

# Contribution to the Disaster Management SensorWeb Pilot Project – a longer-term perspective

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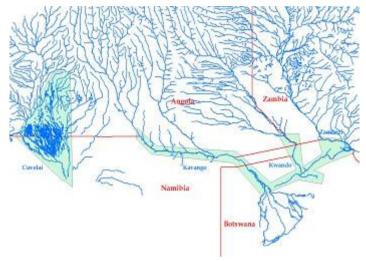
#### **Facts and Needs**

- recurring floods are having a devastating effect on the lives and livelihoods of the population in the Northern provinces of Namibia and that the only way to prevent this is through investing in disaster risk management
- People were unprepared ... (2009: 750 000 affected, 37.5 % of population, 50 000 displaced, 102 dead, ~215 million US \$ losses/damage)
- Economic losses / damage mainly within agriculture, manufacture, trade, housing (Source: Prof. Katjavivi, *Director General National Planning Commission Office of the President, Namibia*)
- Weak emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction framework
- Weak Early Warning and adequate action upon it
- Better provision of relief assistance (on time, quantities, access to health facilities)

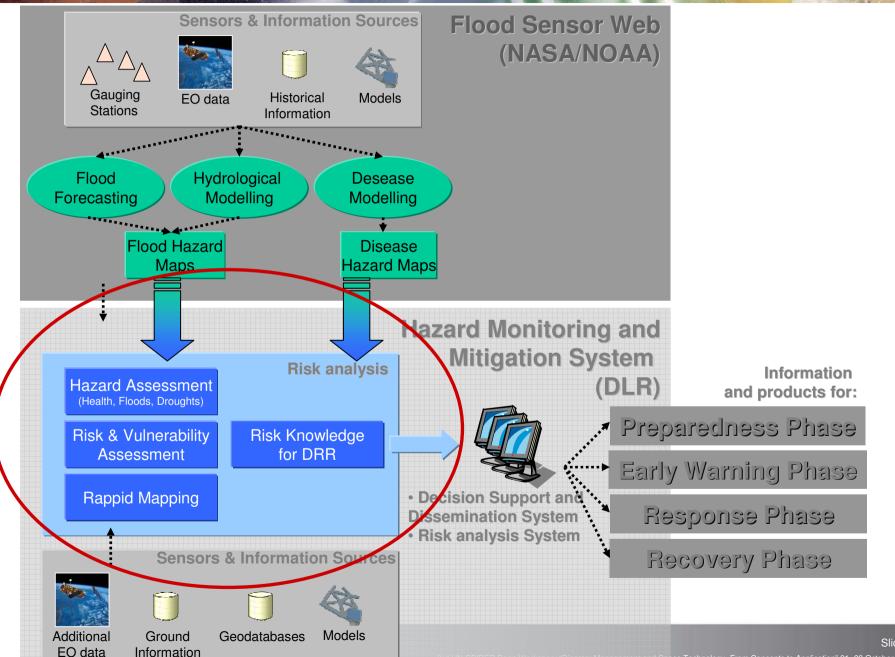
(Source: UN Flash appeal 2009)



#### **Basic conditions**



- → Natural hazards and conjoint/cascading effects (e.g. flood health)
  - Cause transboundary impacts to environment and society
  - → Need transboundary strategies and counter measures.
  - → Need a Hazard Monitoring and Mitigation Center with transboundary service provision

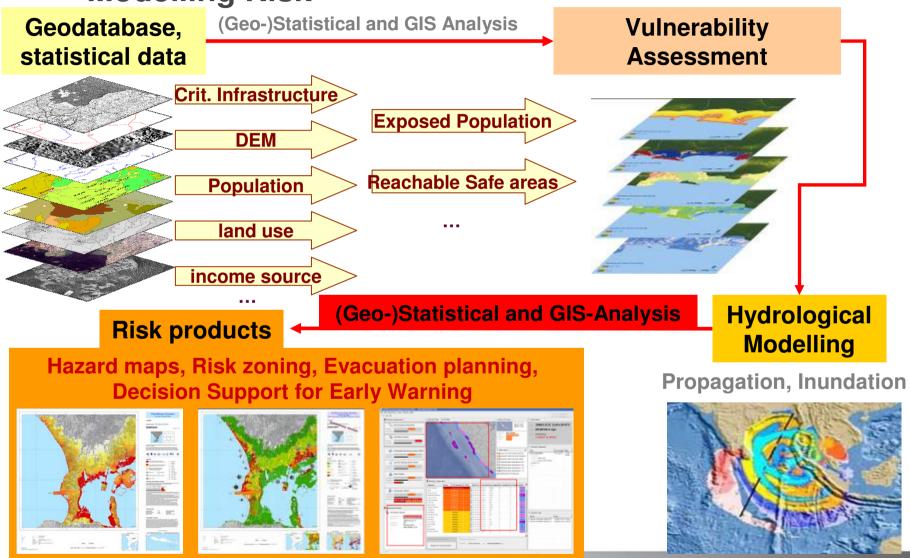


#### Risk assessment framework

Early Warning and Response Phases		Preparedness Measures		Topics for Risk Assessment	
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Warning Decision		Hazard Assessment		What is the potential hazard impact on land?	
2 Warning Decision	_	Exposure estimation	_	Are there exposed people and critical infra.?	ļħ,
3 Warning Dissemination		Warning chain development		Do people receive and understand a warning?	
4 Anticipated Response		Awareness / sensitization		Do people respond to warnings and evacuate?	
5 Evacuation		Evacuation strategy		YVho & how many people are able to reach a safe place?	
6 Emergency Relief		Contingency planning		VVho & how many people need relief assistance?	
Sustainable Recovery		Recovery planning		VVho is able to recover from the impacts?	

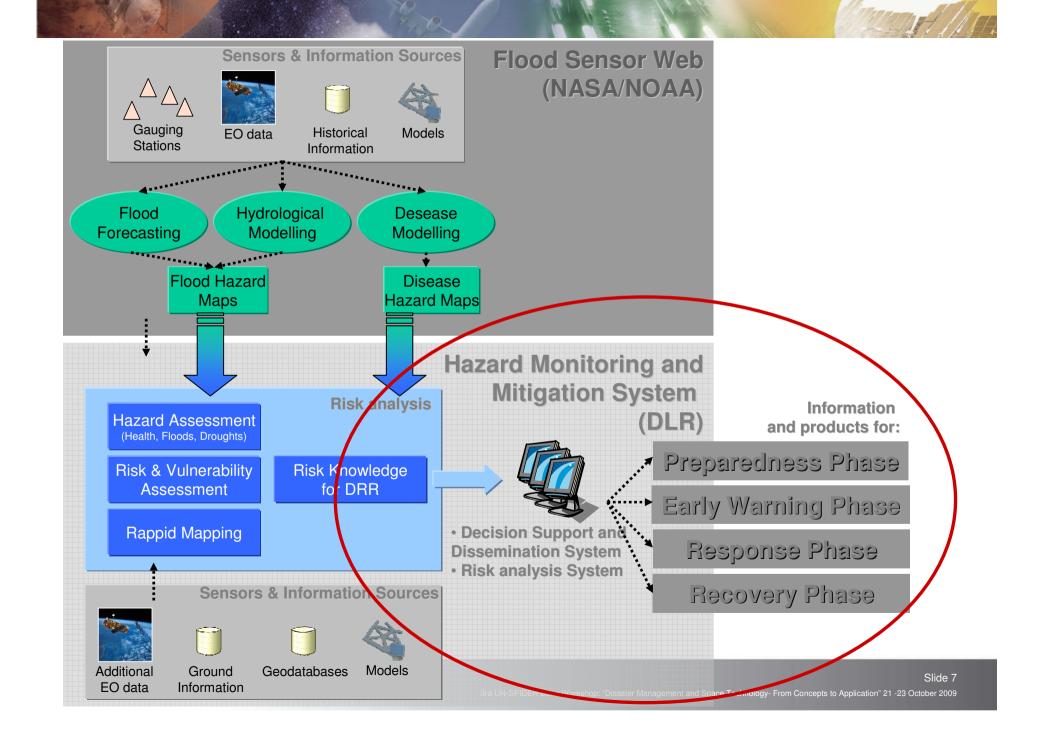


## **Modelling Risk**

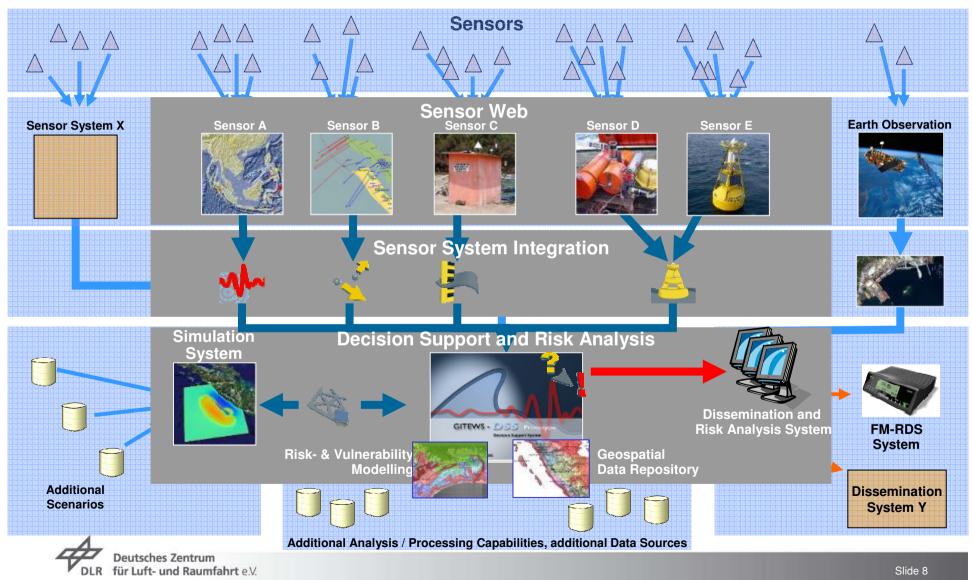


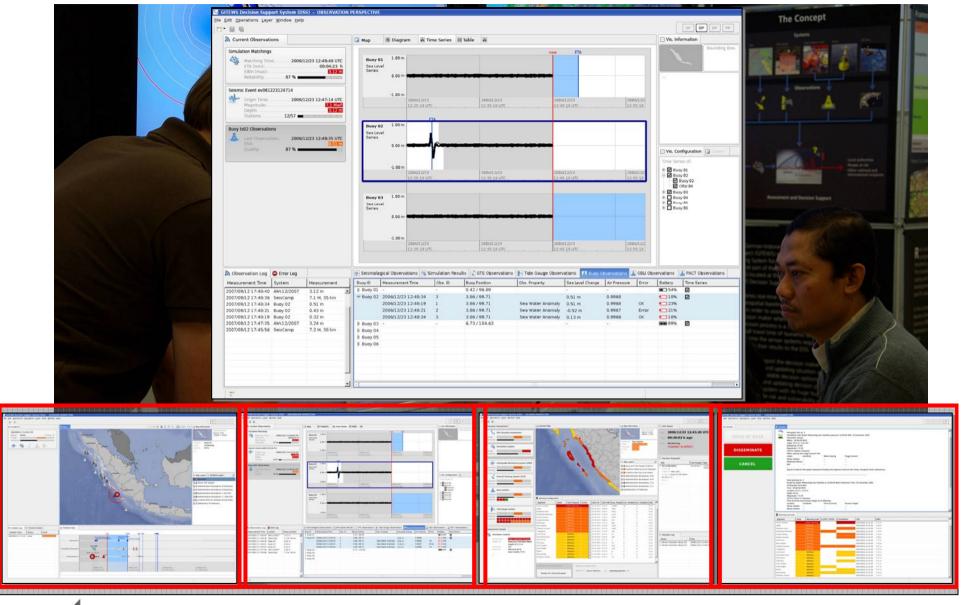
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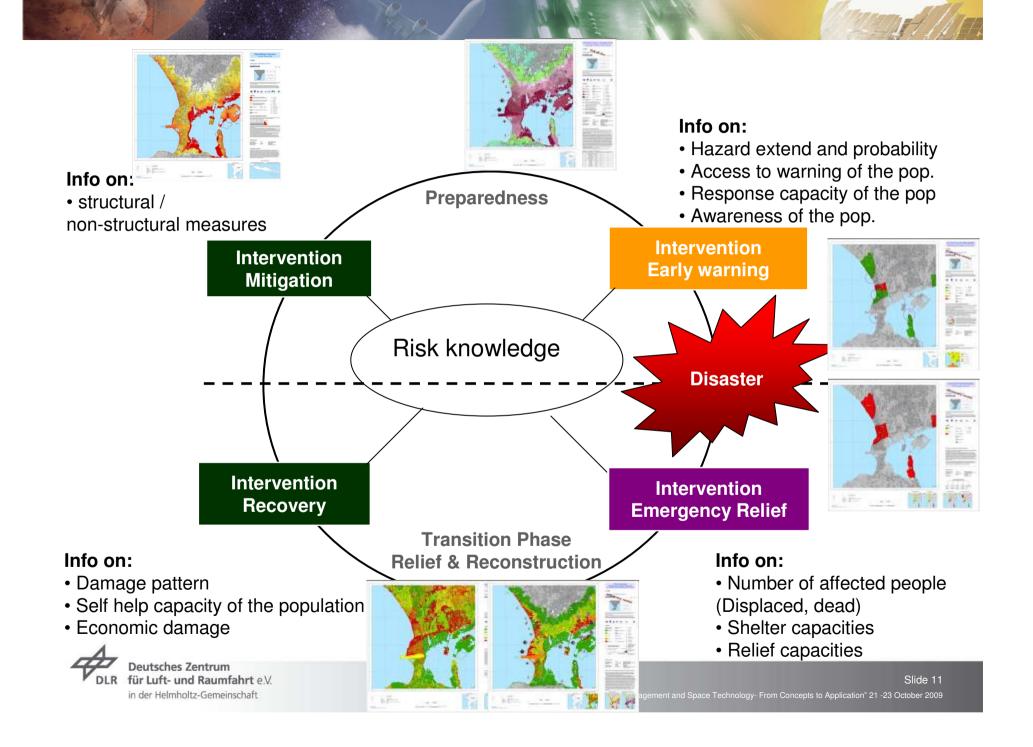
# **Hazard Monitoring and Mitigation System**





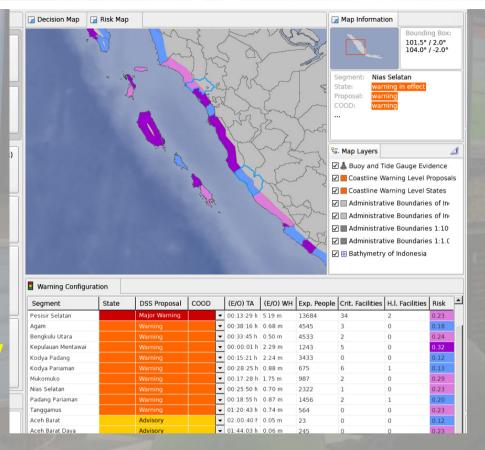
## **Example: Early Warning and Response products**







- User can access and query information at any time
- In case of threat, specific case dependent information is displayed
- Pre-disaster use to plan risk reduction strategies
  - **→** Warning chain
  - Evacuation and contigency planning
  - Structural / non-structural mitigation
  - **→** Awareness / Preparedness













## **Summary**

- Hazard Monitoring and Mitigation System as a Center in Namibia with transboundary service provision
- System solution to provide dedicated information and decision support for disaster risk reduction (early warning, emergency relief and recovery, prevention and preparedness)
- Standardized opportunity to integrate sensor systems and geodatabases (e.g. flood sensor web)
- Risk knowledge as key for disaster management



