



GEO Disaster Management Clearinghouse

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“The Myanmar cyclone and Chinese earthquake disasters demonstrated that the world has plenty of imaging satellites to monitor disasters but is still unable to make imagery and other data easily and widely available to emergency-response teams”

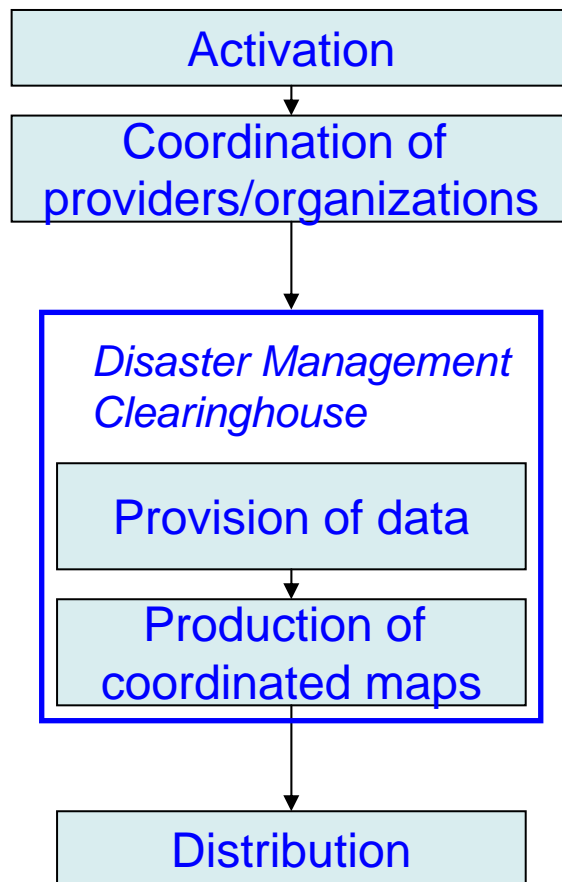
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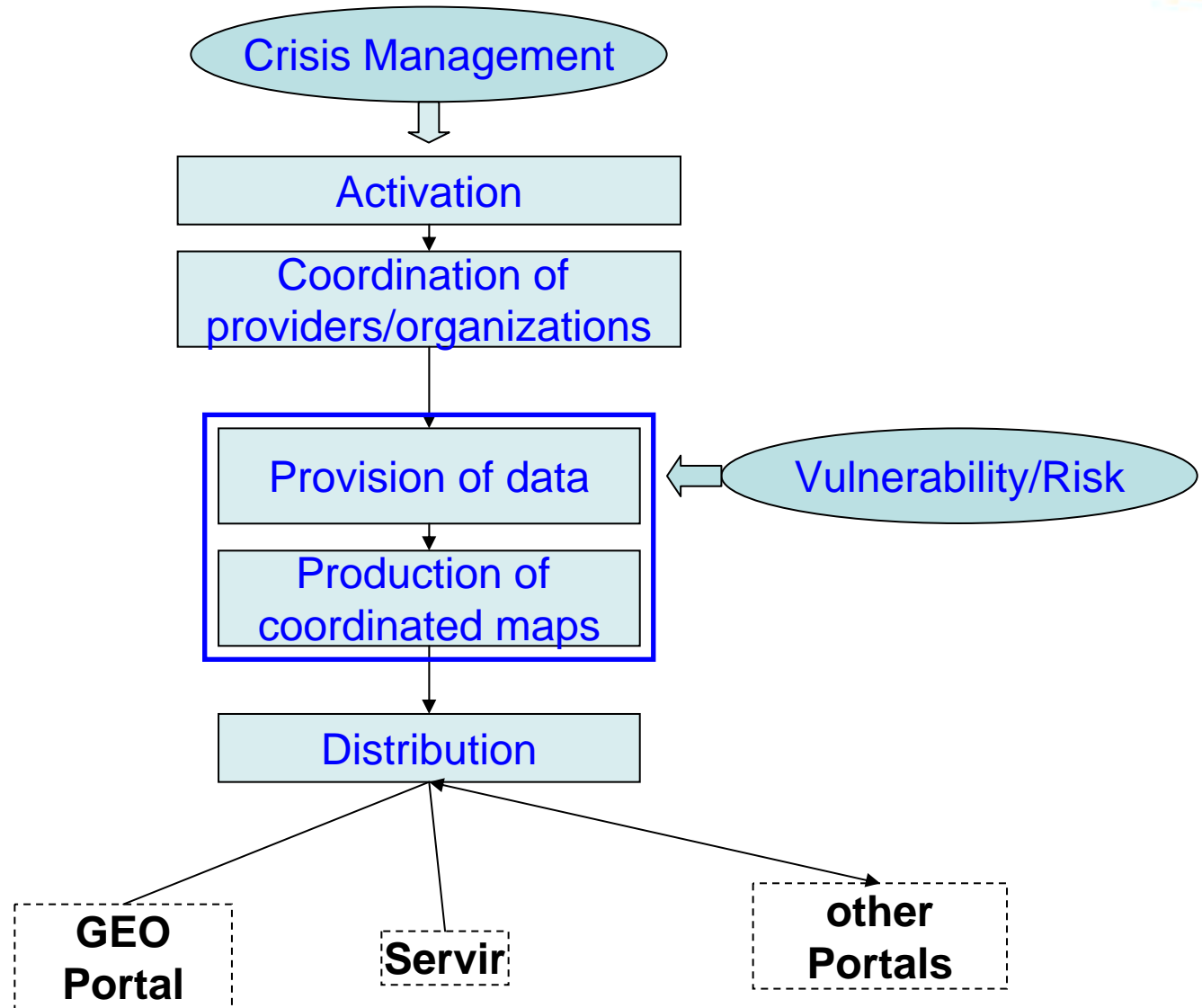
"There is an overwhelming amount of products available", and organizations involved, that require coordination.
(Space News, 9 June 08)

The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) proposes to coordinate all the providers and products developers and establish a service permitting disaster-response teams to benefit from all available space-based observations through maps of affected areas. This [Disaster Management Clearinghouse](#) would be a component of GEOSS and accessible via the GEO Portal or any other.

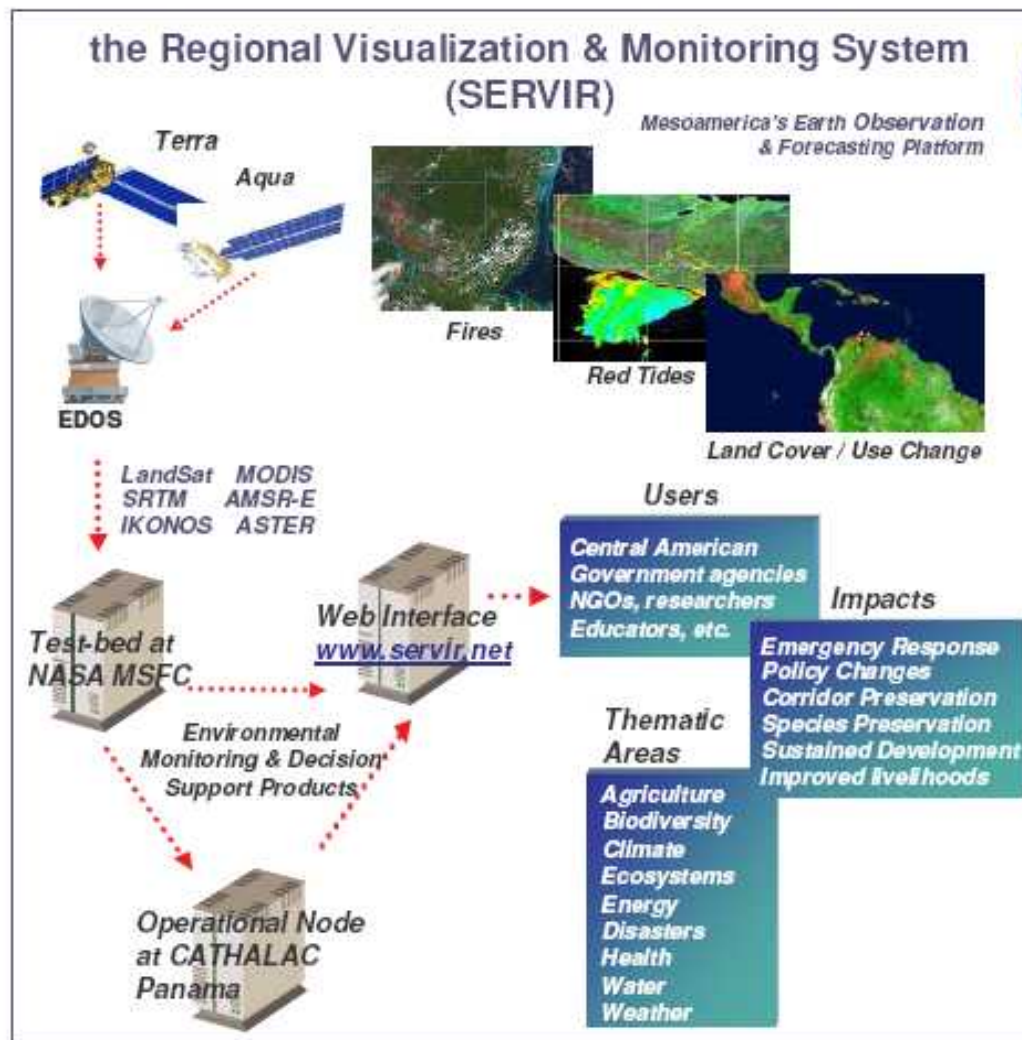
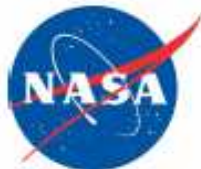


Building on existing efforts



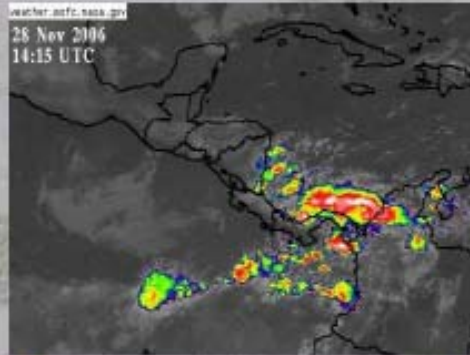
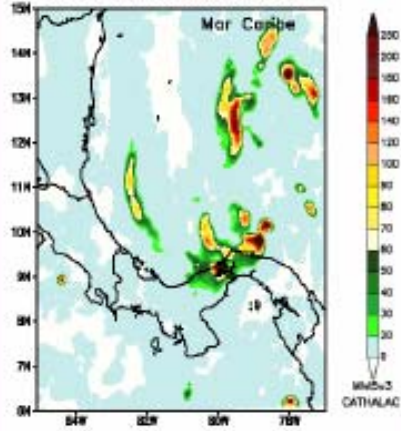


A successful example: Servir

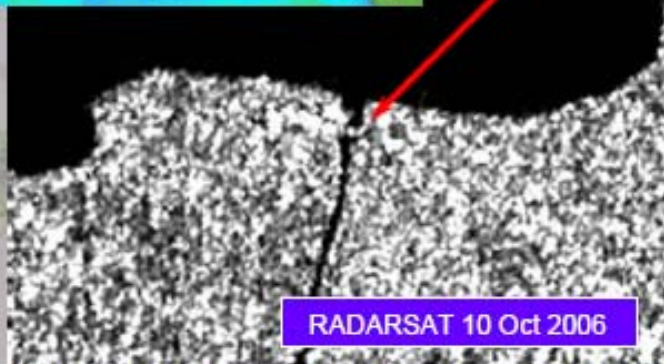


SERVIR Response to Flooding in Panama, November 2006

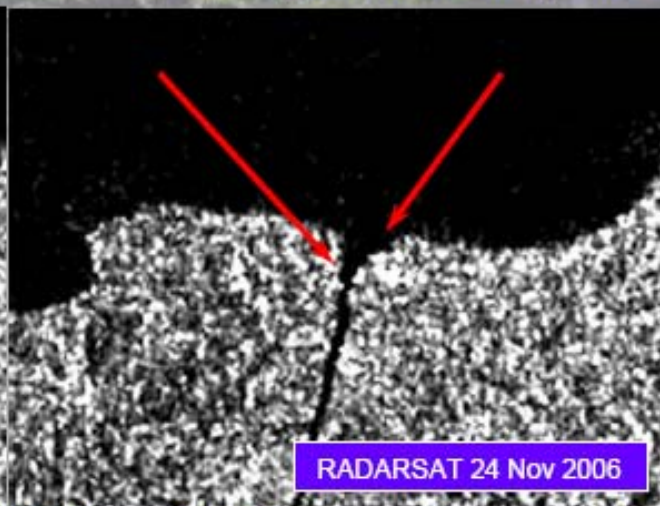
3-hour Peak Rainfall
23 Nov 2006 08UTC



Met products such as MM5 (left), WRF, and SPoRT model outputs, along with GOES imagery (above), provide a continuous support mechanism for decision makers.



RADARSAT 10 Oct 2006



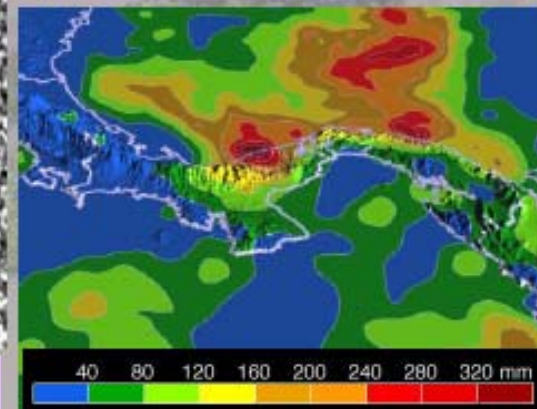
RADARSAT 24 Nov 2006

Change detection analysis (above) based on RADARSAT data near Rio Indio, Panama. These images help the Panamanian disaster response agency to focus their efforts in the areas of the flood's greatest impact.



Panamanian President Martin Torrijos (left) consults with meteorologist Annette Quinn and Director of CATHALAC Emilio Sempres at the SERVIR facility in the City of Knowledge, Panama.

TRMM data (below) are used to show total rainfall accumulation over the period November 20-28, 2006.





Disaster Management Clearinghouse

Building upon Servir

To coordinate providers and product developers for disaster management

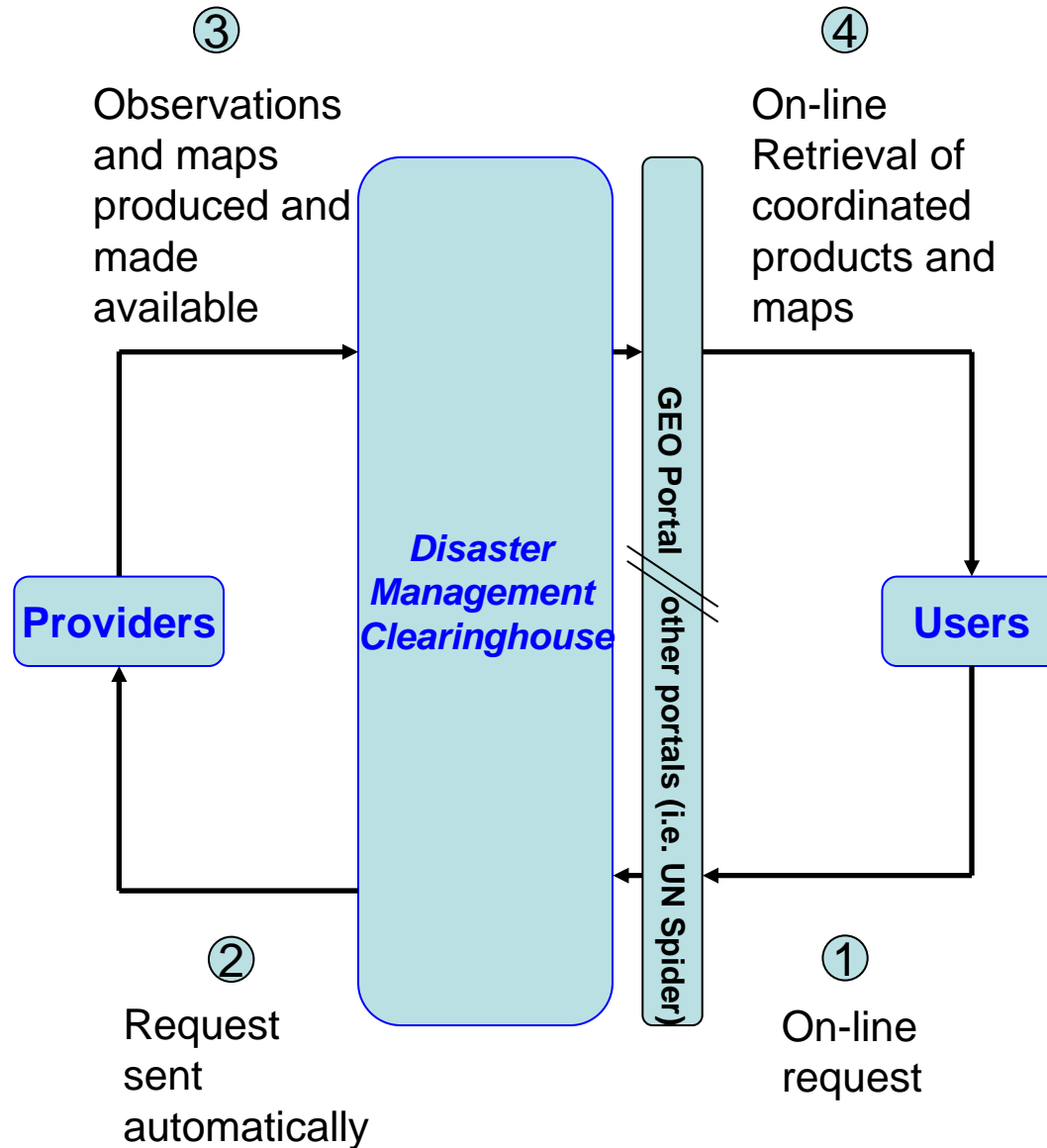
(prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery and restoration):

1. Vulnerability/Risk assessment
2. Crisis Management
3. Related Forecasts



The GEO **Disaster Management Clearinghouse** aims to become a centralized source of information products for disaster management by providing *integrated* and *interoperable* observations and derived maps for:

1. **Vulnerability/Risk assessment**: Relevant observations and derived maps will be made available and easily accessible through the Disaster Management Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse will interface with the GEO Portal or other portals and it will be accessible and searchable on-line through key-searches (thematic, by GLIDE identification number, etc).
2. **Crisis Management**: Users will be able to request information on-line, via the GEO Portal or else. The request will be sent to all providers that will contribute the data/products through an agreed mechanism to the GEO Disaster Management Clearinghouse which will generate maps and other products and publish them through the GEO Portal or any other portal that users can access.
3. **Related Forecasts** (i.e. weather, population migration, fire risk etc): Forecast products in support of disaster management will also be made available in standardized formats through the Clearinghouse.





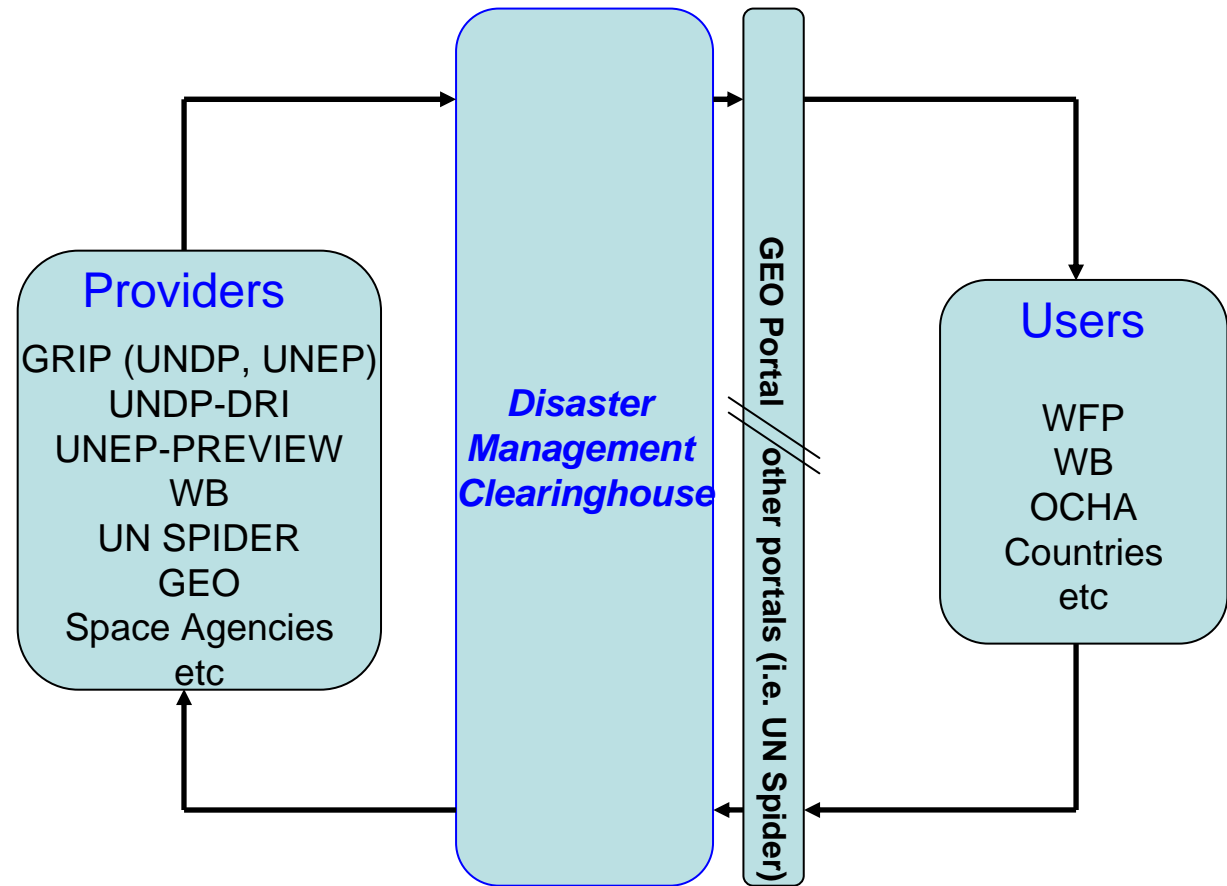
Characteristics of the GEO **Disaster Management Clearinghouse for production of disaster management products and derived maps (for 1.vulnerability/risk; 2. crisis management; and 3. related forecasts):**

- **USERS: Can Request/Download data/products On-line**
- **PROVIDERS:**
 - Receive request
 - Produce and make data/products available to the Clearinghouse
- **DISASTER MANAGEMENT CLEARINGHOUSE:**
 - *Interoperability:* Observations and derived maps are all made interoperable (georeferenced, calibrated, etc)
 - *Flexibility:* additional providers can join (and be integrated in the system) at anytime
- **DISTRIBUTION:**
 - through GEO Portal or any other portal
 - Additional users can have access to the information



1) Vulnerability/ Risk:

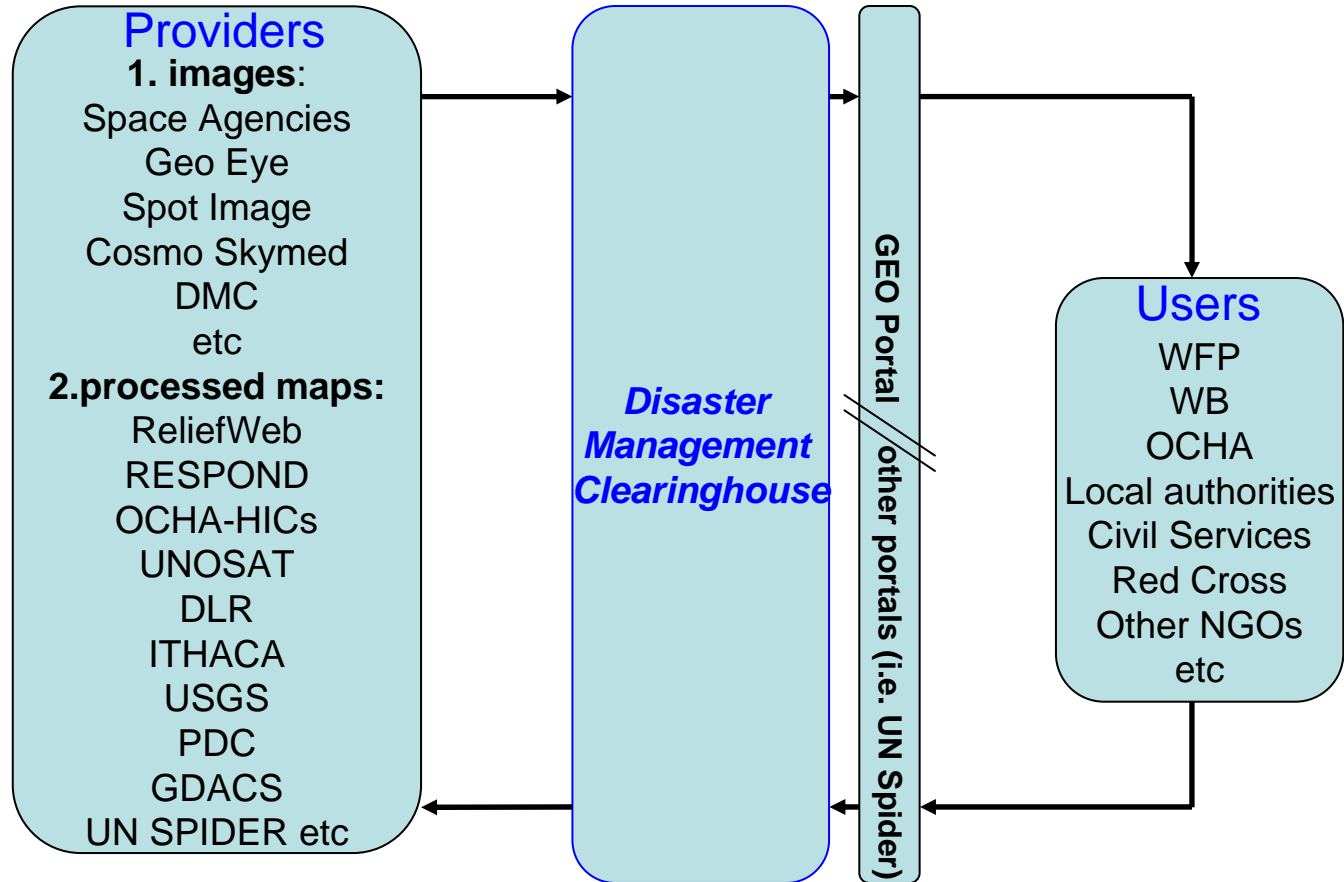
Vulnerability and
Risk Maps,
Historical catalogue
of loss and damage
assessment maps
and Hazards
Impacts maps etc





2) Crisis Management:

Impacts maps, flooding maps, loss and damage assessment, etc



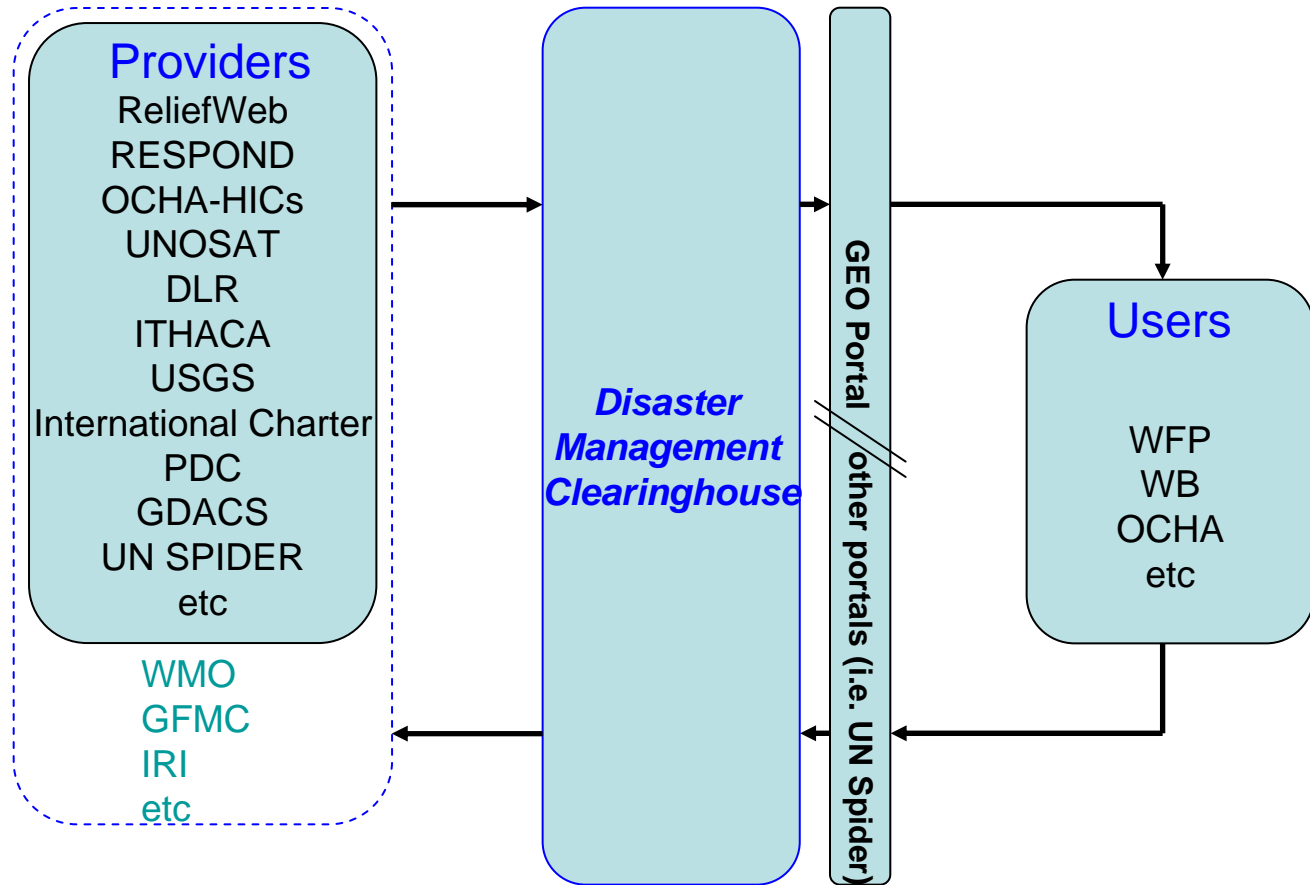


3) Related Forecasts

(Phase 2) :

weather forecasts
(WMO), fire risk
maps (GFMC),
population
migration, etc

(integrated with
observations and
derived maps)





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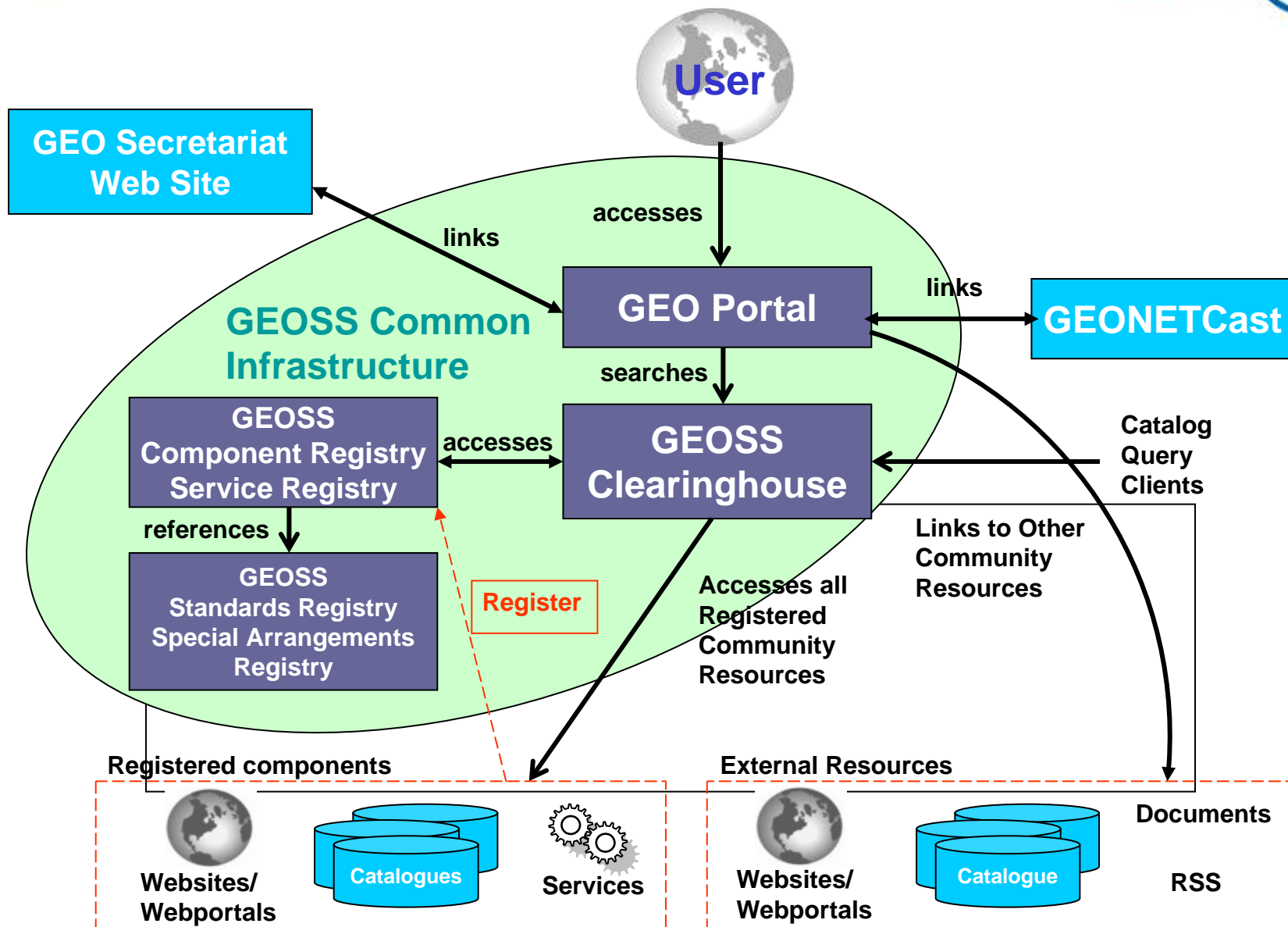
Simplifying and Discovering Information

GEO Web Portal (and Clearinghouse)

- **Offering Access to Data and Services**
- **Providing Calibration and Validation**
- **Providing Tools**



GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI) Overview





GCI Component Providers

Potential Component provider	Portal	Clearinghouse	Component and service registry	Standards and Special Arrangements Registry
ESA/FAO [EU-UN] Public Sector	X			
ESRI [USA] Private Sector	X	X		
Compusult [Canada] Private Sector	X	X		
George Mason Univ. [USA] Public Sector			X	
IEEE [International] Public Sector				X
FAO/GeoNetwork [UN] Public Sector		X		



GEO Portal Infrastructure

- Current Prototype -

Today three prototype GEO Portal web interfaces together with the various associated infrastructure components are open and can be accessed through their URLs:

- <http://www.geoportal.org> , developed by ESA and FAO
- <http://keel.esri.com/Portal> , developed by ESRI
- <http://www.geowebportal.org> , developed by Compusult





GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI) Initial Operating Capability (IOC) Task Force (TF)

- GCI IOC TF Governance
 - reports to GEO Executive Committee
 - GEO Committee representatives
 - One year period of performance (1 July 2008 - 30 June 2009). Interim report to GEO-V and final report to the GEO VI Plenary.
- GCI IOC TF Objectives
 - develop Concept of Operations Plan
 - ❖ operational requirements, responsibilities and interactions
 - evaluate of GCI Components
 - ❖ provider and user requirements
 - ❖ reliability, suitability, sustainability, and quality of service
 - ❖ maintenance, enhancements, access control and security
 - ❖ intellectual property rights
 - Recommendations for Long-term GCI Operations