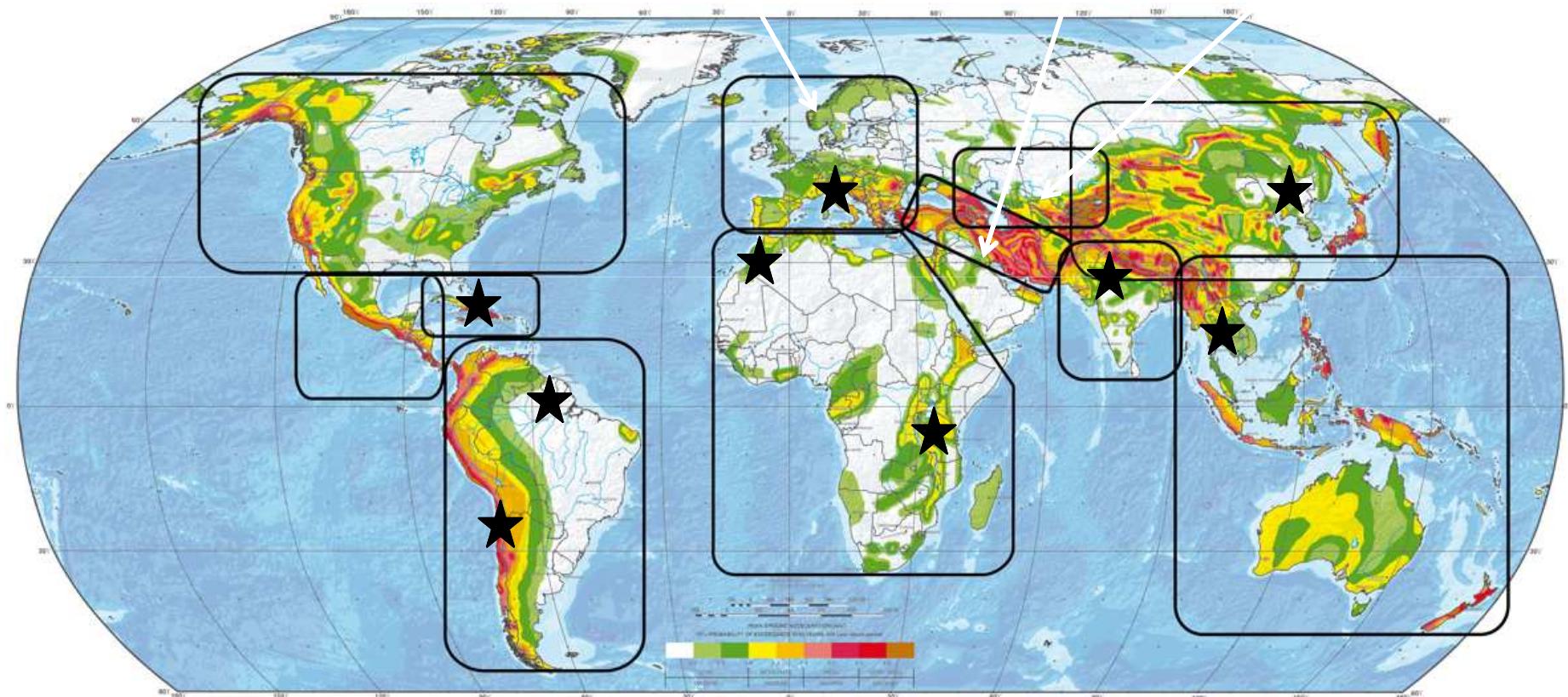
International Association of Earthquake Engineering

Scientific Framework of GEM



REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

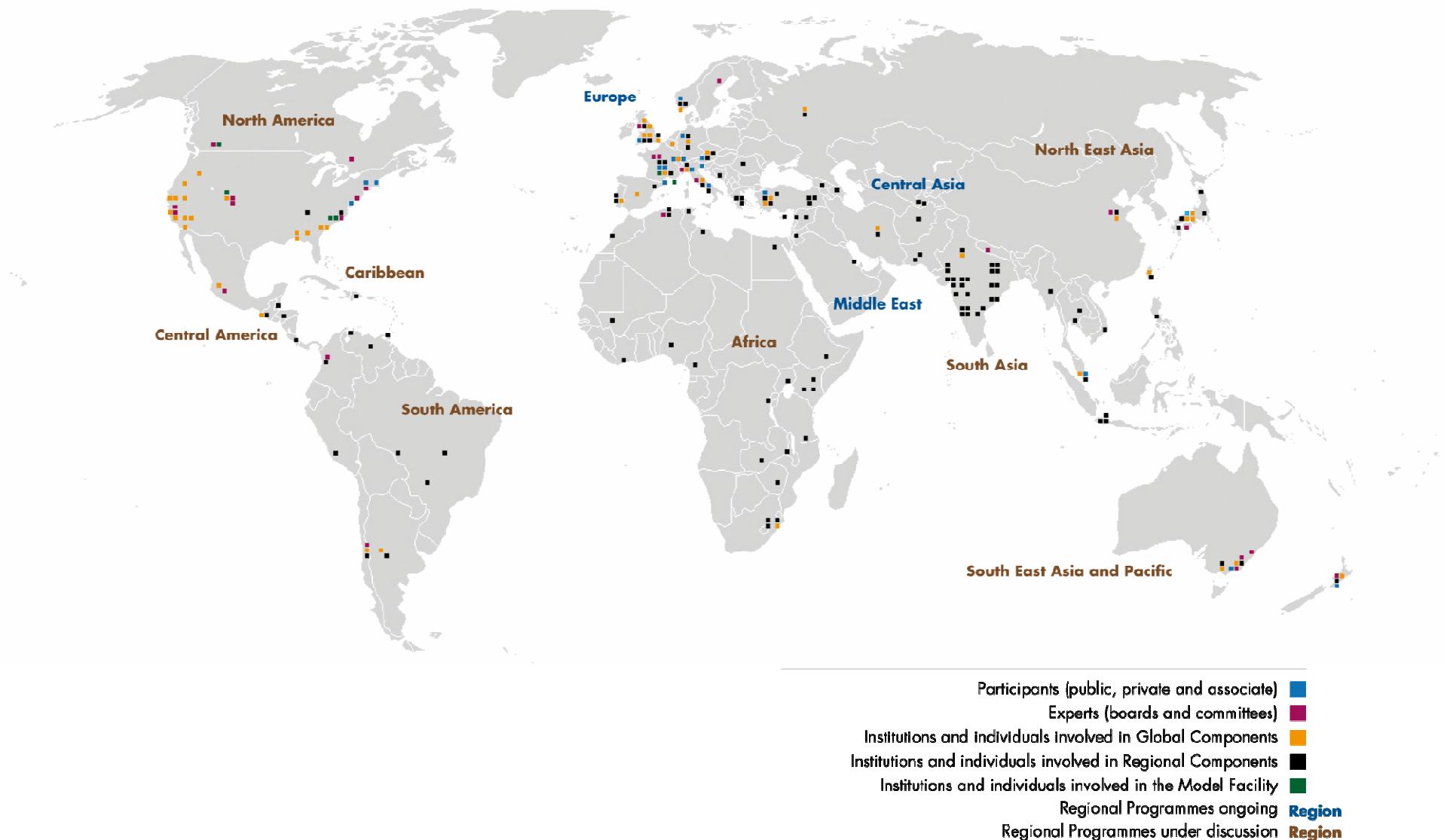
Feeding and feedbacking global models..



★ GEM Regional Workshops



GLOBAL INVOLVEMENT



Summary

- **Geoscience is used by OFDA in a variety of ways to reduce the impact of international disasters**
 - **VDAP**- Sustained, international program for volcano-risk reduction
 - **EDAT**- Seismic hazard assessments and trainings improve risk knowledge and build capacity
 - **PAGER**- Adds value by estimating the impact of earthquakes
 - **GEM**- Will improve the communication and calculation of seismic hazard and risk



Lessons Learned

- Training and monitoring saves lives
- Success is achieved through sustained assistance = capacity building
- Match monitoring technology to host-country capabilities and infrastructure
- Focus on risk, not just hazard



Issues

- Bridge the gap between scientists and decision makers
- Decreasing budgets
- Coordination, among donor and scientists, is challenging
- Communication is key



Thank You!

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