

ICT For Disaster Management

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Disasters

- The most frequent natural hazards include geological risks (earthquakes, tsunami, landslides and volcanoes)
- floods, cyclones and droughts and other hazards such as epidemics and insect infestations.
- It can cause massive destruction to the lives and livelihoods of large population and hence, to the national economies. eg. The death-toll of the tsunami that occurred in the Indian Ocean in December 2004 has risen to more than 300,000 people.
- It is experienced that the least developed and developing countries are impacted more severely by large scale natural disasters.

Natural Disasters

Flood



Fire



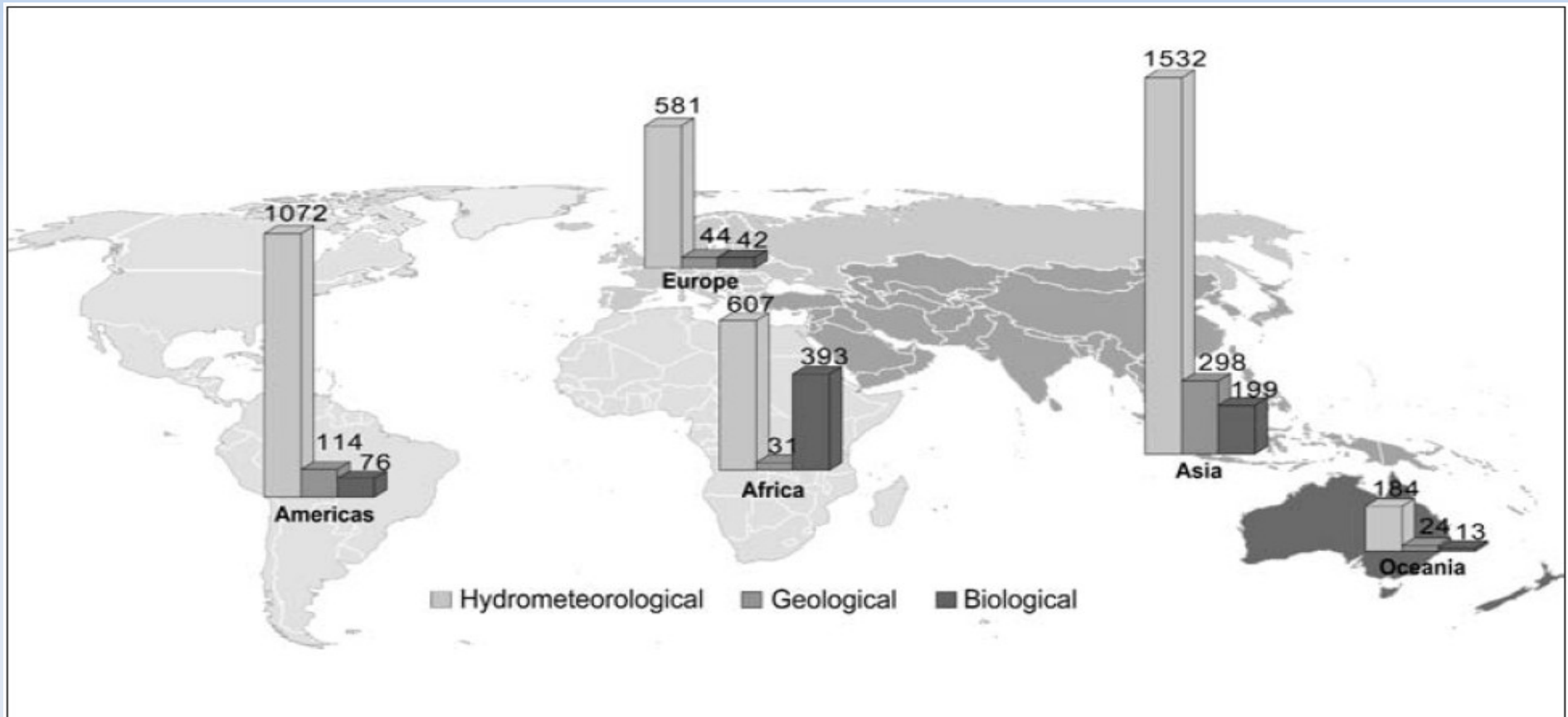
Earthquake



Volcano

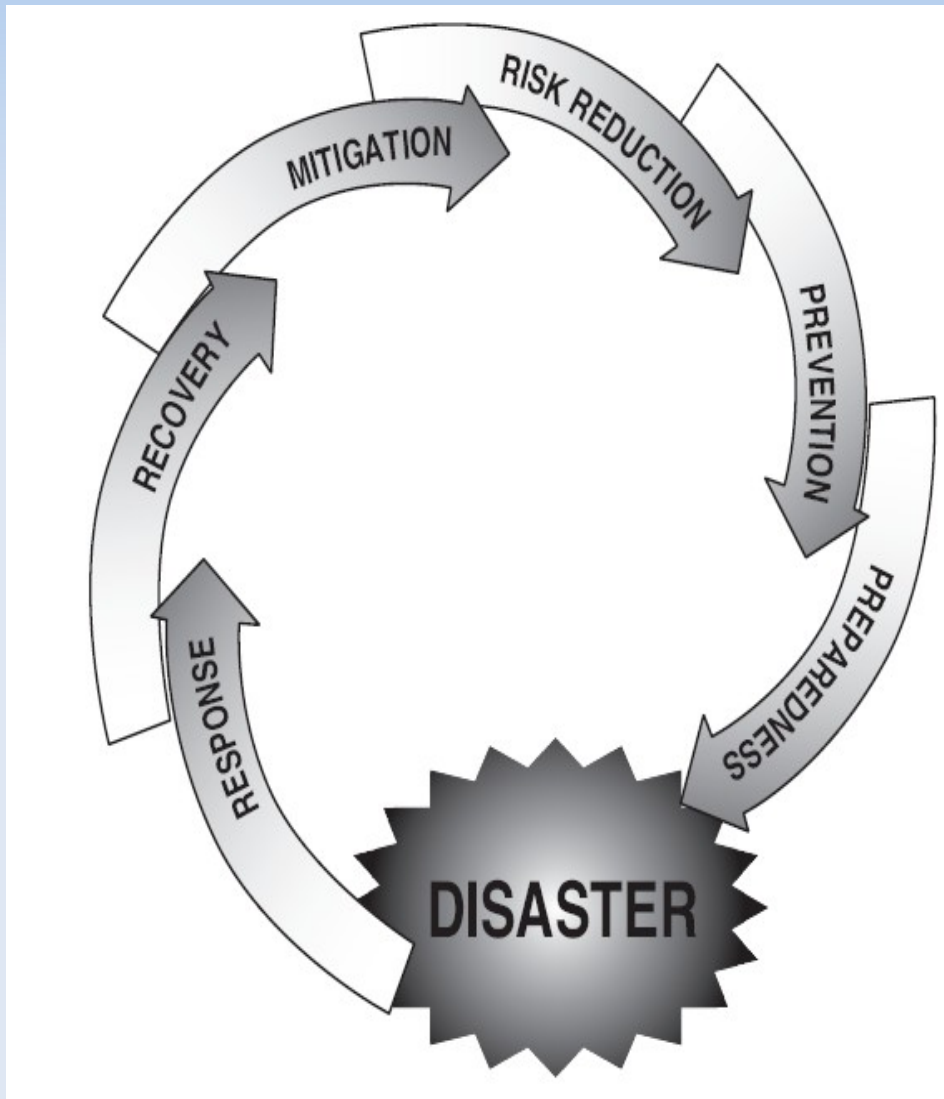
Need of ICT

- The Asia-Pacific is among the most disaster prone regions in the world



Number of Disasters by Origin: Regional Distribution, 1995–2004

The Disaster Management Cycle



Taking measures to reduce the losses brought by natural disasters has been a major challenge for the world in achieving its development goals.

“ICT can be as crucial as Food & Shelter in any disaster... It can save lives thro’ timely & accurate Information”

Disaster Management

- **Prevention:** avoiding a disaster even at the eleventh hour.
- **Mitigation:** activity that reduces the chance of a hazard turning into disaster
- **Risk reduction:** actions that seek to avoid future risks as a result of a disaster
- **Preparedness:** plans made to save lives or property, and help the response and rescue service operations
- **Response:** actions taken to save lives
- **Recovery:** includes actions that assist a community to return to a sense of normality after a disaster

Prevention Phase

- ◆ Channels Used for Disaster Warning

- ➔ Radio and Television

- ➔ Telephone

- ➔ SMS

- ➔ Cell Broadcasting

- ➔ Satellite Radio

- ➔ Internet

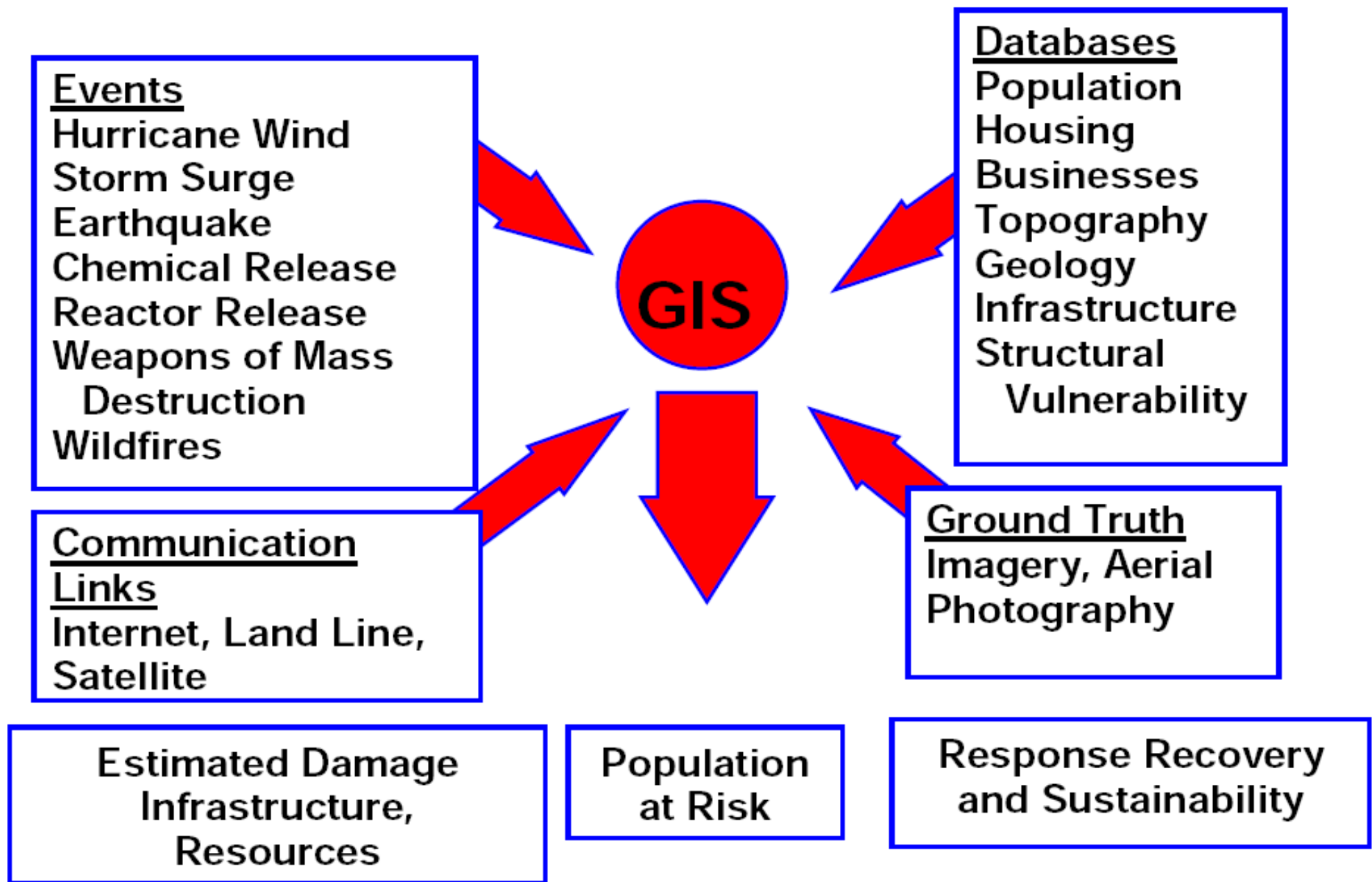
GIS for DM Planning

- Using a GIS, it is possible to pinpoint hazard trends and start to evaluate the consequences of potential emergencies or disasters.
- When hazards are viewed with other map data, such as buildings, residential areas, rivers and waterways, streets, pipelines, power lines, storage facilities, forests, etc.,
- disaster management officials can formulate mitigation, preparedness, response and possible recovery needs.

Web Portal for DM Response

- Missing Person Registry: Helping Families Find Each Other
- Organization Registry & Volunteer coordination :
Coordinating All Aid Groups and Helping Them to Operate Effectively As One
- Camps Registry: Capturing the Location of All Temporary Camps and Shelters
- Request Management System: Effectively Utilization
- Inventory Management: Keeps track of inventories at a high enough granularity to account for the chaotic transfer of goods and aid.

GIS for DM



Thank You