

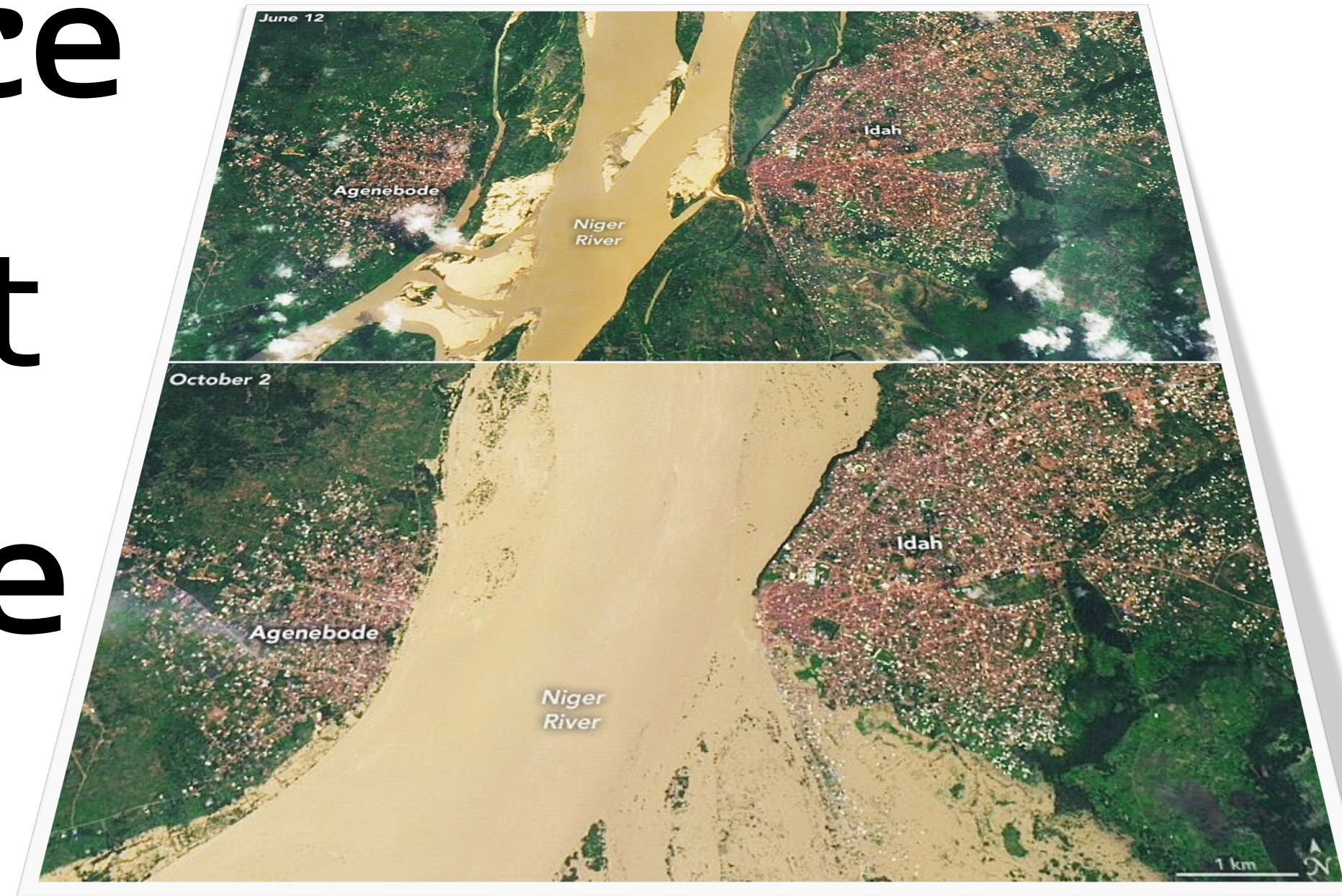


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# Harnessing Space Data to Support Flood Resilience in Nigeria



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**Geohazards  
Risk Mapping  
Initiative**

# Cases of Flood Disaster in Nigeria

Niger State, Nigeria [2021]



Refugee Camp site in Borno State [2021]



Flood disrupted road network in Lagos [2020]

“The yearly flood occurrence in Nigeria causes **loss of life and livelihood, damage to infrastructure and even women and children displacement.**”

# 2022 Floods Impact in Nigeria



**5 Million**  
People were  
affected



**300,000 houses**  
were  
partially/completely  
damage



**266,000 acres** of  
farmland was  
destroyed



**1.4 Million**  
people  
were  
internally  
displaced



**Killed over**  
**603 people**



# Meanwhile...



## Sustainable Development Goals

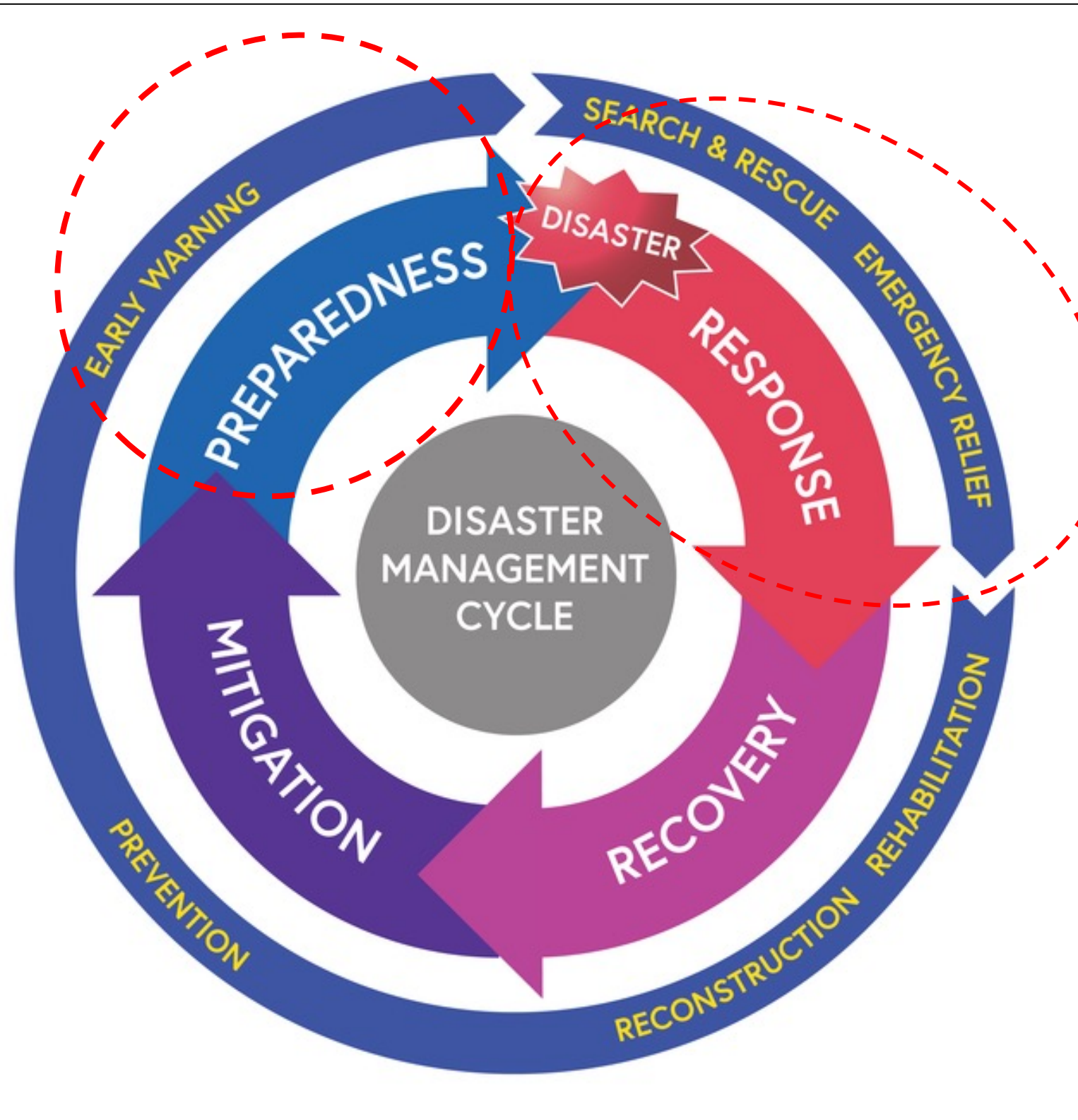


Make cities and human settlements **inclusive, safe, resilient** and sustainable.



Take urgent action to combat **climate change** and its impacts.

# Also...



**Disaster Risk Management**

## Sendai Framework for DRR



“How can we achieve a flood resilience society?”

Earth Observation datasets...





# Geohazards Risk Mapping Initiative

[www.georiskmap.org](http://www.georiskmap.org)

## GeoHazards; Predict, Prepare, and Protect.

Promoting a sustainable environment through the development, generating applications, and dissemination of Geohazard maps using advanced Geospatial Technology

[View Flood Maps](#)

[View Past Flood Events](#)

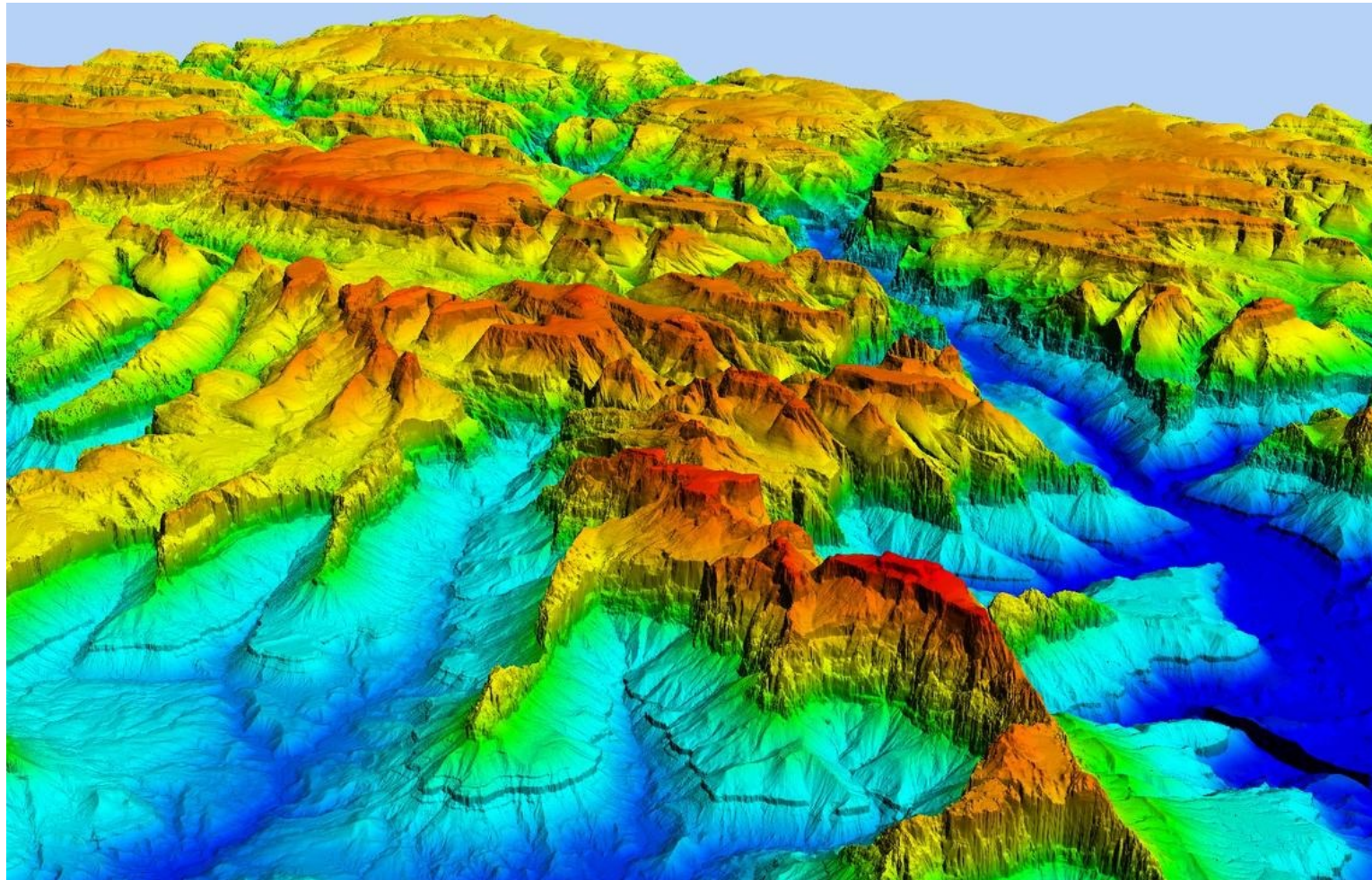
Using GIS, Remote Sensing Technology and AI to **identify communities, infrastructure and population at risk of flood.**

**Create Post Flood Impact Maps**

Share the mapping results with various **disaster response stakeholders** and **national emergency institution** and **community members.**

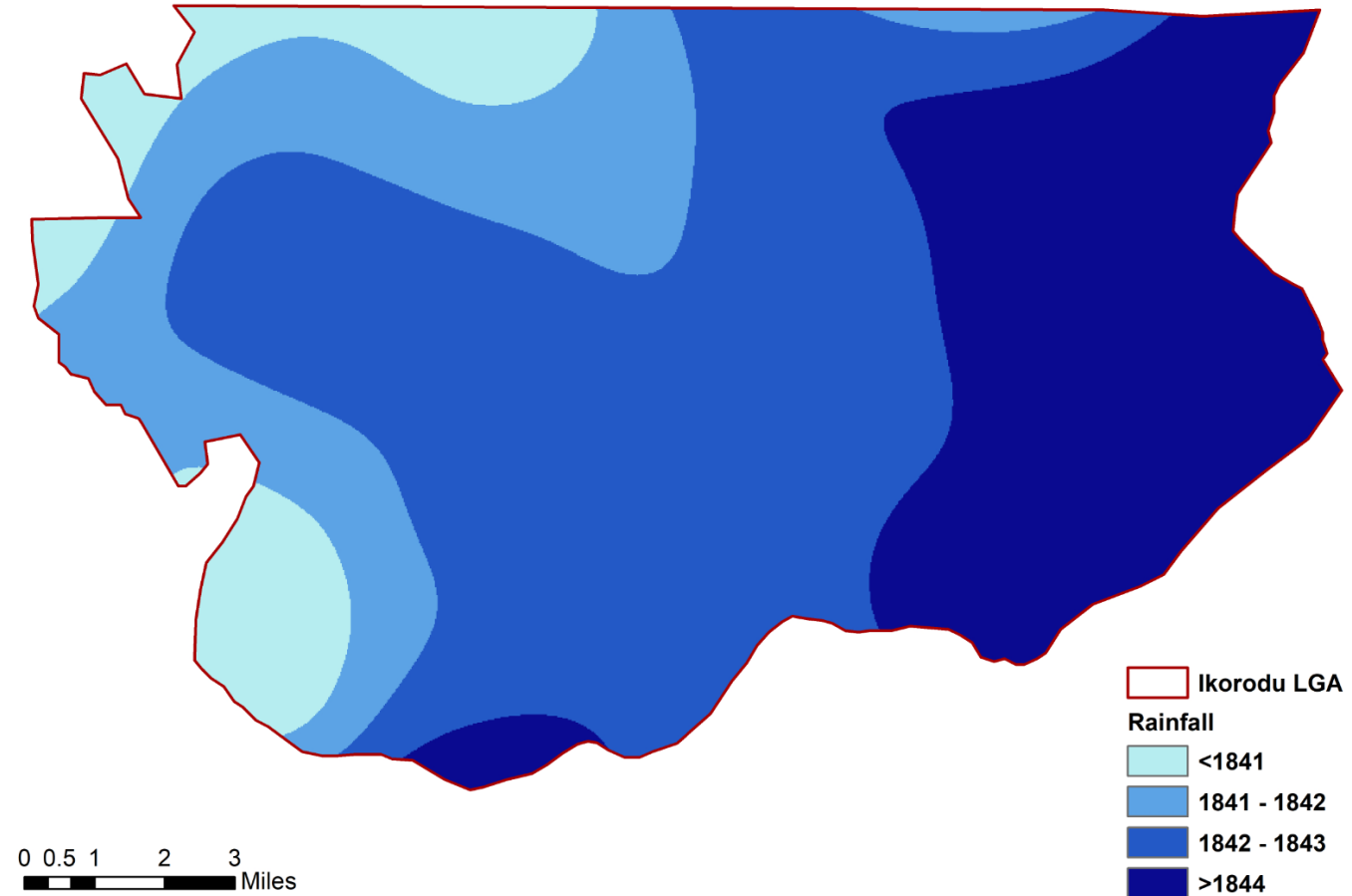


# Our datasets are product of Earth Observation Satellites.



**Digital Elevation [Terrain]**

The Digital Elevation data are essential data for creating stream flow/channels and river which are required for our flood model development.



**Satellite Derived – Rainfall Data**

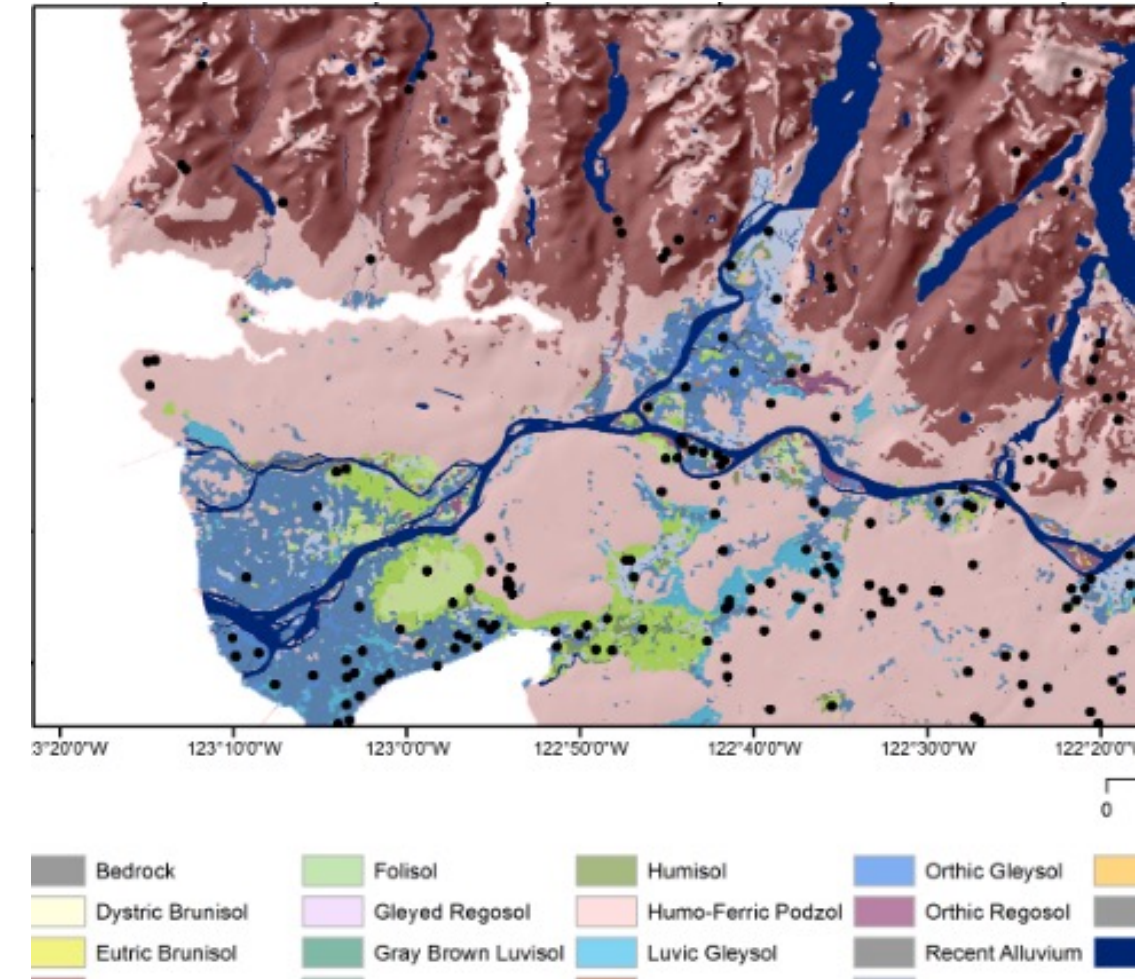
In cases, where are is no insitu (local meteo) rainfall data, satellite derived rainfall datasets e.g **CHIRPS and ERA5** has been our run to data; **especially time series data.**

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**Land Use/ Land Cover**

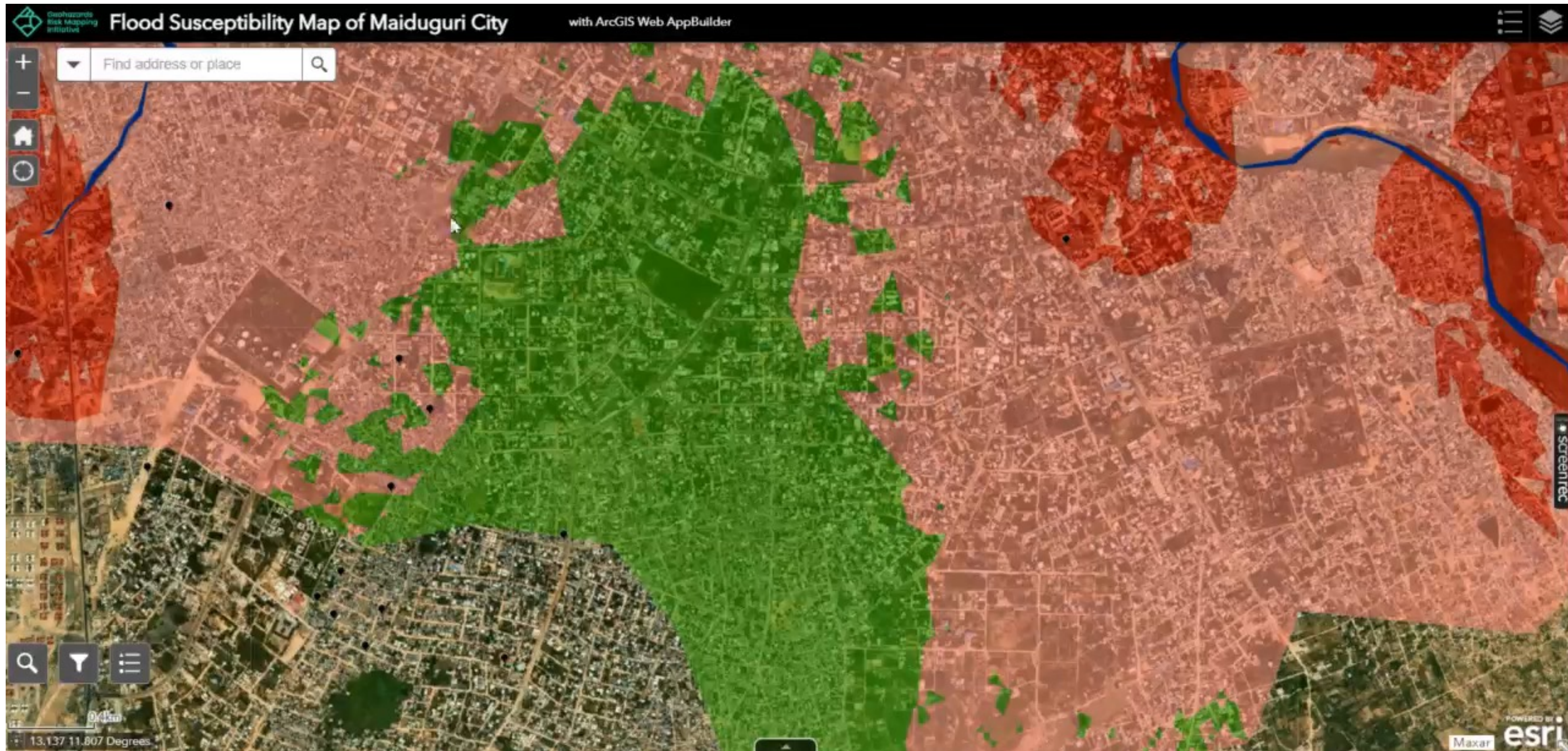
Access to satellite derived imagery such as **Sentinel 2 (Copernicus Data)** has made it easy for us to delineate the landuse types of location of interest.



**Soil Maps**

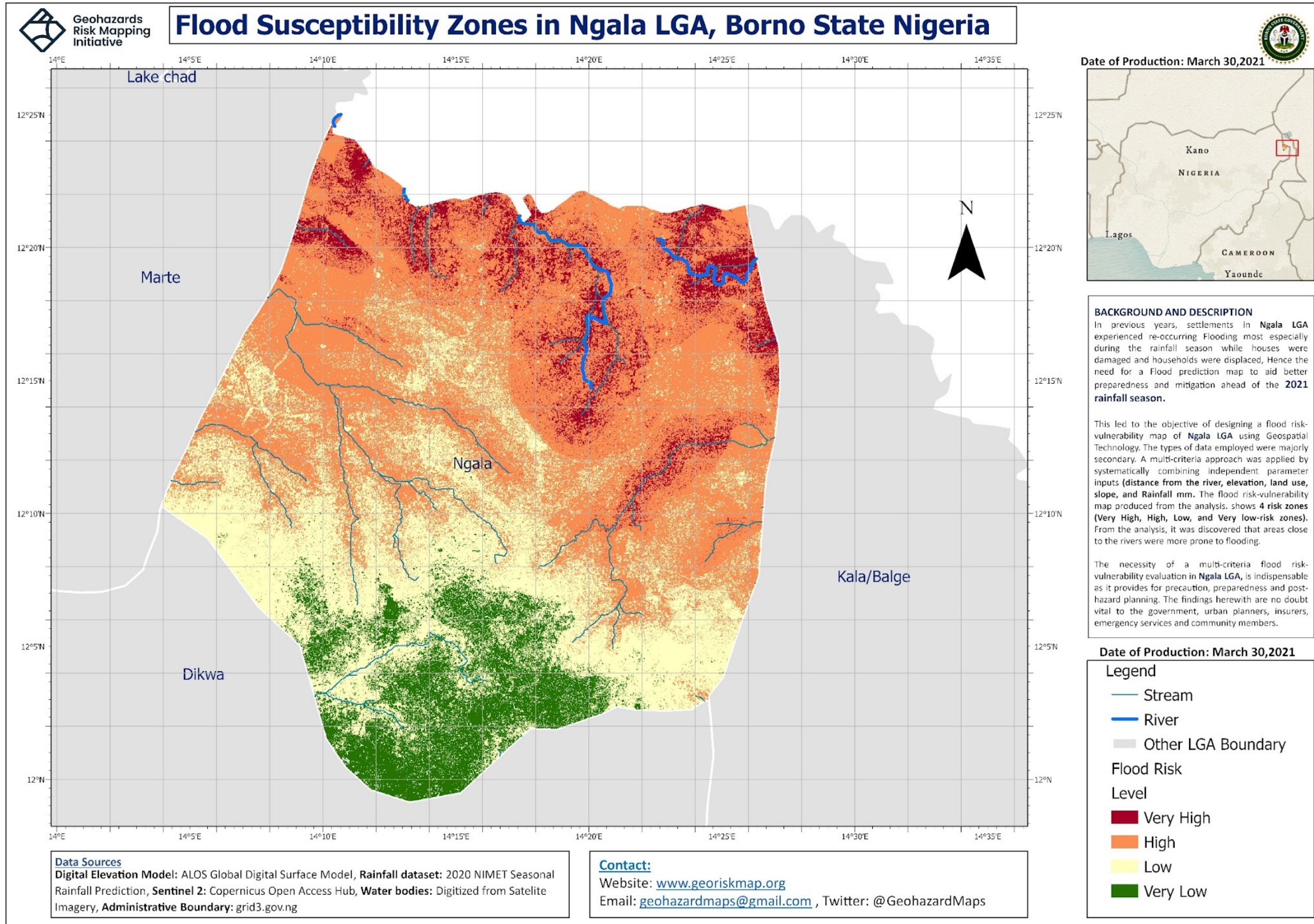
Satellite derived Soil Maps i.e **Soil Moisture** is also one of the required data for the development of the flood model since different soil type as differ rate of infiltration/permeability.

# Interactive dashboard Of Flood Susceptibility of a City in Nigeria)



Community members can easily use the Interactive map to search for the location of their houses and access the level of susceptibility to flood.

# Cartographic Maps



Emergency Institution  
 can create **potential flood evacuation zones**  
 and **flood awareness** to  
 the vulnerable houses.

# Publications and Reports

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NEWS & FEATURES

## Mapping Flood Risk for Nigeria's Internally Displaced People

Having escaped Boko Haram, IDPs now face the threat of rain as destructive storms swamp settlement camps.

BY TEMIDAYO ABASS  
05.04.2023

Top: In July 2017, a woman stands in a pool of water created by heavy rainfall in an internally displaced persons camp in northeast Nigeria. Heunis/AFP via Getty Images

**E**IGHT YEARS AGO, Mohammed Lawan fled his home in the village of [unclear] Nigeria. The Boko Haram insurgency had ravaged his community, and he heard distant sounds of gunfire and explosions as he and his family trudged in a search of refuge.

Since 2018, Lawan, his three wives, and their eight children have [unclear]

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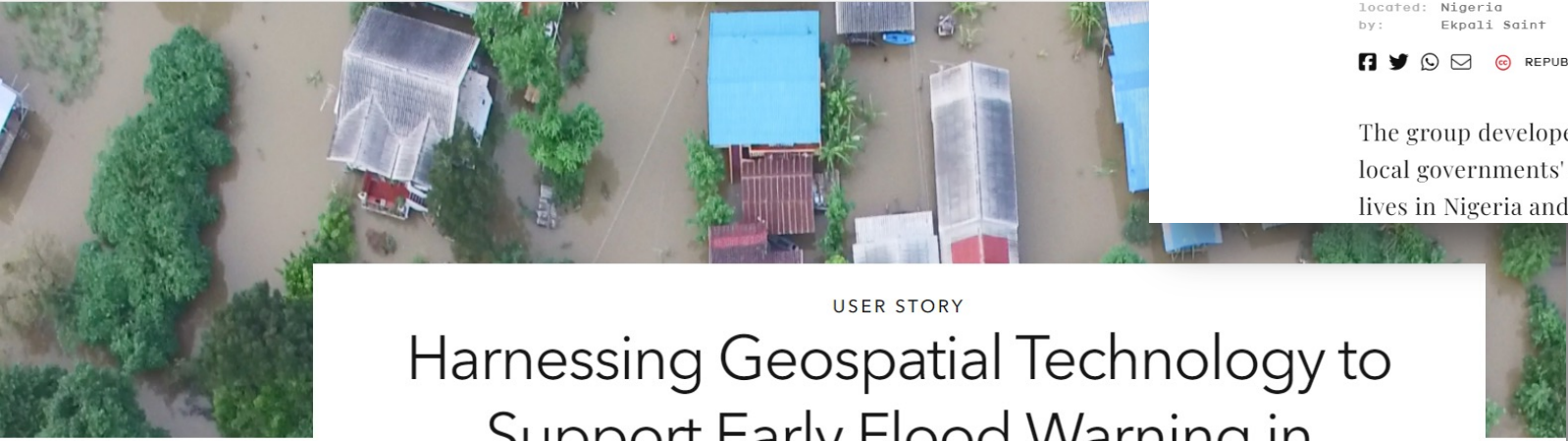
August 30, 2022  
Topic: Innovation  
Tags: #Nigeria, #Africa, #floods, #climate change, #GIS technology  
located: Nigeria  
by: Ekpali Saint

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The group developed a technology that fills gaps in local governments' flood response and could save lives in Nigeria and beyond.



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## Harnessing Geospatial Technology to Support Early Flood Warning in Nigeria

The Geohazard Risk Mapping Initiative (GRMI) is a youth-led nonprofit organization aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change in Nigeria through geospatial technology. Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, is at the front line of climate change consequences, with its communities frequently facing destructive geohazards. Despite the Nigerian government's commendable efforts to minimize these risks, a significant gap exists in disseminating early warning information and [unclear]

GRMI & Africa Geoportal

Challenge  
GRMI wanted to help support Nigerian [unclear]


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## Study: In Ibeju-Lekki, 32,685 primary school pupils are at risk of flooding

May 6, 2022 Reading time: 4 mins Environment



**Data speaks**

With **over 117,481 people**, Ibeju - Lekki has always been in the news for its growing economic opportunities or environmental reasons, mainly during the rainy season.

Regardless, once there is a heavy downpour, it cripples businesses, causing heavy traffic gridlock, and permeates people's homes. But, not much of its effects have been told on elementary schools.

Data obtained from the Geohazard Risk Mapping Initiative (GRMI) on Thursday, April 28, revealed at least 32,685 primary school pupils across 164 schools in [the Ibeju-Lekki Local Government Area](#) of Lagos are at the risk of this year's flooding.

According to the document, the risk level ranged from 'High Risk' to 'Very High Risk,' with only five schools in the high-risk category.

The group is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) that deploys geographic information systems and satellite imagery analysis to create [unclear]

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