



# **Use of Space Technology in Post Disaster Damage and Needs Assessment - Case Study of 2015 Nepal Earthquake**

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# Outline of the presentation



- 2015 Nepal Earthquake
- Disaster Damage and Assessment
- Pre and Post Datasets
- Application of Space Technology
- Gaps and Challenges
- Way Forward

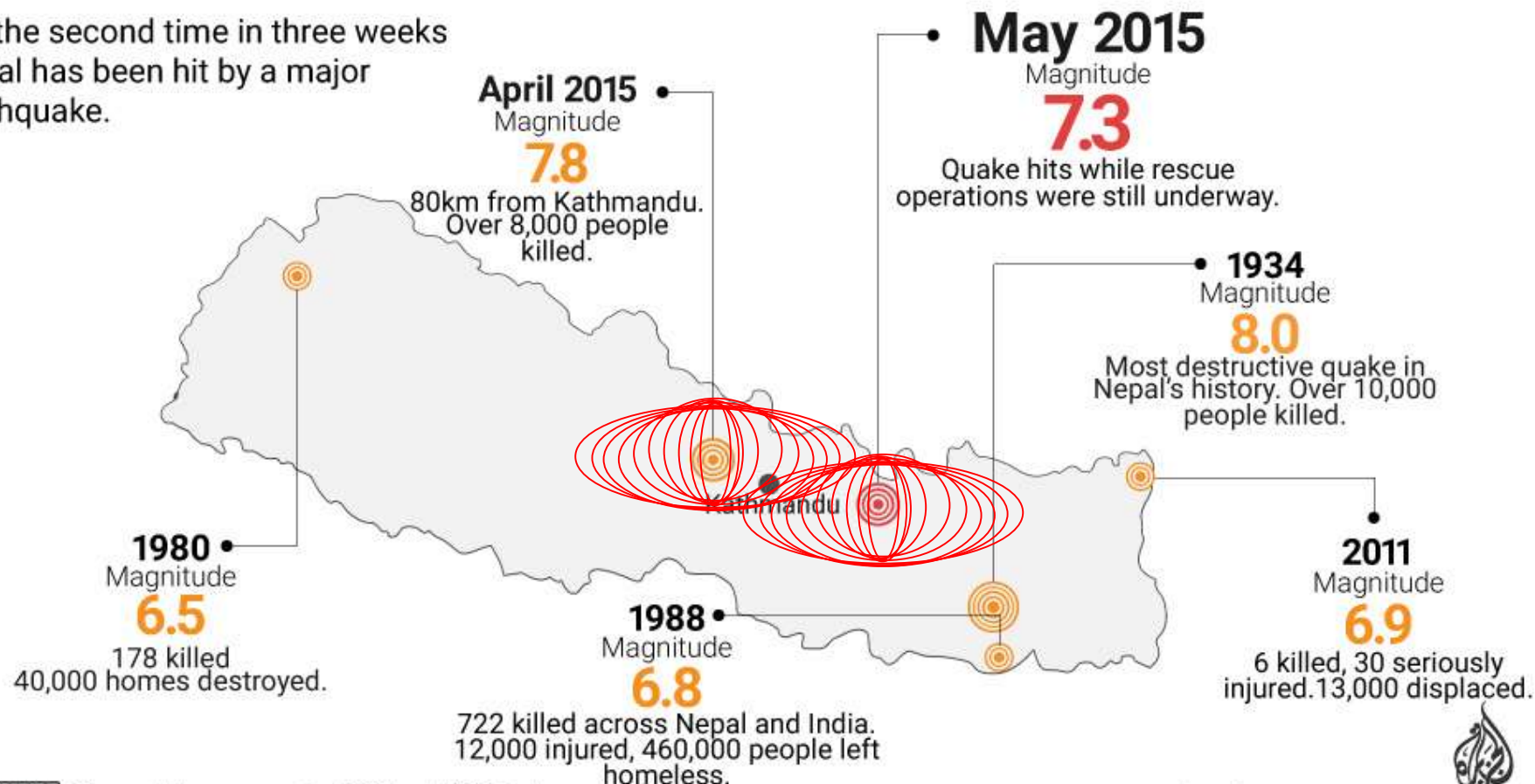
# Nepal Major Earthquakes (1934-2015)



## Timeline: Nepal earthquakes

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For the second time in three weeks Nepal has been hit by a major earthquake.

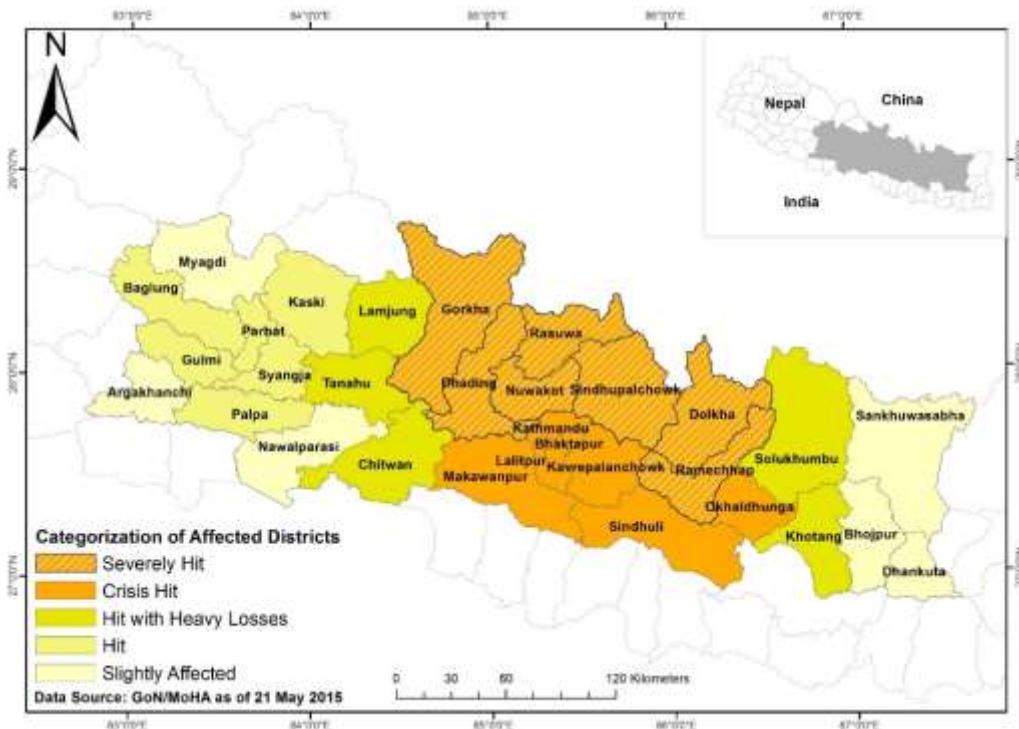


Source: Al Jazeera, agencies, NSC Nepal, USGS, Earthquake-tracker, Nepal Disaster Knowledge Network

Last updated: 12 May 2015



# ...Recalling 2015 Nepal Earthquake..



~ 8 M people affected  
(1/3 of the country's population)

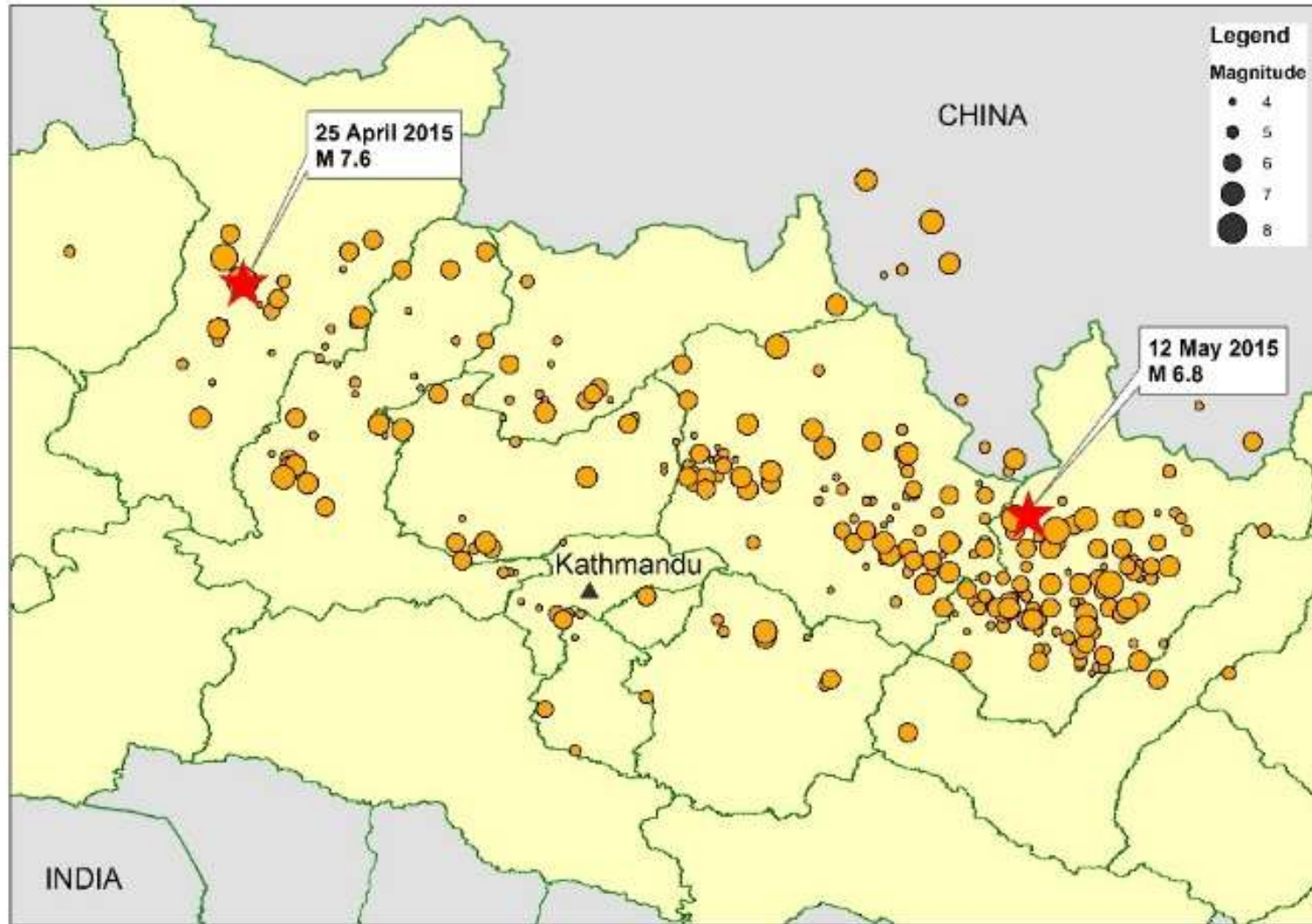
14 out of 75 districts  
declared severely hit

Human Loss: 9,000 death, 22,000 injured

Physical Loss: 500,000+ houses destroyed & 300,000 damaged

Financial Loss: Estimated USD 7.0 Billion (PDNA 2015)

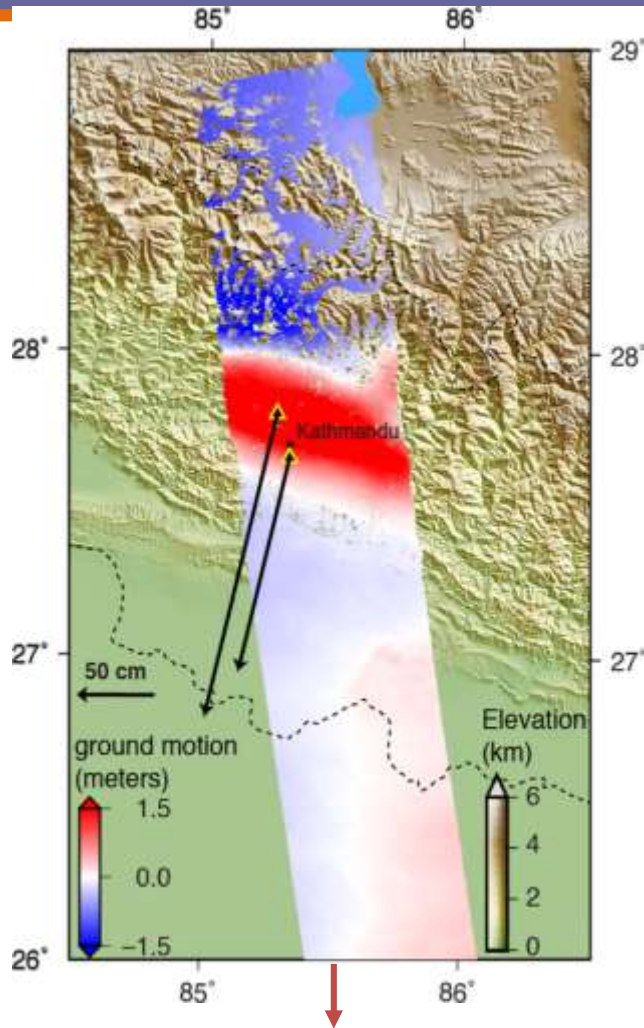
# Spatial Distribution of Aftershocks



Over 400 aftershocks ( $> 4$  M) observed including 4 aftershocks ( $> 6$  M, 7.3 M )



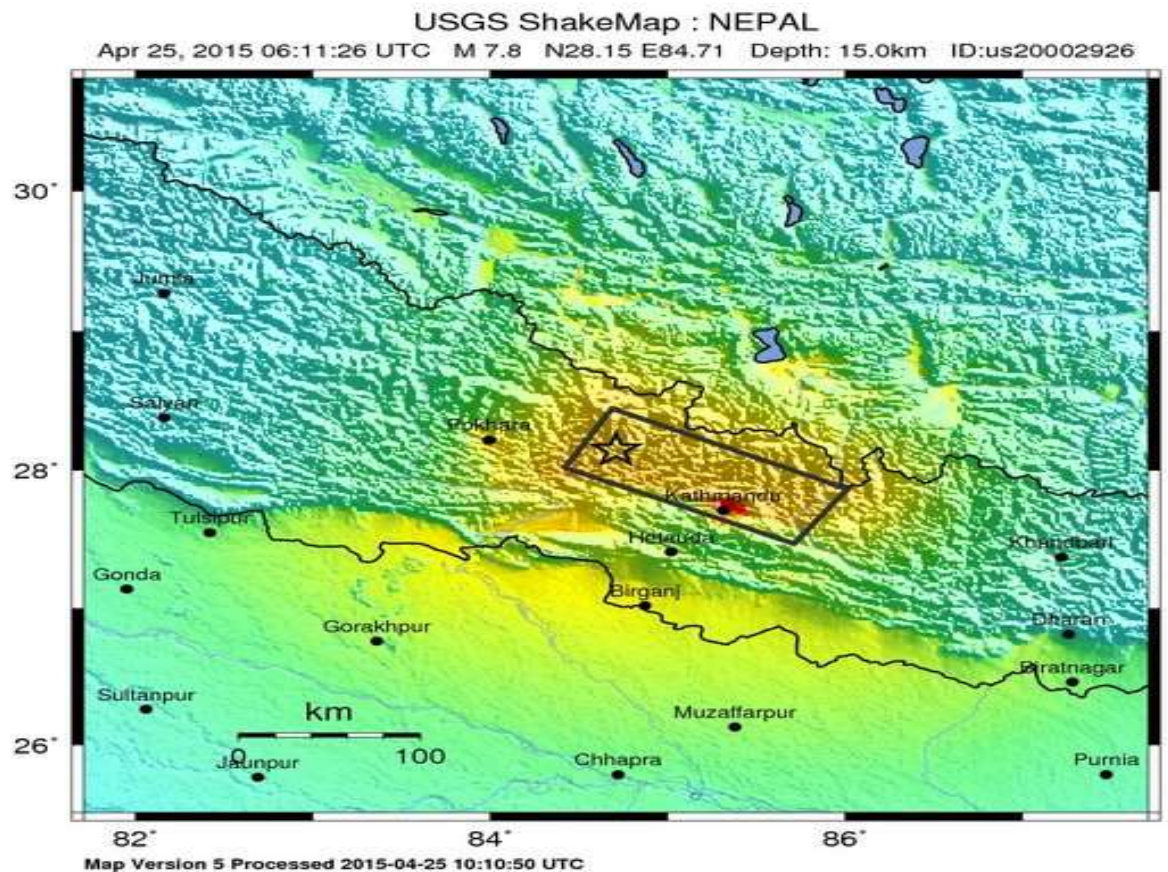
# Impact of Earthquake



- The Kathmandu Valley shifted by 1.8 m southwestwards and raised up nearly a meter in ellipsoidal elevation (Survey Department)
- Upto 3 meter surface movement (Other Studies)

Shows Fault Rupture, Surface Movements (Source: NASA)

# ShakeMap



PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC.(%g)	<0.05	0.3	2.8	6.2	12	22	40	75	>139
PEAK VEL.(cm/s)	<0.02	0.1	1.4	4.7	9.6	20	41	86	>178
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based upon Worden et al. (2012)



# Damages



Health Post



Private housing



School



Heritage



Singhadurbar



livelihood



Faultline-Gorkha



Ground Rupture



Fault rupture



# Cultural Heritage (Kasthamandap)



***Collapsed while blood donation camp was going on***  
*The Guardian Photograph: Xinhua/Landov/Barcroft*

# Monuments (Sundhara)



**Before**



**Now**





# Government Buildings





# Urban Houses and Settlement



# Assessments (PDNA to PDRF)



**PDNA  
(June 2015)**

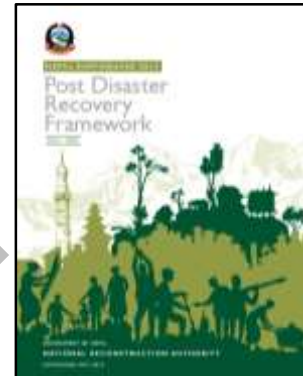
**Reconstruction Act  
Formation of NRA  
(Dec 2015)**

**Reconstruction and  
Rehabilitation Policy  
(Feb 2016)**

**PDRF  
(May 2016)**



**Rapid Damage, Loss and Need Assessment  
to  
Prioritized Recovery and Reconstruction Planning**



# Data Needs (PDNA)



## PRODUCTIVE

-  Agriculture
-  Commerce
-  Industry
-  Tourism

## SOCIAL

-  Housing
-  Education
-  Health
-  Culture

## INFRASTRUCTURE

-  Water & Sanitation
-  Community infrastructure
-  Energy
-  Transport
-  Telecommunications

## CROSS-CUTTING

GENDER

GOVERNANCE

ENVIRONMENT

DISASTER RISK  
REDUCTION

EMPLOYMENT AND  
LIVELIHOODS

(Source: PDNA)



# Information Needs (PDRF)



# Technology



**Earth Observation Satellite**



**Social Media**



**Incident Reporting  
Mobile Apps**



**Communication Satellite**



**Crowd Sourcing**



**Field Survey / Assessment**



**Unmanned Aerial Vehicle**



**Ground Observation Network**

**SMART Phones, Open Source, Facebook, NASA, ESRI, Google Earth, ERDAS, GPS, Research Prototypes, Others emerging tools and technology**

# Post Disaster Datasets



## Satellite Data

- Airbus Pléiades
- Airbus SPOT 6/7
- Blackbridge RapidEye
- DigitalGlobe WV2
- DigitalGlobe WV3
- ESA Sentinel 2
- NASA MODIS
- NASA/USGS LandSat 1-3
- NASA/USGS LandSat 4-5
- NASA/USGS LandSat 7-8

## OSM Data



## Field Assessment Datasets



2011 Census



# Satellite Imagery



[https://www.disasterscharter.org/web/guest/-/landslide-in-nep-2?redirect=https://www.disasterscharter.org/web/guest/home?p\\_p\\_id%3D101\\_INSTANCE\\_F1SeOJT57fTb%26p\\_p\\_lifecycle%3D0%26p\\_p\\_state%3Dnormal%26p\\_p\\_mode%3Dview%26p\\_p\\_col\\_id%3Dcolumn-1%26p\\_p\\_col\\_pos%3D2%26p\\_p\\_col\\_count%3D4](https://www.disasterscharter.org/web/guest/-/landslide-in-nep-2?redirect=https://www.disasterscharter.org/web/guest/home?p_p_id%3D101_INSTANCE_F1SeOJT57fTb%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26p_p_col_id%3Dcolumn-1%26p_p_col_pos%3D2%26p_p_col_count%3D4)

[http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS-2/en/img\\_up/dis\\_pal2\\_npl-eq\\_20150428.htm](http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS-2/en/img_up/dis_pal2_npl-eq_20150428.htm)

<http://emergency.copernicus.eu/mapping/list-of-components/EMSR125>

<http://www.zki.dlr.de/article/2748>

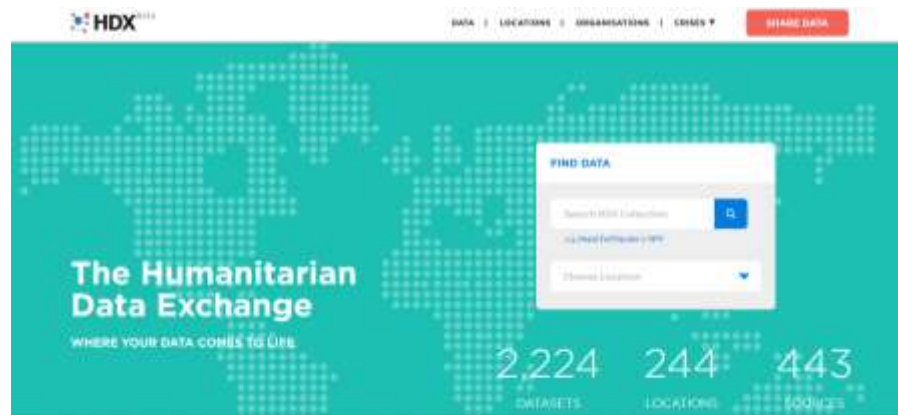
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# Data Sharing Platform



HDX (Humanitarian Data Exchange) Portal

<https://data.hdx.rwlab.org/>



OpenStreet Map



UN Nepal Information Platform

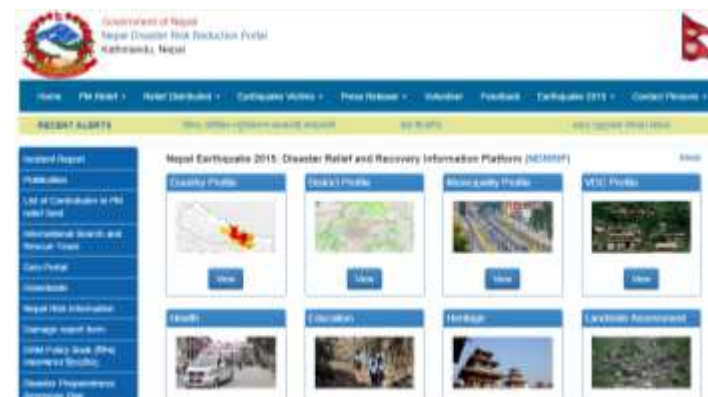
# Government Data Portal



**Nepal Disaster Risk Reduction Portal**  
<http://drr.moha.gov.np>



**Census Bureau of Statistics (CBS)**  
<http://cbs.gov.np>



**National Geographic Information Infrastructure Project**  
<http://www.ngiip.gov.np/>





# Critical Uses of Data



**Search and Rescue  
Operations**

**Situational Analysis and  
Mapping**

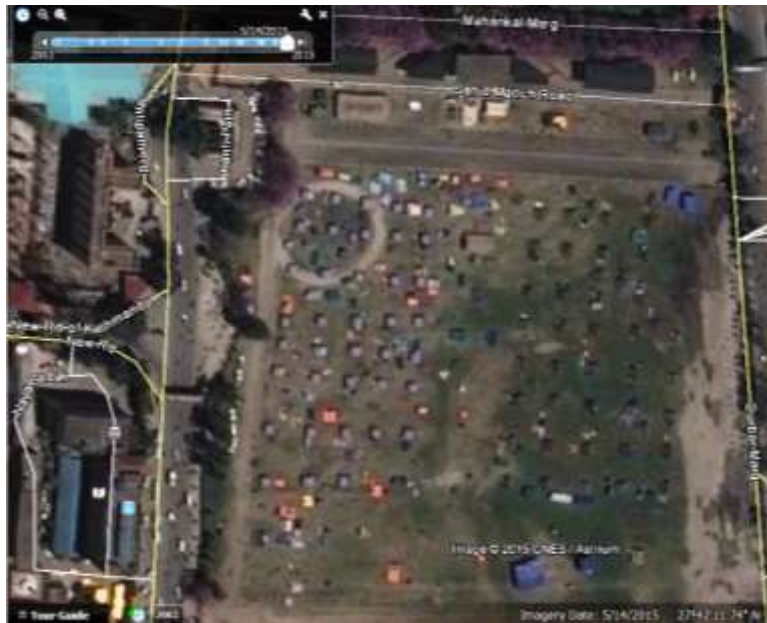
**Needs Assessment  
Mapping**

**Post Disaster Needs  
Assessment (PDNA)**

**Causalities and Damage**

**Recovery and  
Reconstruction**

# Damage Assessment (pre and post)



# Geo Hazard Assessment (pre and post)



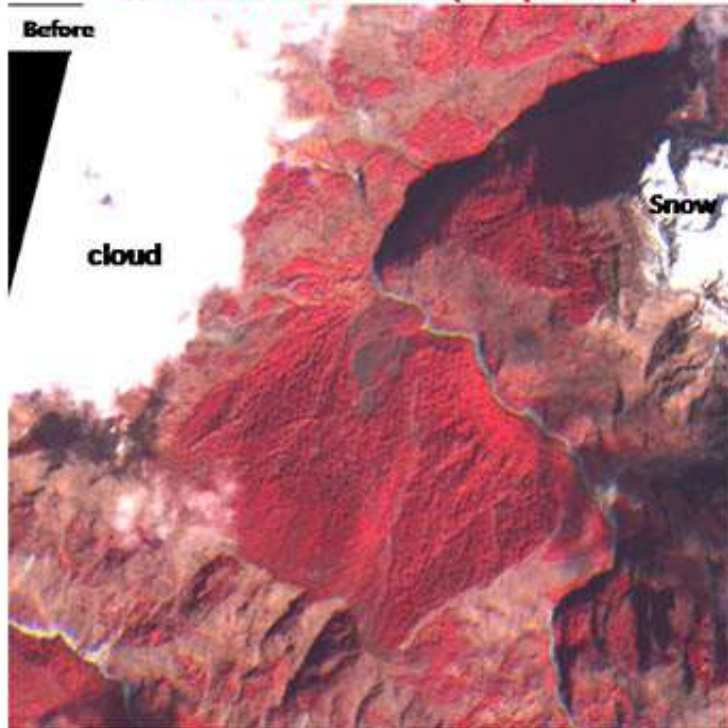
Disaster eventid: 03-EQ-2015-Others(Nepal)

Nepal Earthquake (25-Apr-2015)



## New Major landslide

Resourcesat-2 LISS IV mx (01-Apr-2015)



Resourcesat-2 LISS IV Mx (30-Apr-2015)

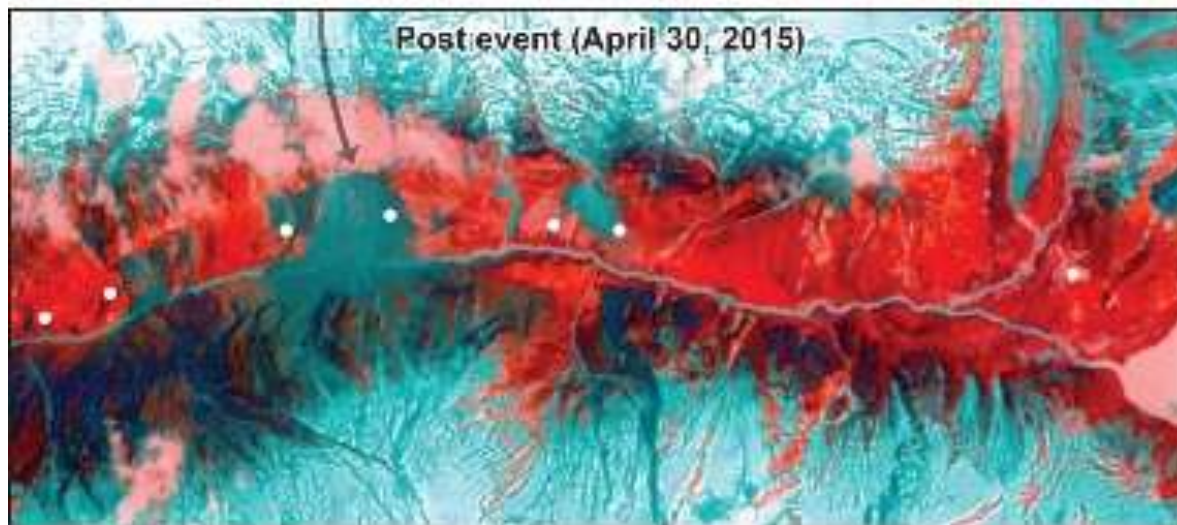
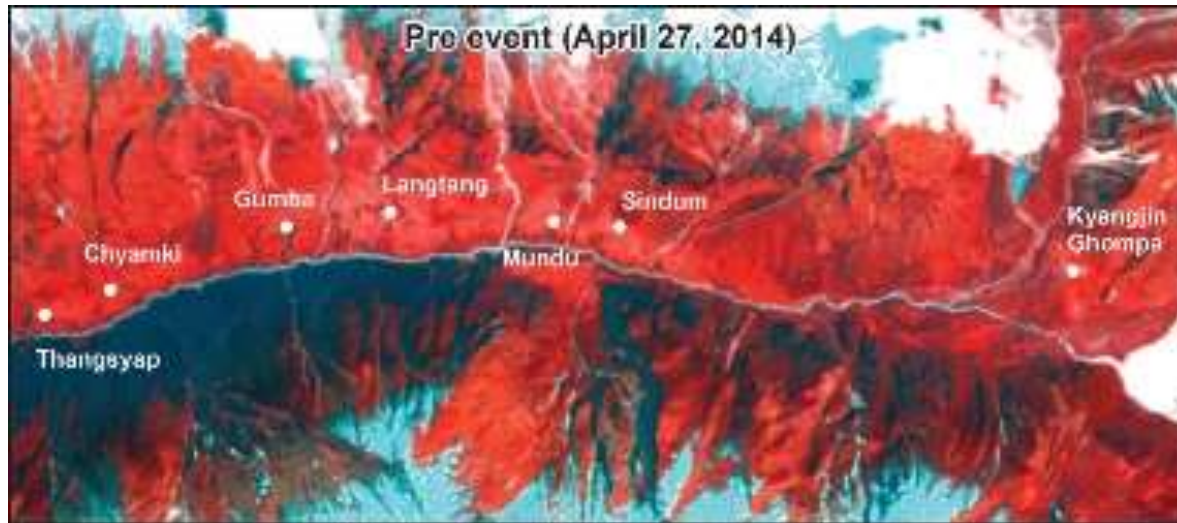


Observation: A new major landslide has blocked the valley resulting in development of a lake. Several other small new landslide are also seen.

Location of the landslide: **84° 47' 30" E & 28° 33' 8" N**



# Geo Hazard Assessment (pre and post)



0 0.5 1 2 km

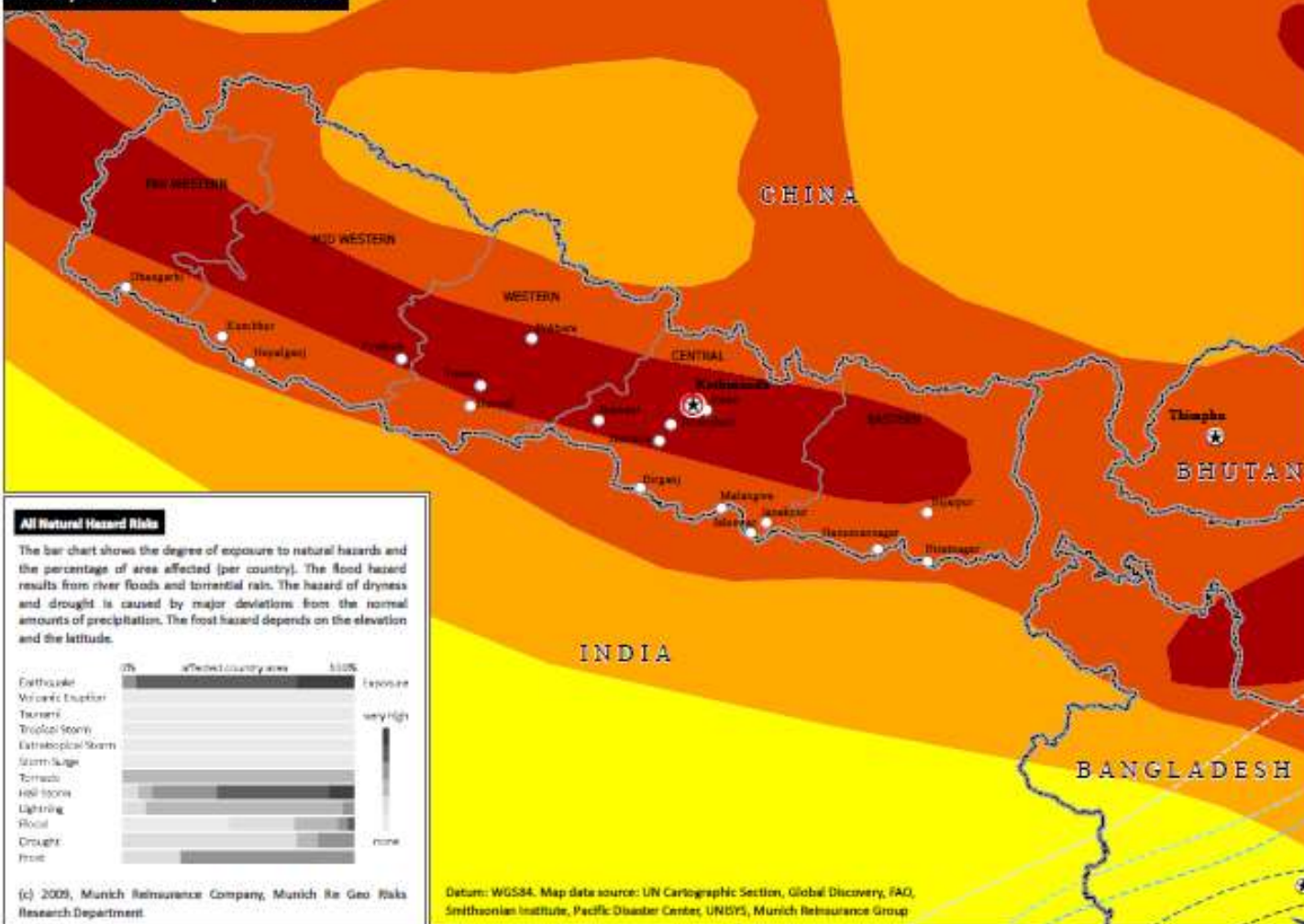
# Nepal: Natural Hazard Risks



OCHA Regional Office for Asia Pacific  
**NEPAL: Natural Hazard Risks**  
 Issued: 01 March 2011



## Seismic, Volcanic and Tropical Storm Risk



### Legend

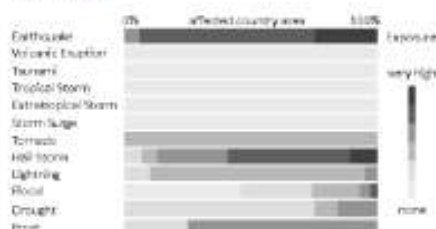
- OCHA office or presence
- Country capital
- Major town or city
- International boundary
- Province boundary
- Earthquake Intensity  
Modified Mercalli Scale
  - Degree I-IV
  - Degree V
  - Degree VI
  - Degree VII
  - Degree VIII
  - Degree IX-XI
- Tropical Storm Intensity  
Saffir-Simpson Scale
  - One: 119-153 kmh
  - Two: 154-177 kmh
  - Three: 178-209 kmh
  - Four: 210-249 kmh
  - Five: 250+ kmh

Earthquake intensity zones indicate where there is a 20% probability that degree of intensity shown on the map will be exceeded in 50 years.

Tropical storm intensity zones indicate where there is a 10% probability of a storm of this intensity striking in the next 10 years.

## All Natural Hazard Risks

The bar chart shows the degree of exposure to natural hazards and the percentage of area affected (per country). The flood hazard results from river floods and torrential rain. The hazard of dryness and drought is caused by major deviations from the normal amounts of precipitation. The frost hazard depends on the elevation and the latitude.



(c) 2009, Munich Reinsurance Company, Munich Re Geo Risks Research Department

Data: WGS84. Map data source: UN Cartographic Section, Global Discovery, FAO, Smithsonian Institute, Pacific Disaster Center, UNDIS, Munich Reinsurance Group

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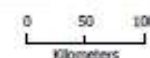
22 March 2011

### Projection/Datum:

Lat/Lon WGS84

### Web Resources:

<http://ochaonline.un.org/roap>



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 Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)  
 Regional Office for Asia Pacific (ROAP)  
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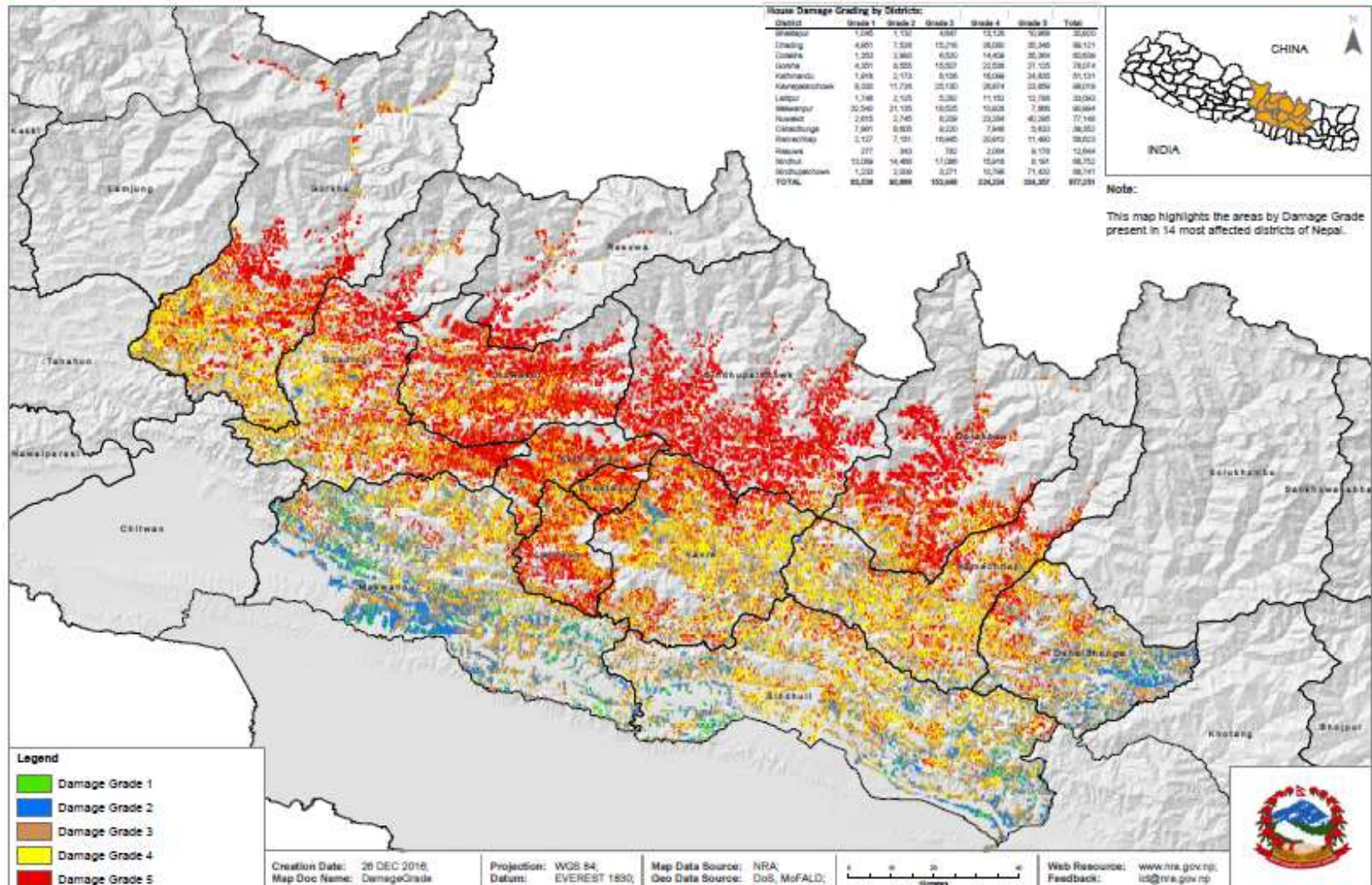


# Structure Damage Grade



## NEPAL : STRUCTURES DAMAGE GRADE AT 14 EQ AFFECTED DISTRICTS

National Reconstruction Authority (NRA)

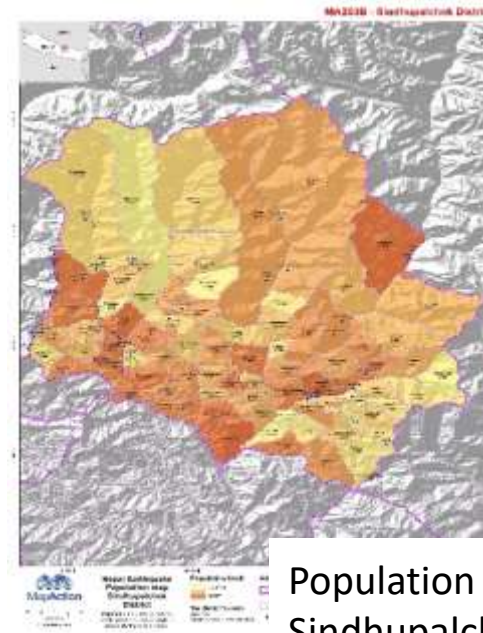




# Humanitarian Actors, SAR, IDP



## Search And Rescue Operations



Population Map of  
Sindhupalchowk District

# Media Coverage



## The Telegraph

Home Video News **World** Sport Finance Comment Culture Travel Life Women  
USA Asia China Europe Middle East Australasia Africa South America Central Asia  
Afghanistan Pakistan India North Korea South Korea Japan Kazakhstan

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### Nepal earthquake: first aerial view of flattened Gurkha heartland



## Quake from space

Ayesha Shakiya



High-resolution satellite imagery can help the country assess hazards from landslides and save lives



## NASA Damage Maps Critical to Nepal Earthquake Response



Nepal Earthquake (Image Courtesy: spaceimage.gsfc.nasa.gov)



## Nepal earthquake: JRC supports EU's response operations



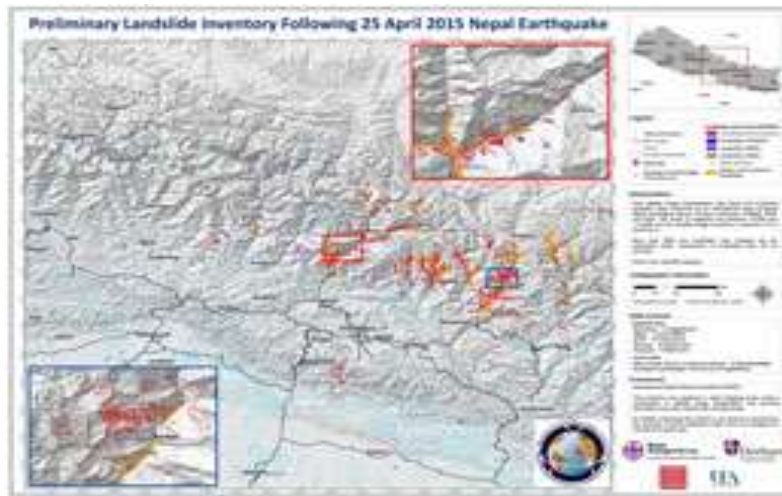


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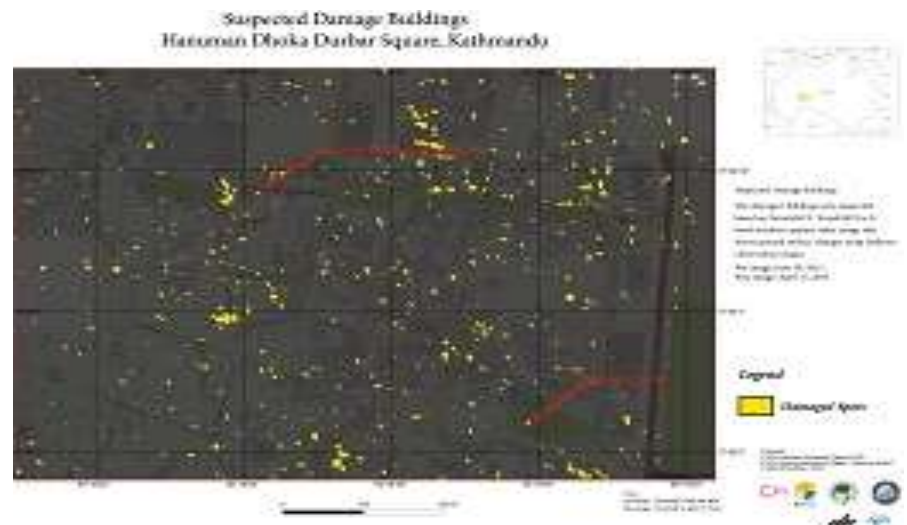
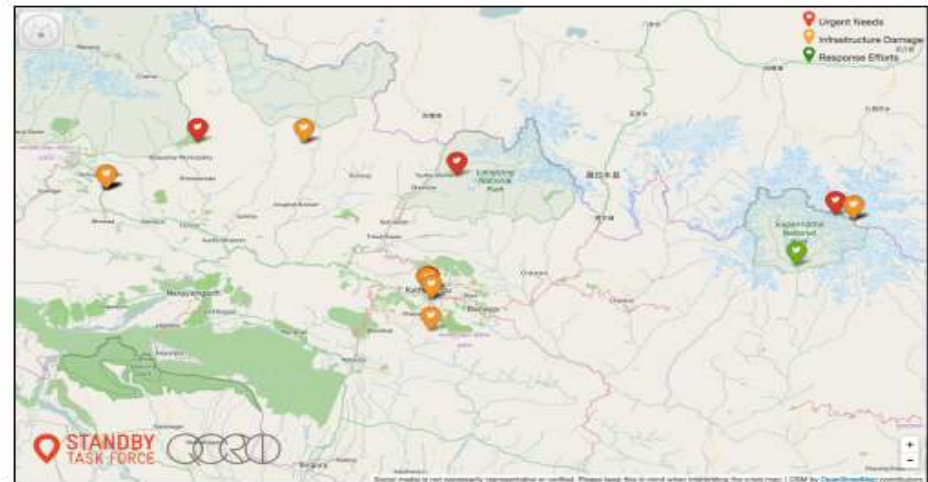


Live Crisis Map of Urgent Needs, Damage and Response Efforts posted on Twitter:

Preliminary Landslide inventory mapping after the EQ  
(**Source:** British Geological Survey)



Shows suspected damage to buildings in Hanuman Dhoka Square, Kathmandu (**Source:** TerraSAR-X)

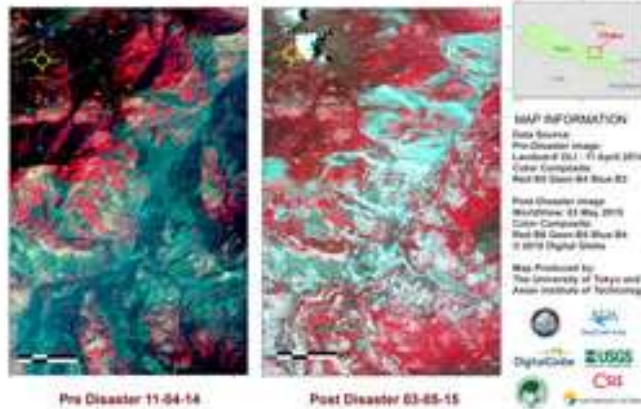




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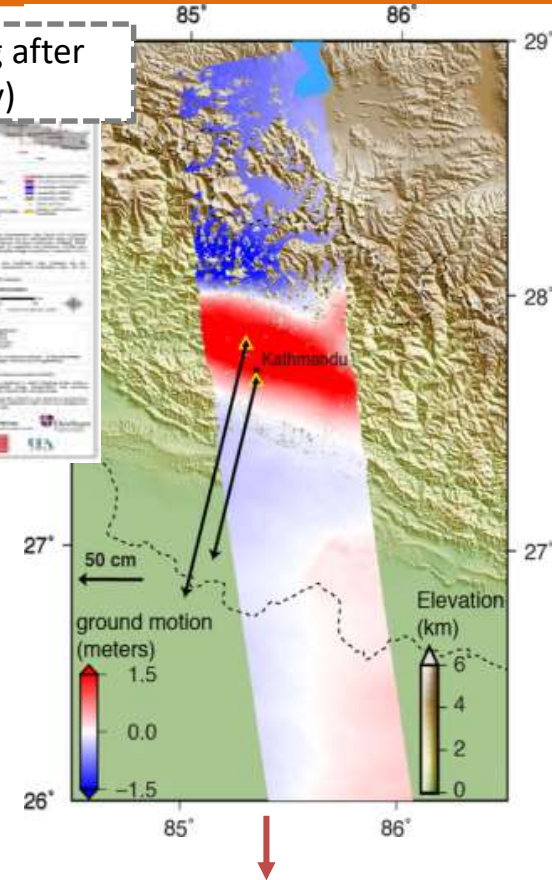


Before and After Earthquake images of Chaku, Sindhupalchok, Nepal in April 2015



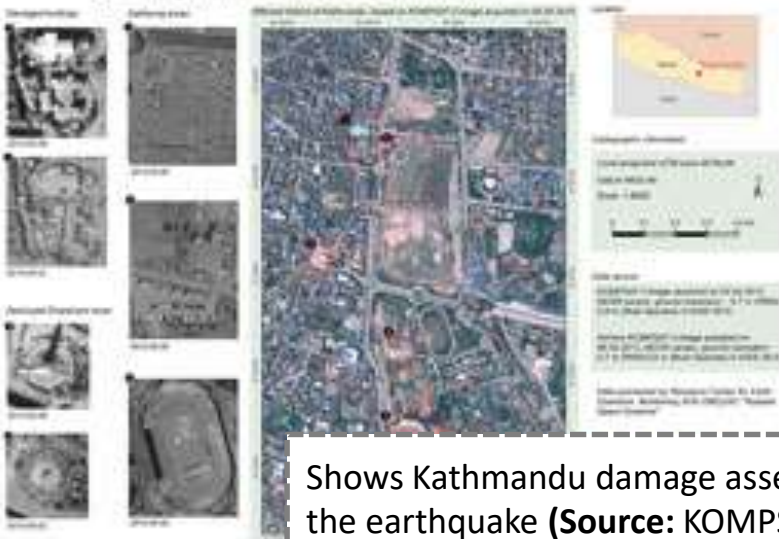
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Preliminary Landslide inventory mapping after the EQ (**Source:** British Geological Survey)

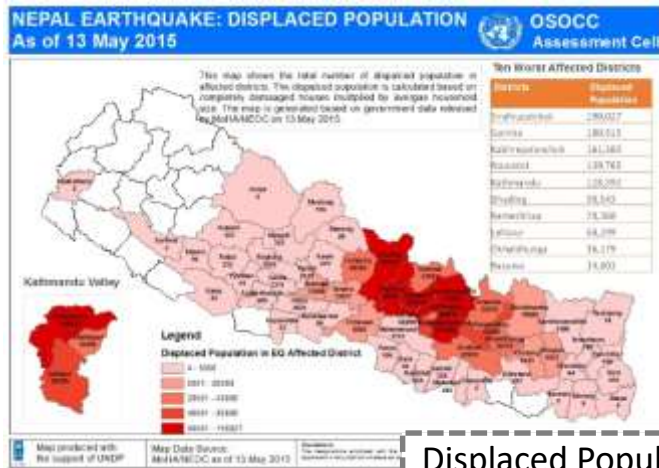


Shows Fault Rupture, Surface Movements (**Source:** NASA)

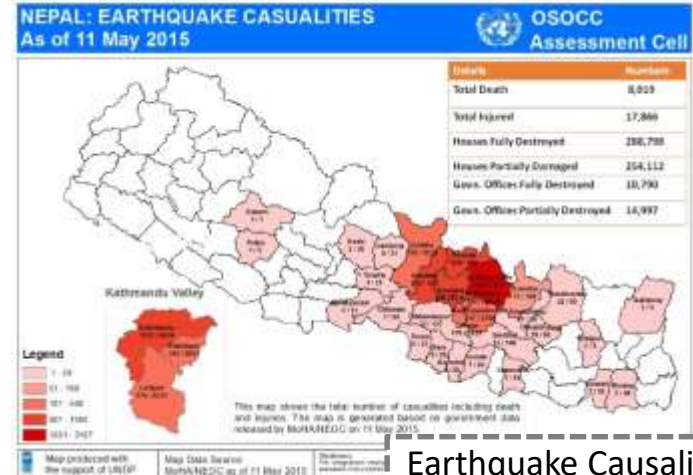
Shows Kathmandu damage assessment after the earthquake (**Source:** KOMPSAT-3 – AEISS)



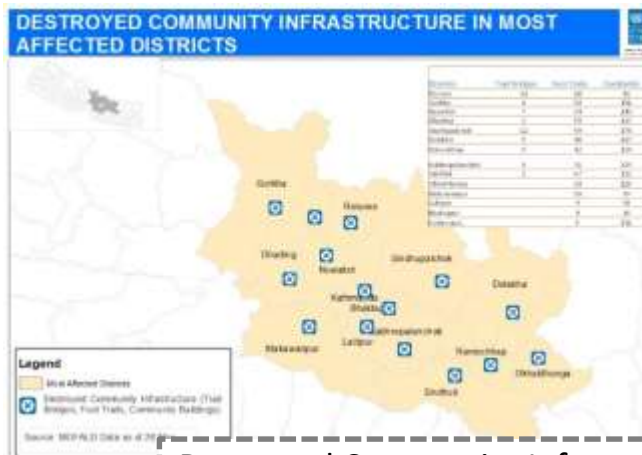
# Causalities and Damage Mapping



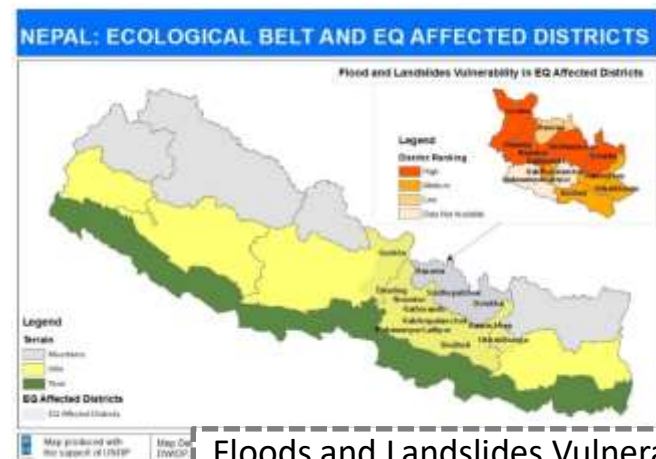
Displaced Population



Earthquake Casualties



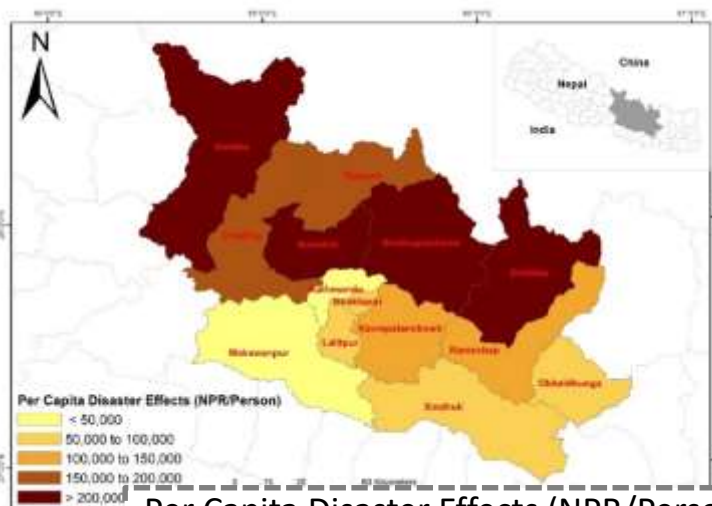
Destroyed Community Infrastructure



Floods and Landslides Vulnerability



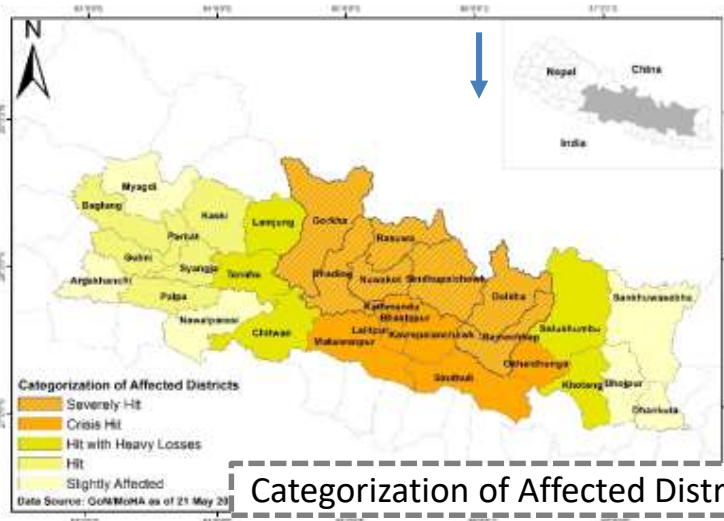
# Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)



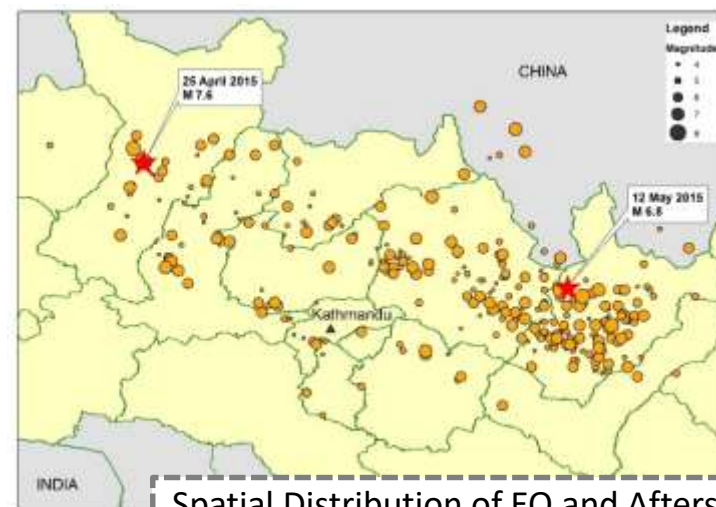
Per Capita Disaster Effects (NPR/Person)



Destroyed Private Houses by Districts



Categorization of Affected Districts

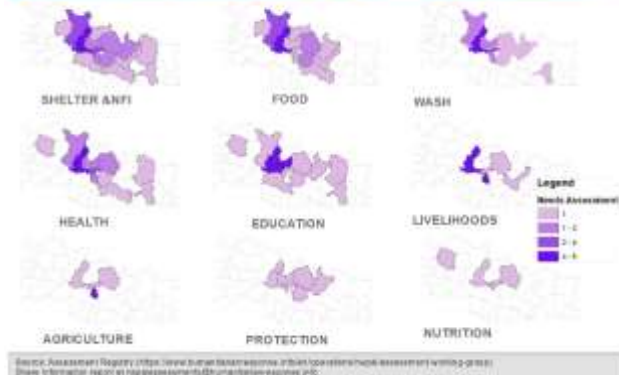


Spatial Distribution of EQ and Aftershocks

# Needs Assessment



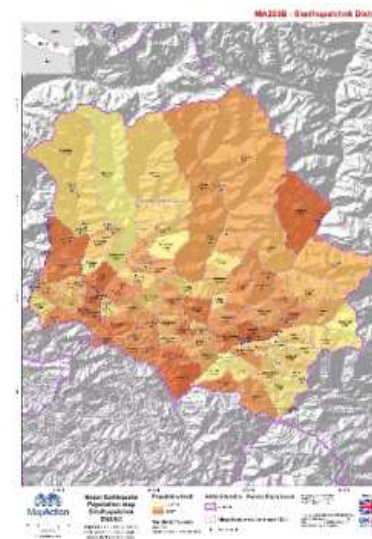
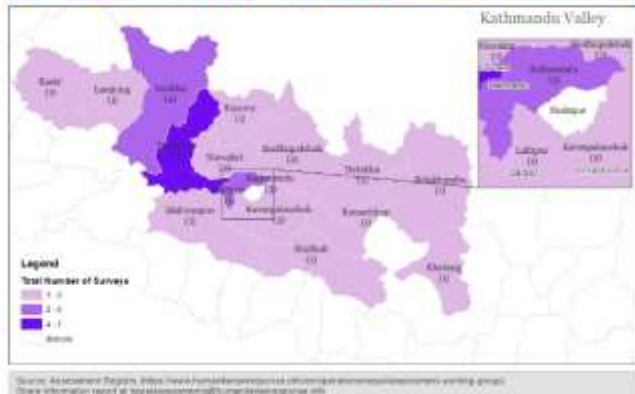
## MULTI-SECTOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT COVERAGE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE 2015 (as of 03.05.2015)



## Multi-Sector Needs Assessment

## Search And Rescue Operations

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## Needs Assessment Coverage

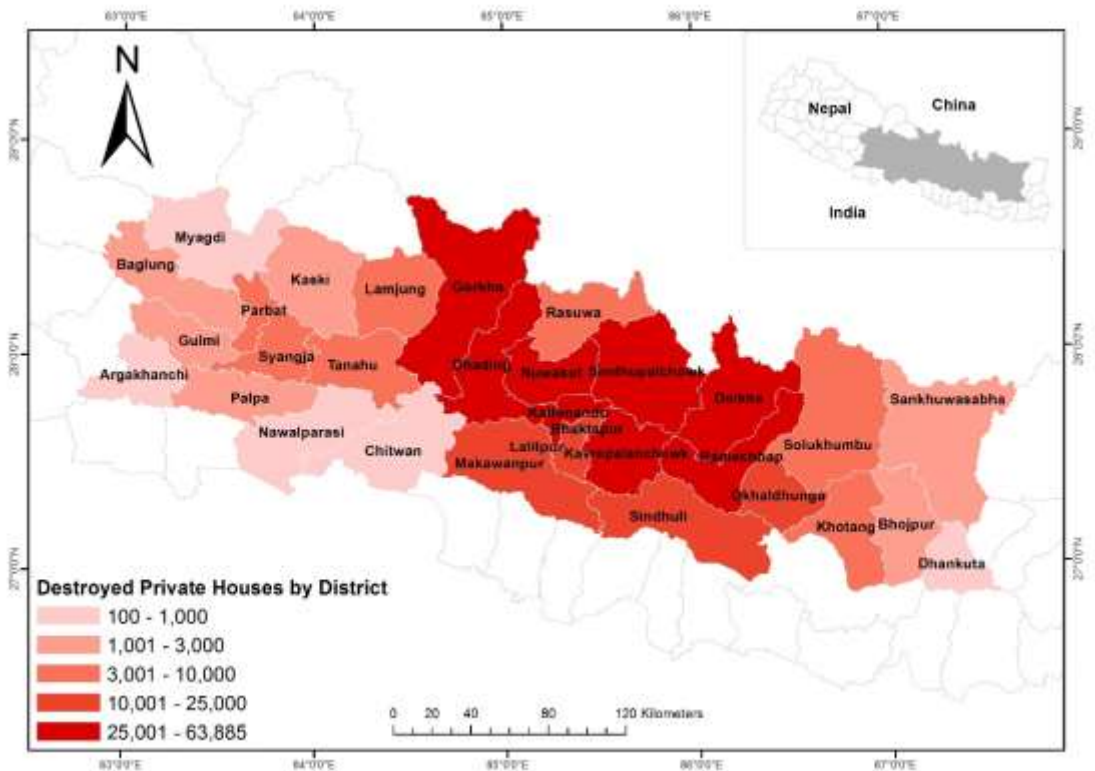
## Population Map of Sindhupalchowk District



# Data on destroyed houses



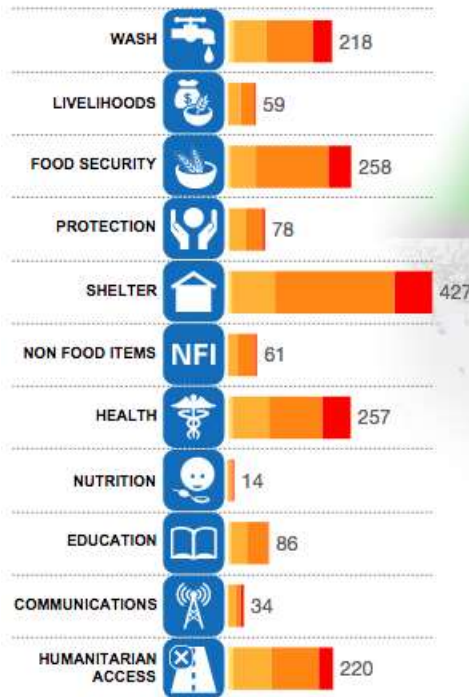
District	DIST_CODE	DIST_NAME	HH	Population	Dead Male	Dead Female	Dead Unknown	Dead	Injured	GovHFD	GovHPD	PriHFD	PriHPD
Sindhupalchowk	524 2 05 23	Sindhupalchowk	66688	287798	1497	1943	0	3440	1573	710	37	63885	2751
Kathmandu	524 2 05 27	Kathmandu	436344	1744240	621	601	1	1223	7949	85	277	36973	50753
Nuwakot	524 2 05 28	Nuwakot	59215	277471	462	639	0	1101	1051	15	14	57943	4200
Dhading	524 2 05 30	Dhading	73851	336067	340	393	0	733	1218	93	58	43741	18720
RASUWA	524 2 05 29	Rasuwa	9778	43300	312	344	4	660	771	8	4	7040	2410
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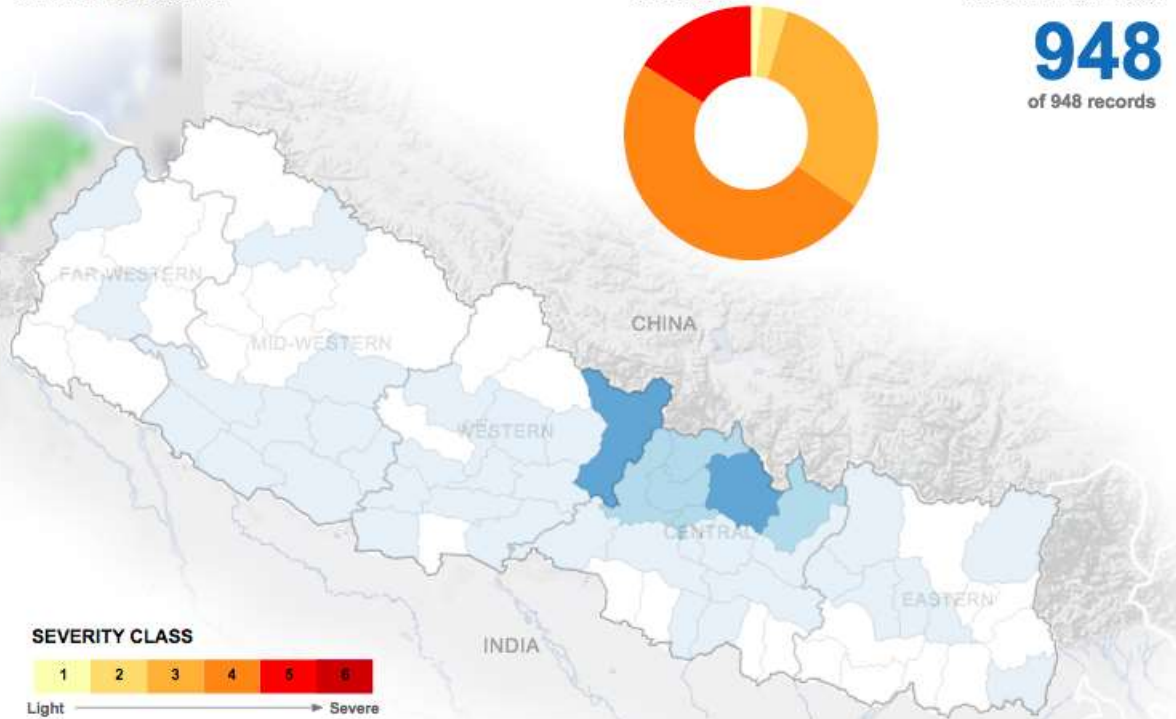
# Humanitarian Information Review and Analysis



## REPORTS BY SECTOR



## REPORTS BY DISTRICT



## SEVERITY



## SELECTED REPORTS

**948**  
of 948 records

## REPORTS BY DATE



# Gaps and Challenges



- Tested methodology or national framework for effective use of space technology in the aftermath of disaster
- Dedicated operational humanitarian data and technology platform (global, regional and national level) for harmonization, exchange and timely availability of satellite derived dataset in emergency response and recovery
- Data preparedness: lack of upto date

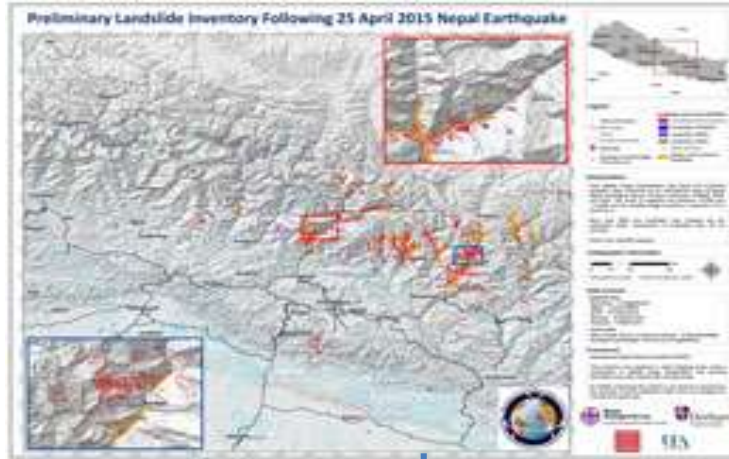


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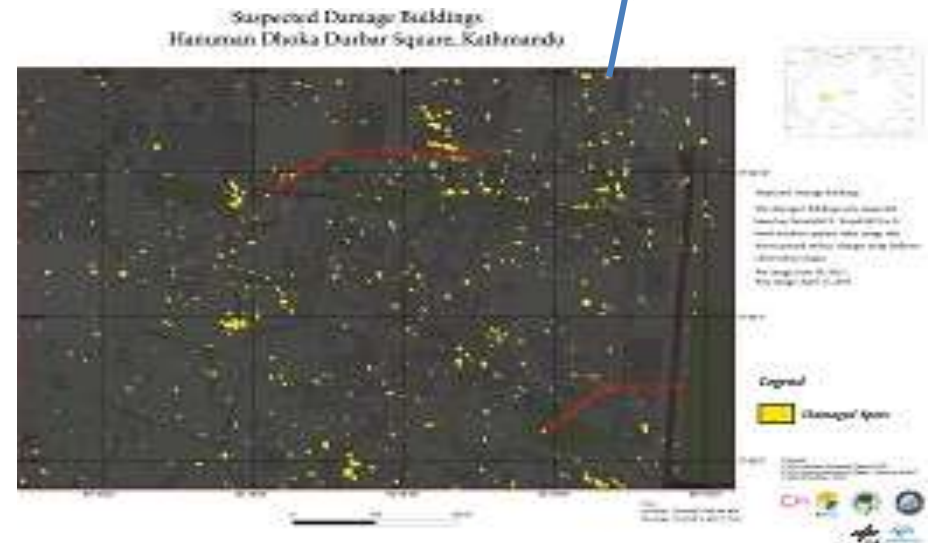
- Data preparedness: lack of upto date national spatial and non-spatial data
- Limited use of space technology in holistic damage and assessment process. In-spite of multiple initiatives from different sources, the use of Satellite Images in development process of both PDNA and PDRF process

# Multiple Initiatives (Contd.):



Preliminary Landslide inventory mapping after the EQ (**Source:** British Geological Survey)

Shows suspected damage to buildings in Hanuman Dhoka Square, Kathmandu (**Source:** TerraSAR-X)



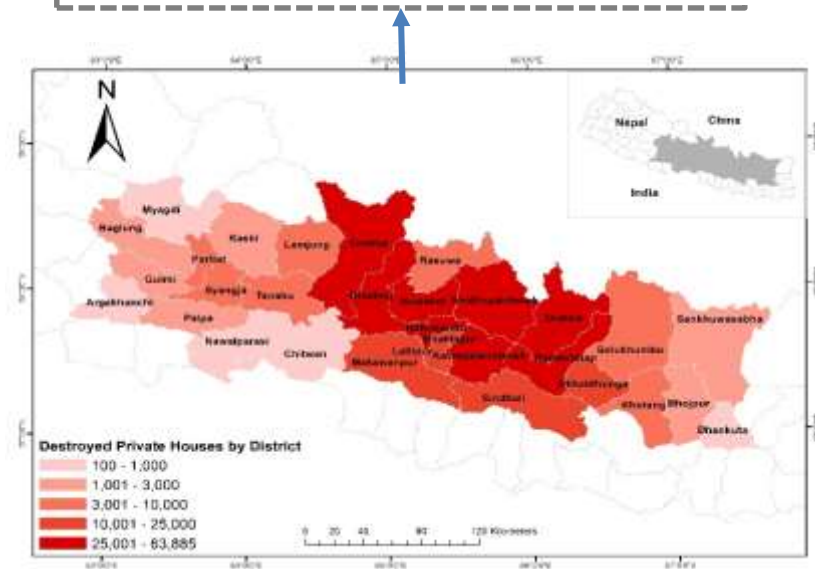
- **Random Pockets were Identified and Mapped.**
- **Lacked Coordination with Government Plans and Priorities.**
- **No Scale-up to Cover National Perspective of Earthquake Gorkha 2015.**
- **Lacked Sector-wide Satellite-based Mapping and Analysis.**

# PDNA Mapping Examples:



Categorization of Affected Districts  
(Source: GoN)

Destroyed Private Houses by Districts  
(Source: GoN)



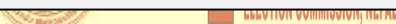
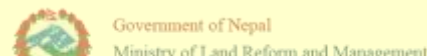
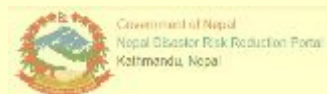
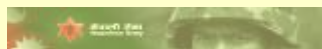
- **PDNA Process confined to limited use of GIS-based Mapping and Analysis.**
- **Attempt of use in Sectoral Analysis was also in Constrained Form.**



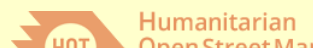


# Data Availability and Access

## National Actors



## International Actors



Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency | Sentinel Asia

National Remote Sensing Centre



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Gateway to Indian Earth Observation



MapAction

# Possible Way Forward



- Development of humanitarian data and space technology framework for emergency response and recovery phase
- Upscale use of latest data and technology in rapid assessment process (PDNA, PDRF, Needs Assessment)
- Unified and Integrated Approach “In-Country Dedicated Common Platform”
- Emergency Data Preparedness: National Geodatabase
- Institutional linkages and strengthening of national actors
- Updating of National Spatial Data Infrastructure

# Data Collection



Post Disaster

Primary Datasets

Spatial Analysis and Geospatial  
tools for field data collection

Secondary Datasets

Post Disaster Satellite Data and  
government line agencies  
datasets

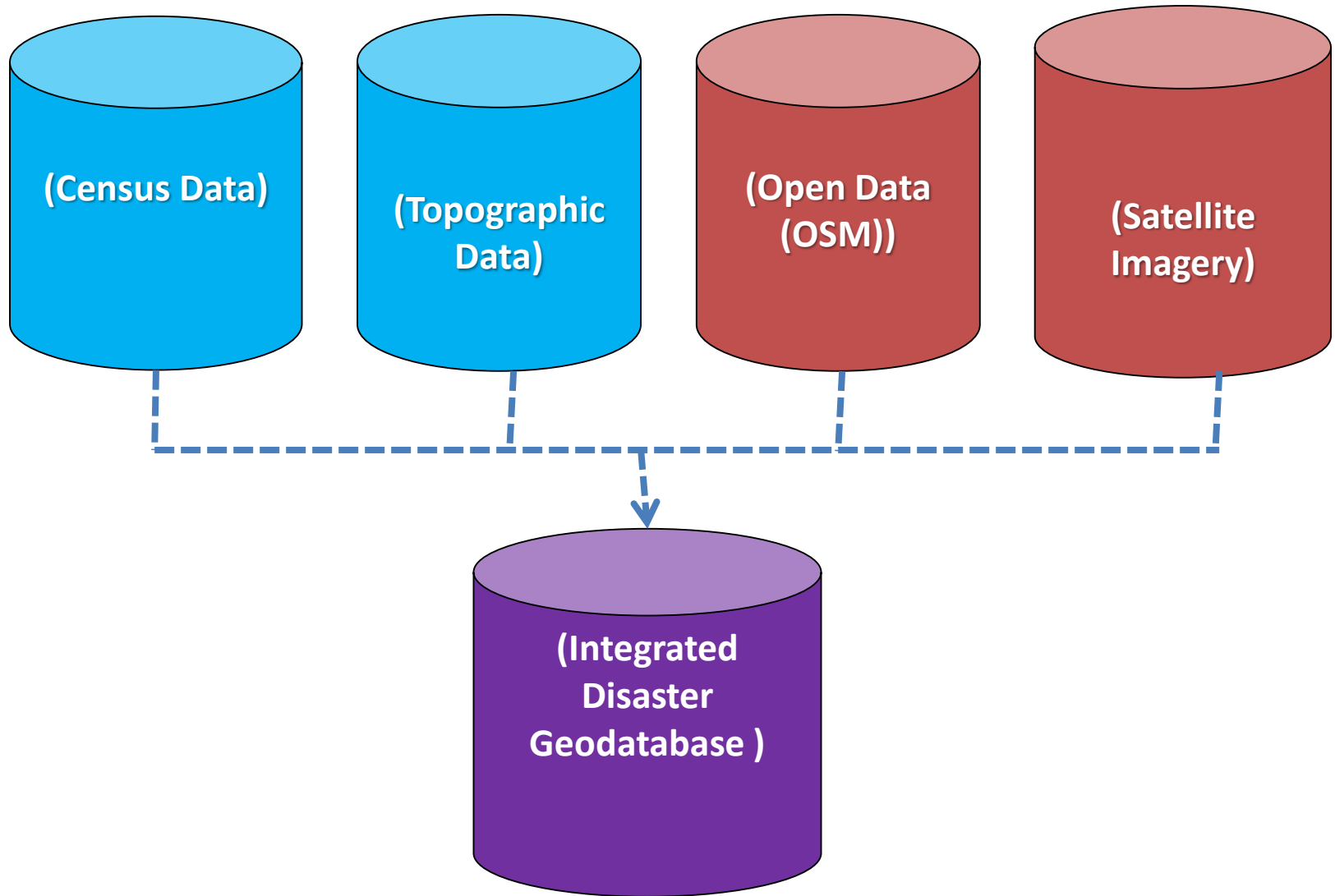
Baseline Datasets

Population, Demographics,  
Administrative Boundaries etc

Pre Disaster



# Integrated Geodatabase





**Thank You !**