

Dynamic flood risk assessment using globally available data: an African example

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## Flooding in Africa: what are the impacts?









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# "[...] Globally, we need to better understand how and where we are vulnerable to disasters, and how best to manage the risks we face"



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# **Global flood risk research at IVM & Deltares**

#### IVM VU

- Multidisciplinary risk studies
- ENHANCE project



#### Deltares

- Global hydrological modeling
- Collaborative research with The Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency

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#### **Direct economic damages**













## Global flood hazard model

- Global hydrological inundation model
- Currently: up to 1 in 30 year floods
- Possible: up to 1 in 100 year floods

#### • Output:

- Inundation extent (1km x 1km)
- Inundation depth (10cm intervals)







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#### Satellite observations



#### Global flood model







# Flood risk assessment: case-study Mozambique

- Flood risk assessment using global data
- Exposure: three land-use types
  - Urban (density 0 100%)
  - Crops (density 0 100%)
  - Infrastructure (roads and railways)
- Hazard: global inundation model

## Vulnerability: vulnerability functions with depth







## Flood risk assessment: Mozambique case-study

Damages to…	Model estimates, total Mozambique (millions)	Observed, year 2000 flood (millions)
Urban areas	\$ 3,162	\$ 1,105
Crops	\$ 17	\$ 85
Infrastructure	\$ 131	\$ 100
Total	\$ 3,310	\$ 1,290



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# **Population impact**

#### Affected population

- Number of people affected
- Average poverty, age break-down and health of affected people

## Mortality

- Expected deaths
  - > Flood depth
  - > Poverty and health
  - > Governance indicators





Source: Jonkman et al., 2008

# **Dynamic scenarios**

#### Flood risk under scenarios of..

- Climate change
- Population growth
- Urban expansion
- Wealth growth

## Dynamic assessment

- How does flood risk change?
- Which developments matter?
- Which can we influence?



## **Adaptation measures**

#### Model can be used to assess adaptation measures

#### **1. Hazard reduction**

• Standard of flood protection

#### **2. Exposure reduction**

• Value of assets in flood zone

#### 3. Vulnerability reduction

- Asset vulnerability
- Societal resilience



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#### **Global scale analyses**



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# Links to stakeholders operations

- 1. Quantifying and mapping current and future flood risk
- 2. Linking to adaptation planning and financing
- 3. Assessing the effects of **development** on flood risk
- 4. Applications in short- to medium-term disaster planning
- 5. Added value to the Global Assessment Report?

# Thank you for your attention

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## **Indirect effects and macroeconomic impact**



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