





# Virtual Exchange On Drought Indicators and Indices

24 October 2023



## Agenda

- Welcome and short update. Robert Stefanski, IDMP TSU, WMO (10 mins)
- The East Africa Drought Watch. Viola Otieno, EO Expert and Lead Regional Drought, ICPAC-IGAD (15 mins)
- Updating the IDMP Handbook of Drought Indicators and Indices. Drought Resilience +10. Robert Stefanski, Head Applied Climate Services, WMO (15 mins)
- Q&A and discussion (10 mins)
- Marketplace: Partners' initiatives (20 mins)
- Closing Remarks ( 05 mins)











## The IDMP Annual Meeting - Highlights

#### **Selected Recommendations**

Support, organize, manage to HMNDP+10

More research and focus on compound / cascading events

Need to better pool available courses and resources

Promote / increase awareness on climate extremes (floods and drought

Capacity building in project proposal preparation and access to finances

Use new media technologies for talking about drought management.

Guidance / report on Flash Drought

Update guidance documents on Pillar 1 - Monitoring & Early Warning

Guidelines on collection of impacts on global level (pillar 1 and 2)





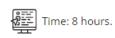


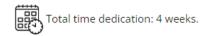
# IDMP online course Integrated Drought Management: Monitoring and Early Warning

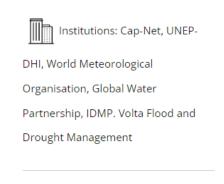
Free, online and self-paced course is open until 15th November 2023.













































 14 Organizations (FAO, GWP, IWMI, IOM, NDMC, NOAA, UNCCD, UNDRR, UNESCO, WMO, World Bank) & Spain and Morocco

- Likely in April 2024 in Spain
- Many side events held
- 9 Workstreams with lead organizations











#### **Questions?**

### <u>DroughtResilience10@wmo.int</u>



N°	Workstream	Leading organizations
1	Drought resilience and global mechanisms	UNDRR/NOAA
2	Drought risk governance: The regional, national, and local challenges	UNCCD/UNESCO
3	Drought Impact monitoring, assessment and forecasting	WMO/NDMC
4	The need to turn drought policies into action	FAO/UNCCD
5	Ecosystems and drought	IWMI/IUCN/TNC
6	Social inclusion, climate justice and drought	GWP/IWMI
7	Drought risk finance	FAO
8	Public-Private-Civil society partnerships for integrated drought risk management	WMO/GWP/World Bank
9	Health and Drought	



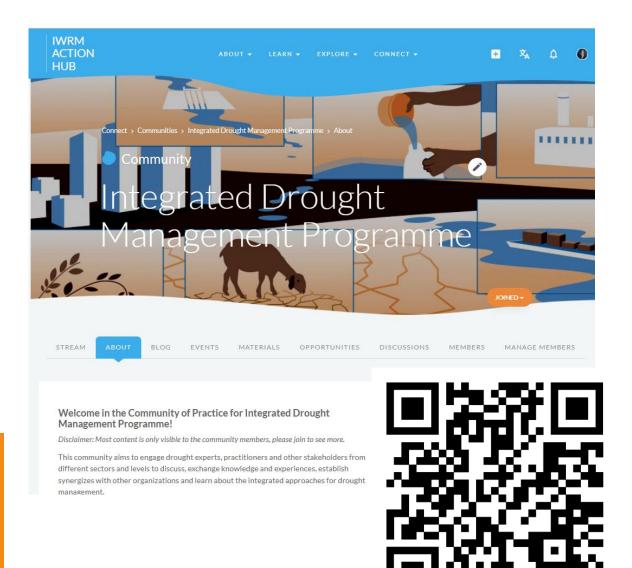




## Join NEW IDMP Community of Practice

- 1. Register to the <u>IWRM Action Hub</u>
- 2. Search for the IDM Community of Practice
  - click JOIN
- ... and you are a member!

Virtual space to discuss, exchange, inform, share, establish synergizes and learn.















# East Africa Drought Watch

Viola Otieno – EO scientist for EWS, IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre -ICPAC 24 October 2023



## Sudan Eritrea Somalia Ethiopia South Sudan Uganda Kenya \* ICPAC Indian Ocean IGAD Countries Tanzania **ICPAC Countries**

## **ICPAC**

- IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre,
   Nairobi Kenya
- Specialized institution of IGAD
- Established in 1989 as the Drought Monitoring Centre (DMCN)- Nairobi
- 2007, protocol establishing the Centre signed & name changed to IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre
- 2017 designated Regional Climate Centre(RCC) by WMO
- Member of AUC/NEPAD Network of Water Centers of Excellence
- ICPAC has an Observer Status with UNFCCC
- Provides climate services to 11 member states





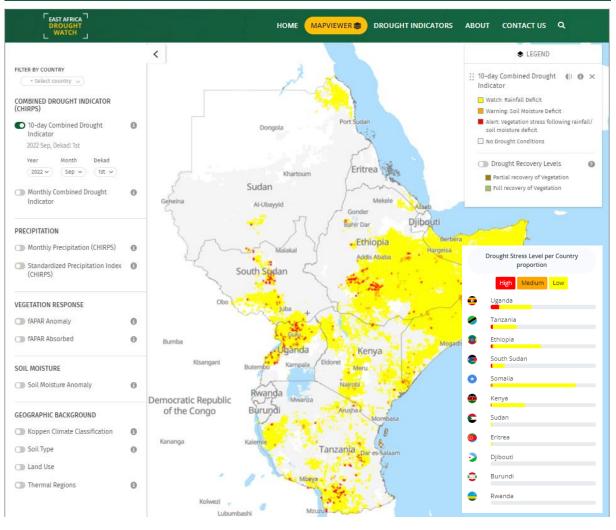




## East Africa Drought Watch

- Public online system for drought monitoring and early warning
- Uses Earth Observation and Weather information
- Provides automatic 10-day warnings for:
  - Developing and actual drought events
  - Recovery from drought conditions
- Developed jointly by ICPAC and the Joint Research
   Centre (JRC) of the European Commission.
- Hosted at the IGAD Disaster Operations Centre
  - IDOC: A state-of-the-art situation room tasked with providing regional multi-hazard monitoring and early warning to improve response and disaster risk management
  - Covers 11 Eastern Africa countries; Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

### East Africa Drought Watch



https://droughtwatch.icpac.net/







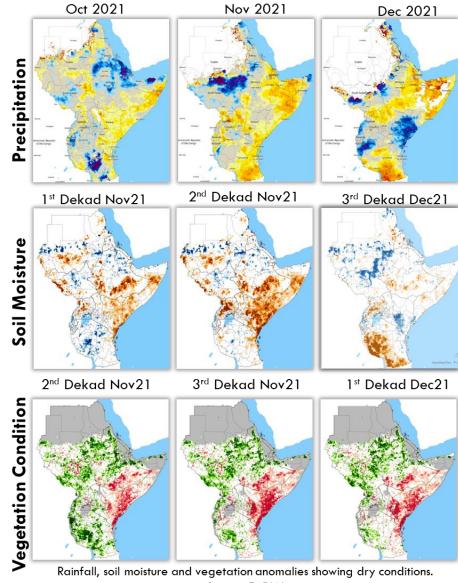


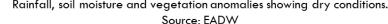
## **Drought Indicators**

- Three indicators:
  - Precipitation anomalies
  - Soil moisture anomalies
  - Vegetation anomalies
- Standardised Precipitation Index (SPI)
  - SPI-1, SPI-3, SPI-9/SPI-12
  - Source: CHIRPS
- Soil moisture anomaly
  - Source: LISFlood model
- Vegetation anomaly
  - Source: MODIS/VIIRs
- **Combined Drought Indicator**

**{SPI, soil moisture, vegetation anomalies}** 

#### **Convergence of Evidence**









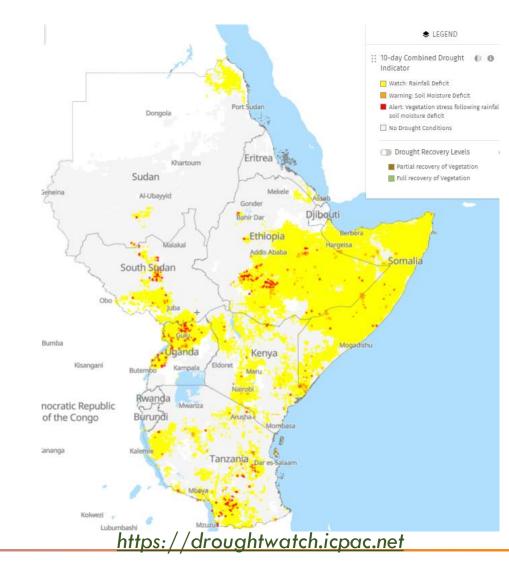




## **Combined Drought Indicator (CDI)**

The Combined Drought Indicator (CDI) identifies areas with the potential to suffer agricultural drought, areas where the vegetation is already affected by drought conditions, and areas in the process of recovery to normal conditions after a drought episode.

Colour	Level	Classification description
	Watch	A relevant precipitation deficit is observed
	Warning	The above precipitation deficit is accompanied by soil moisture deficit
	Alert	The above two conditions are accompanied by a negative anomaly of vegetation growth
	Partial recovery	When after a drought episode, the meteorologivcal conditions are recovered to normal but the vegetation conditions are yet to recover
	Full recovery of vegetation	When after a drought episode both the meteorological and vegetation conditions have recovered to normal
	No drought conditions	



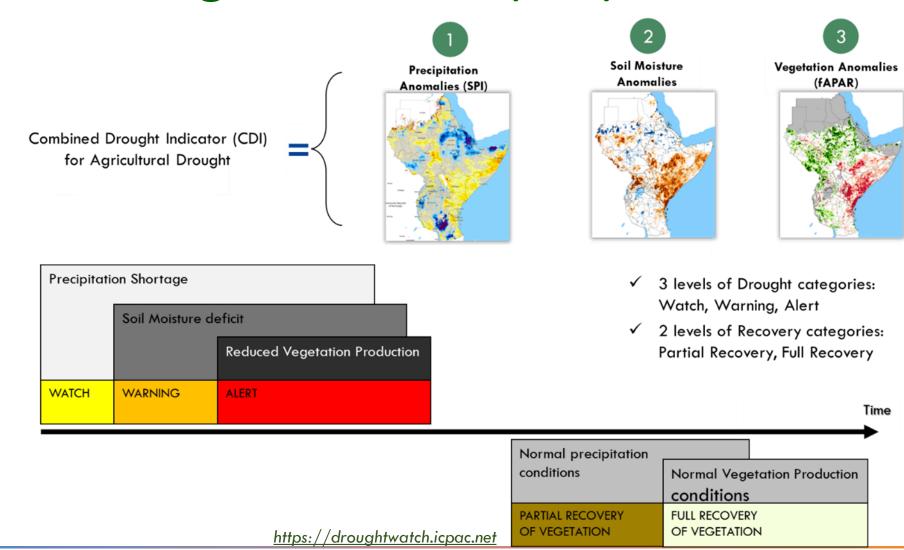








## Combined Drought Indicator (CDI)



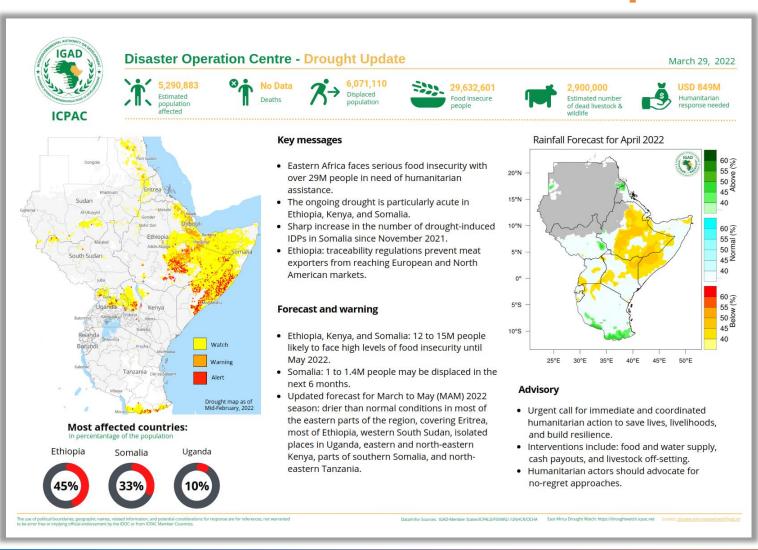








## **Products: Periodic Bulletins & Reports**





#### DROUGHT IN SOMALIA 2020/2022 (August Update)

Causes - Trends - Impacts and Current Status

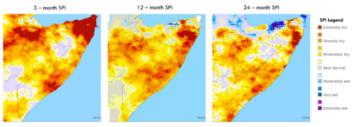
#### 1. Cause

The current drought and subsequent impacts are attributed to complex interplay between biophysical factors such as climate variability and Climate Change impacts to the global pandemic (COVID-19) and ecosystem degradation and disruption of food supply chains and conflicts creating compounding risks and cascading impacts.

There were early indications of below normal rains starting from July 2020 (Figure 3) and early warnings have been issued since then every start of the main season by ICPAC. The main challenge in the ongoing drought is lack of early action, CHC<sup>1</sup> analysis of response to the drought indicate there were two critical points in the timeline when early action would have been triggered in Somalia to avert the devastating impacts of the drought.

Despite isolated rains received in July, the drought conditions continue to persist across most parts of Somalia with the situation expected to worsen considerably over the upcoming October-December rainfall season based on the seasonal forecast issued by ICPAC during the GHACOF 61.

#### Drought Trends in Somalia



Precipitation anomaly maps over Samalia as of June 2022 showing prolonged drought conditions pensisting over 24 months period

Figure 1 SPI maps showing rainfall anomalies over 3, 12 and 24 months. Most parts of Somalia have been severely dry to extremely dry over extended periods of time (Seurge-SADW)

Even in the absence of other factors, a fifth consecutive failed rainfall season would likely be sufficient to induce starvation and in some cases famine for a sizable portion of the population. It is important to keep in mind that in drought of 2010–2011, several livelihood groups were driven into famine by just two significant failed rainfall seasons. The 2022 Gu season failure had the highest deficit I history and it is anticipated that the 2022 Dexy season failure will be as terrible or worse Figure 2. If the dexy



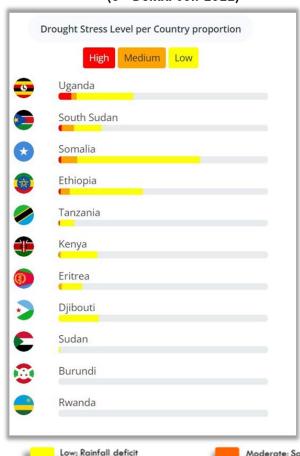




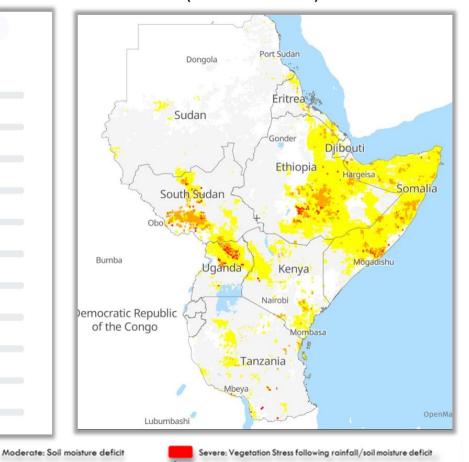


## Products: Regional Analysis – Transboundary

## Regional Overview of Drought Conditions (3<sup>rd</sup> Dekad Jun 2022)

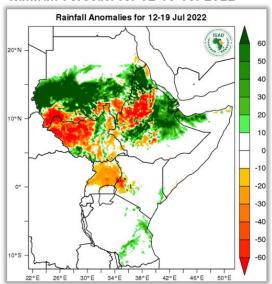


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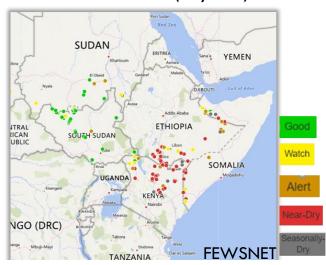


https://droughtwatch.icpac.net/

#### Rainfall Forecast for 12-19 Jul 2022



Status of Water Points (May 2022)



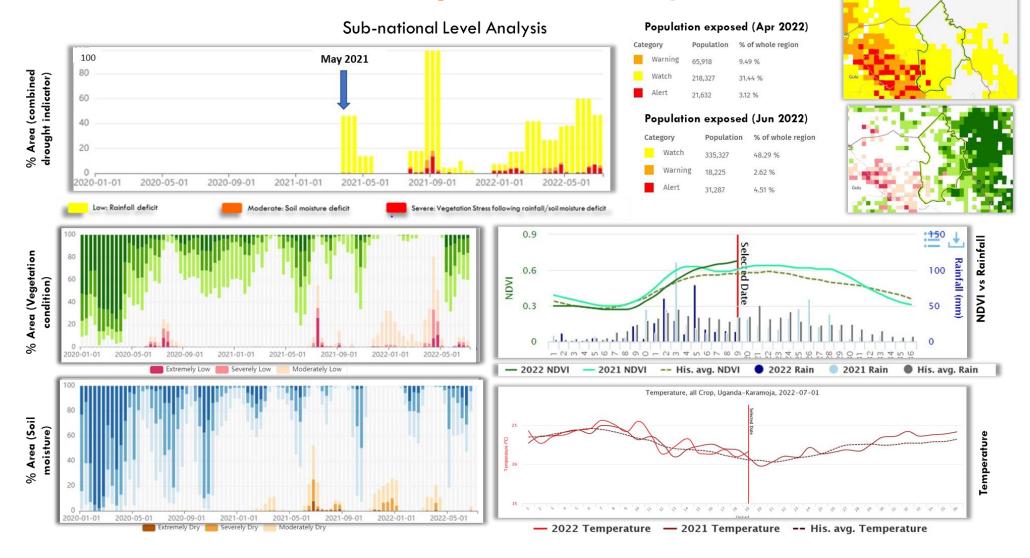








## Products: Sub-national Analysis - Kotido, Uganda











## Drought Indicators

workshop results

## Users Analytics

Users ▼ by Country ID ▼

extremely high temperatur

soil moisture

precipitation

food

vegetation

drought indices

spei SD

meteorological variables

climate predictions low water levels



COUNTRY ID

Kenya

**United States** 

China

Ethiopia .

**United Kingdom** 

Somalia

Uganda











## Thank You









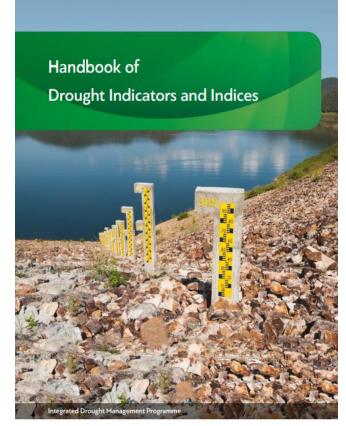
# Updating the IDMP Handbook of Drought Indicators and Indices

Robert Stefanski – Head of Applied Climate Services WMO 24 October 2023



## Handbook of Drought Indicators and Indices

- Handbook is a resource to cover most commonly used drought indicators/indices
- A starting point to describe and characterize the most common indicators and indices and their applications
- Does not recommend a "best" set of indicators and indices, given research requirements for appropriate application in location in question.
- Five themes: Meteorology, Soil Moisture, Hydrology, Remotely Sensed, Combined and Modelled
- Will be sending request to Partners to update list of indicators and indicies













## **Selected Drought Indices**

Meteorology	Page	Ease of use	Input parameters	Additional information
Aridity Anomaly Index (AAI)	11	Green	P, T, PET, ET	Operationally available for India
Deciles	11	Green	P	Easy to calculate; examples from Australia are useful
Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI)	12	Green	P, T	Calculations are based upon the climate of the area of interest
Percent of Normal Precipitation	12	Green	Р	Simple calculations
Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)	13	Green	Р	Highlighted by the World Meteorological Organization as a starting point for meteorological drought monitoring
Weighted Anomaly Standardized Precipitation (WASP)	15	Green	Р, Т	Uses gridded data for monitoring drought in tropical regions
Aridity Index (AI)	15	Yellow	Р, Т	Can also be used in climate classifications
China Z Index (CZI)	16	Yellow	Р	Intended to improve upon SPI data
Crop Moisture Index (CMI)	16	Yellow	P, T	Weekly values are required
Drought Area Index (DAI)	17	Yellow	Р	Gives an indication of monsoon season performance
Drought Reconnaissance Index (DRI)	18	Yellow	P, T	Monthly temperature and precipitation are required
Effective Drought Index (EDI)	18	Yellow	Р	Program available through direct contact with originator

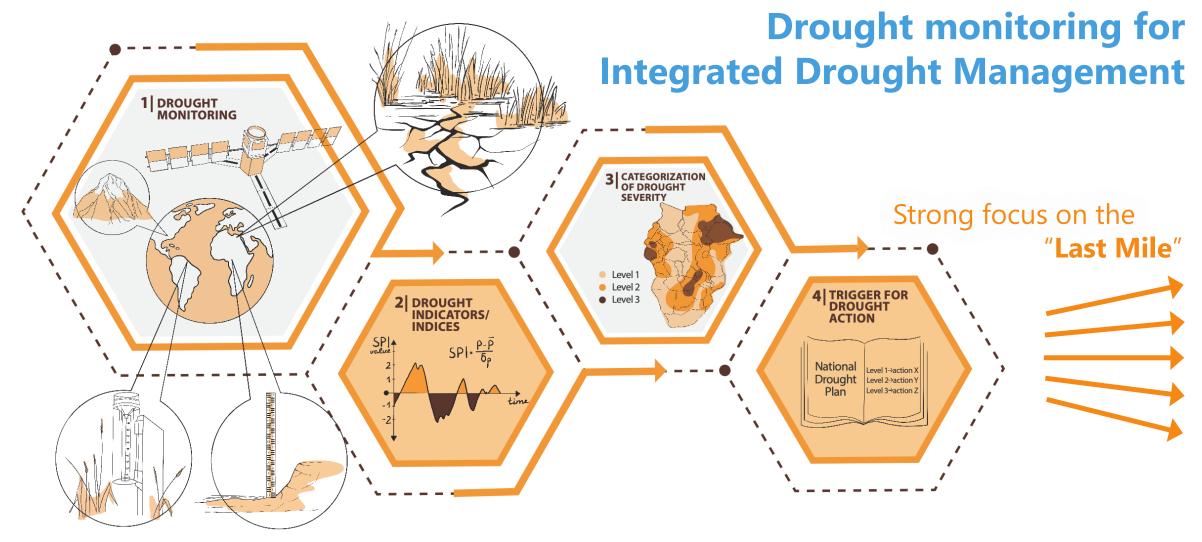
## **Selected Drought Indices**

Standardized Anomaly Index (SAI)	22	Yellow	Р	Point data used to describe regional conditions
Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI)	23	Yellow	P, T	Serially complete data required; output similar to SPI but with a temperature component
Agricultural Reference Index for Drought (ARID)	24	Red	P, T, Mod	Produced in south-eastern United States of America and not tested widely outside the region
Crop-specific Drought Index (CSDI)	24	Red	P, T, Td, W, Rad, AWC, Mod, crop data	Quality data of many variables needed, making it challenging to use
Reclamation Drought Index (RDI)	25	Red	P, T, S, RD, SF	Similar to the Surface Water Supply Index, but contains a temperature component

Soil moisture	Page	Ease of use	Input parameters	Additional information
Soil Moisture Anomaly (SMA)	25	Yellow	P, T, AWC	Intended to improve upon the water balance of PDSI
Evapotranspiration Deficit Index (ETDI)	26	Red	Mod	Complex calculations with multiple inputs required
Soil Moisture Deficit Index (SMDI)	27	Red	Mod	Weekly calculations at different soil depths; complicated to calculate
Soil Water Storage (SWS)	27	Red	AWC, RD, ST, SWD	Owing to variations in both soil and crop types, interpolation over large areas is challenging

Remote sensing	Page	Ease of use	Input parameters	Additional information
Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI)	32	Green	Sat	Does not separate drought stress from other stress
Evaporative Stress Index (ESI)	33	Green	Sat, PET	Does not have a long history as an operational product
Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)	34	Green	Sat	Calculated for most locations
Temperature Condition Index (TCI)	34	Green	Sat	Usually found along with NDVI calculations
Vegetation Condition Index (VCI)	35	Green	Sat	Usually found along with NDVI calculations
Vegetation Drought Response Index (VegDRI)	35	Green	Sat, P, T, AWC, LC, ER	Takes into account many variables to separate drought stress from other vegetation stress
Vegetation Health Index (VHI)	36	Green	Sat	One of the first attempts to monitor drought using remotely sensed data
Water Requirement Satisfaction Index (WRSI and Geo-spatial WRSI)	36	Green	Sat, Mod, CC	Operational for many locations
Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI) and Land Surface Water Index (LSWI)	37	Green	Sat	Produced operationally using Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer data
Soil Adjusted Vegetation Index (SAVI)	38	Red	Sat	Not produced operationally

Composite or modelled	Page	Ease of use	Input parameters	Additional information
Combined Drought Indicator (CDI)	38	Green	Mod, P, Sat	Uses both surface and remotely sensed data



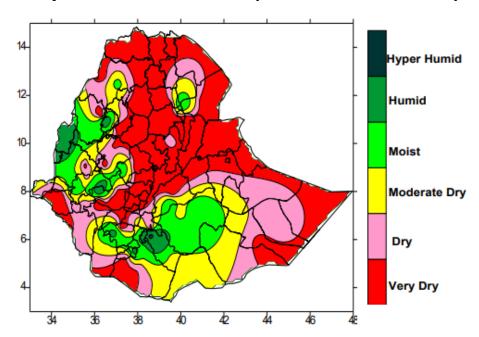
The design and implementation of technical solutions is based on **stakeholder engagement** at all steps and using an inclusive **whole-of-society approach** 





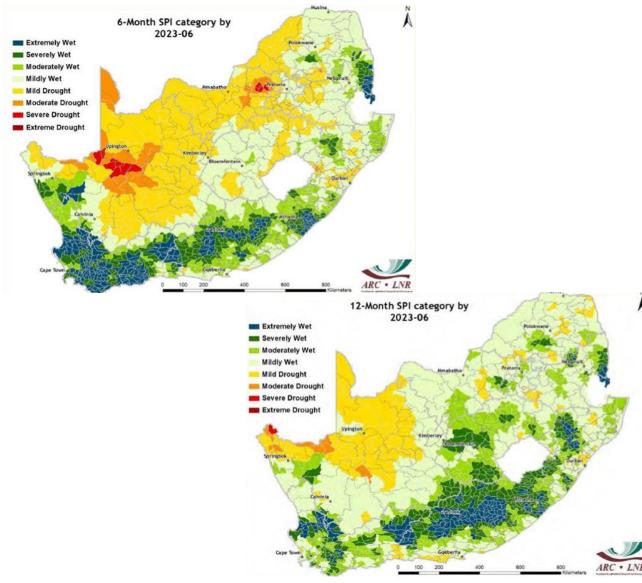


#### **Ethiopia Moisture status (01-11 October 2023)**

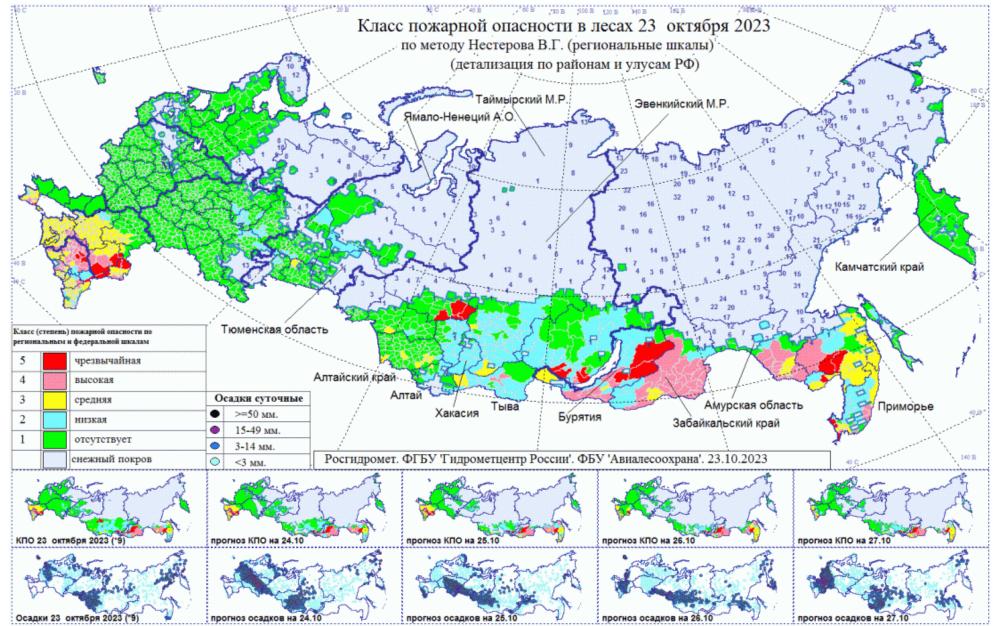


Source: National Meteorology Agency: Bulletins (ethiomet.gov.et)

#### **South Africa SPI on August 2023**

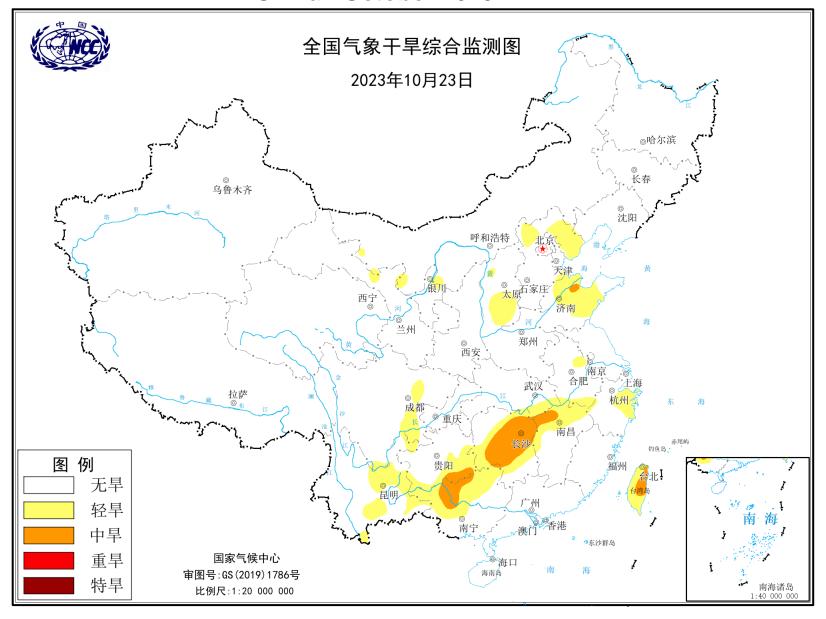


#### Fire hazard in woodlands across the territory of Russia – 23 October 2023





#### China - October 2023





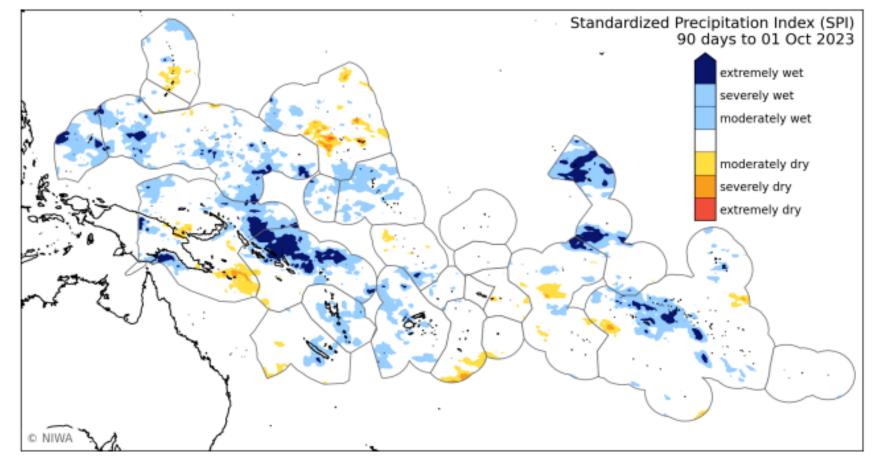


## SPI Regional situation summary (1 October 2023)

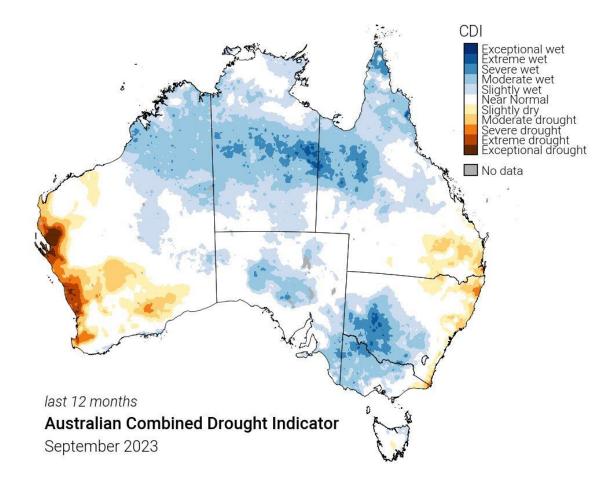
The Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) thresholds for cumulative rainfall over the last 90 and 30 days are shown in the plots below.

During July-September (top plot), extremely or severely dry conditions occurred in parts of Northern Marianas, the Marshall Islands, PNG, and American Samoa.

During September (bottom plot), extremely or severely dry conditions occurred in western FSM, parts of the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands, Wallis & Futuna, eastern Fiji, Tonga, and Niue.

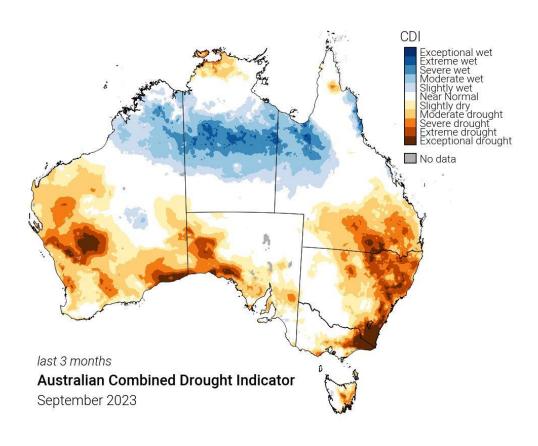


#### **Last 12 Months**



## **Australia - Monitor**

#### **Last 3 Months**

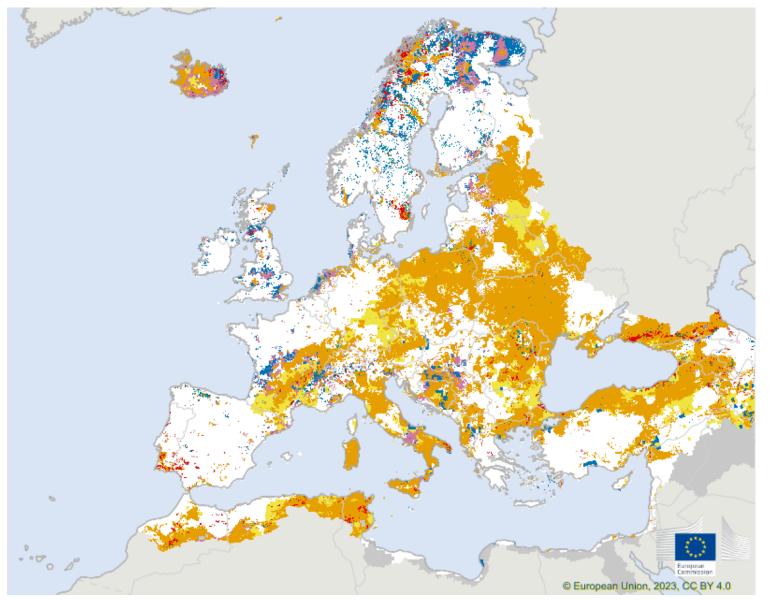








## Combined Drought Indicator in Europe – 3rd ten-day period of September 2023





No drought

deficit

Watch: rainfall deficit
Warning: soil moisture

Alert: vegetation stress following rainfall and soil moisture deficit

Recovery to normal conditions

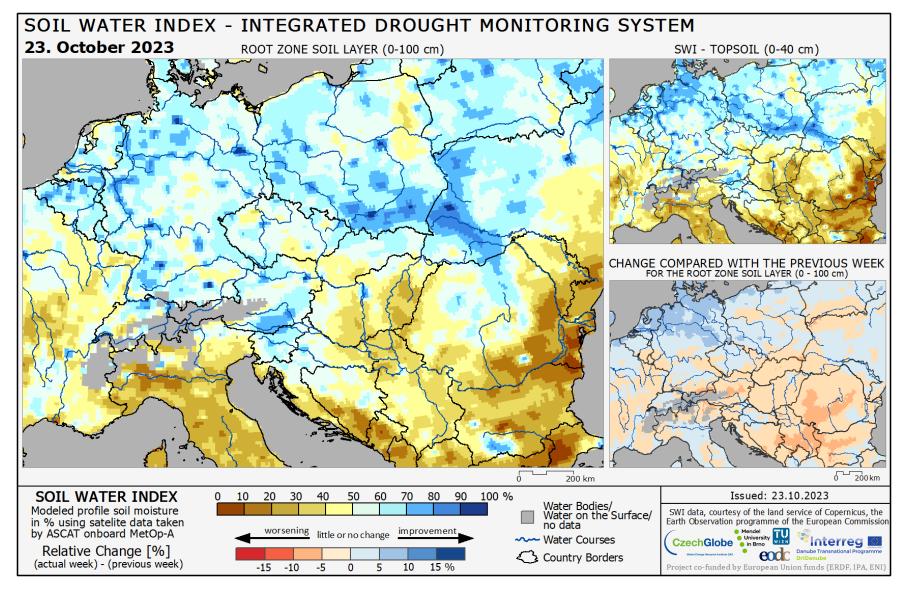
Temporary soil moisture

Temporary vegetation

recovery

recovery
No data

#### **Central Europe**





## What indicators and indices would you like to add in the Handbook?

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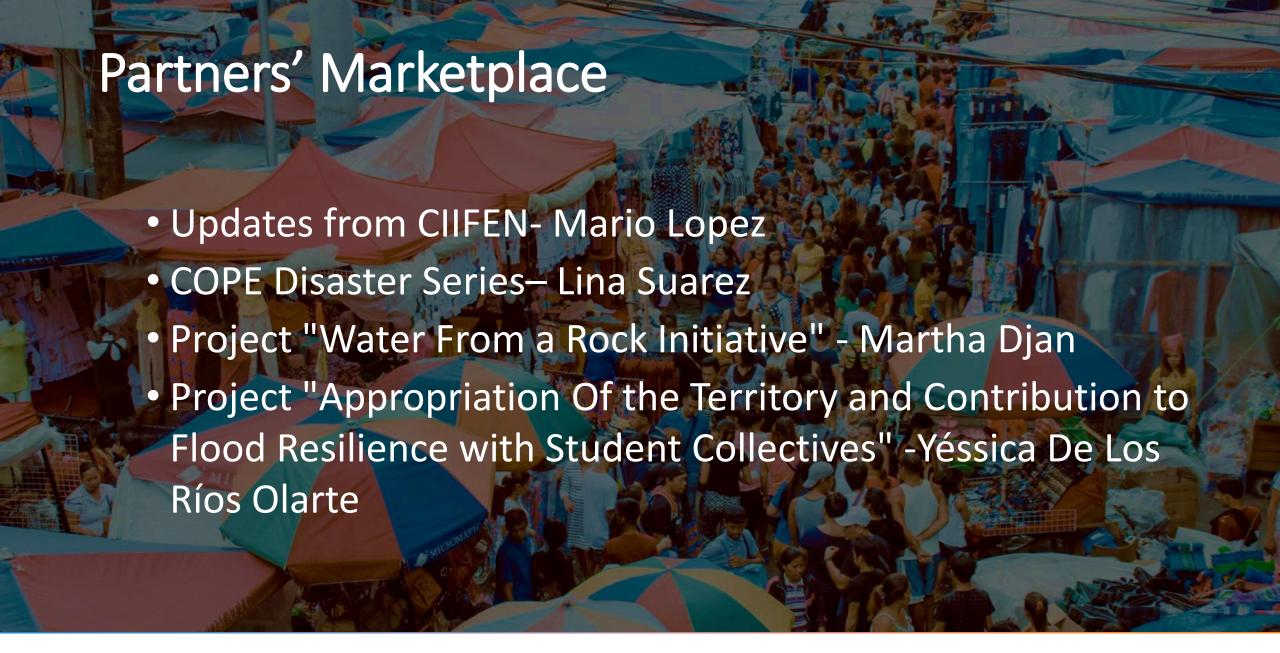
























## **COPE Disaster Series**

**Lina Suarez Marketing and Public Relations** 

**24 October 2023** 



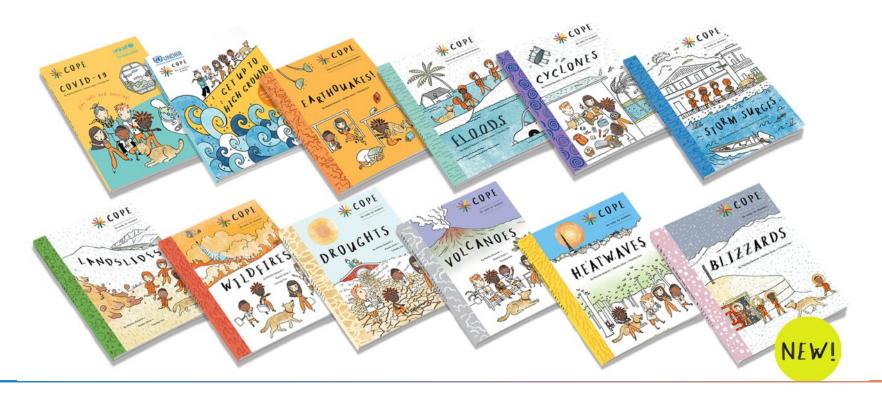
#### **The COPE Series**

COPE is a free series of story books, aimed to increase the disaster resilience of children. The books cover hazards ranging from floods to earthquakes and provide coping tools and preparedness.

COPE was created in 2018 by author **Martha Keswick**, illustrator **Mariko Jesse** and global disaster risk reduction expert, **Dr Timothy Sim.** 

And with expert advise from academics in the field of **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)** from **Yunnan, Stirling, and Oxford University.** 

The World Meteorological Organization and the Hong Kong Observatory are our scientific advisors, while COPE collaborates with leading DRR organizations such as UNDRR, World Vision and UNICEF.



#### **COPE Creators**



Martha Keswick



Mariko Jesse



Timothy Sim









## Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness Response Institute

Primary schools







World Vision in Nepal 42.000 books printed. Teachers and volunteers.







#### **University of Malaysia**

Floods book
Evacuation Centers – DRR materials (puppets, games)



**Colombia**Hurricanes book - Evacuation Center



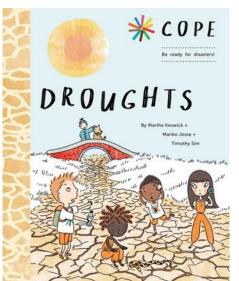














#### **Droughts –2022 EVERY DROP COUNTS**

**Collaborators:** Yunnan University, Shandong University and UNICEF

East Asia and Pacific.

**DRR Advisor:** Prof Ziqiang Han.

**Scientific Advisors:** World Meteorological Organization, China Meteorological Administration and Hong Kong Observatory.

Droughts book is available in English, Spanish, and Arabic.

Coming soon in Russian, Chinese and French.



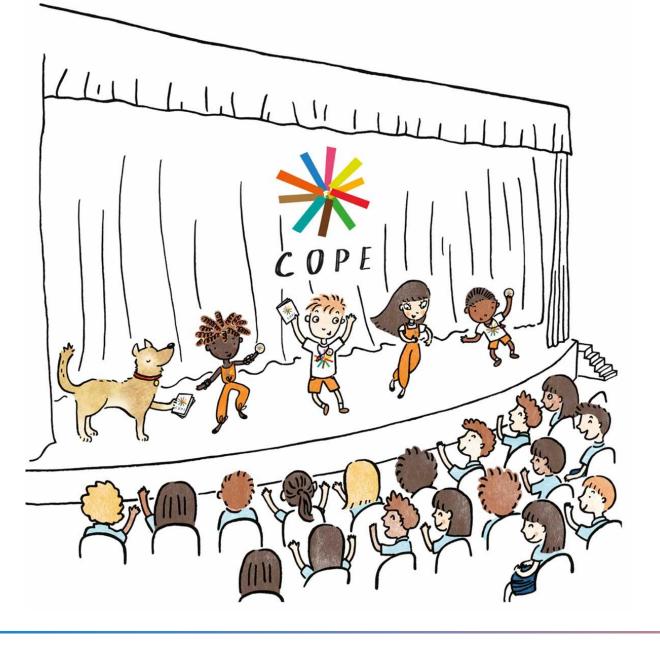












Please contact us if you would like to collaborate with COPE. Let's join forces and work together to spread key DRR messages to children all over the world!

Email us hello@cope-disaster-champions.com

#### All the books here:



Thank you!



















## Global Integrated Flood and Drought Management Competition for #YouthLead Projects

**Competition Winners** 















## Project " Water From a Rock Initiative"

Marta Djan YouthMappers 24 October 2023



Presentation 2023

# WATER FROM A ROCK INITIATIVE

Global Integrated Flood and Drought Management Competition for #YouthLead Projects









#### Our Team

YouthMappers Chapter:
Department of Geography, Geoinformatics & Meteorology















#### Overview

Through the use of geofencing techniques on university campuses and in vulnerable regions, early warning information can be shared in a timely fashion before extreme weather events.



Over 440 people were killed and 40 000 were displaced. More than 600 schools were destroyed

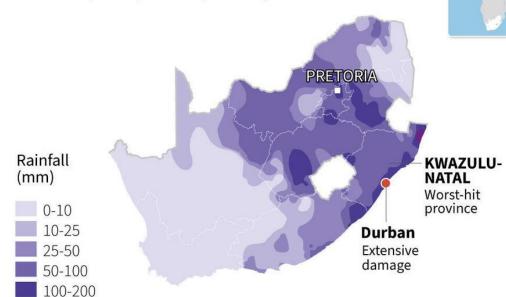






Rainfall for April 1-10, based on preliminary data

200 km



Source: South African Weather Service



Informed communities respond better to natural disasters.





200-500

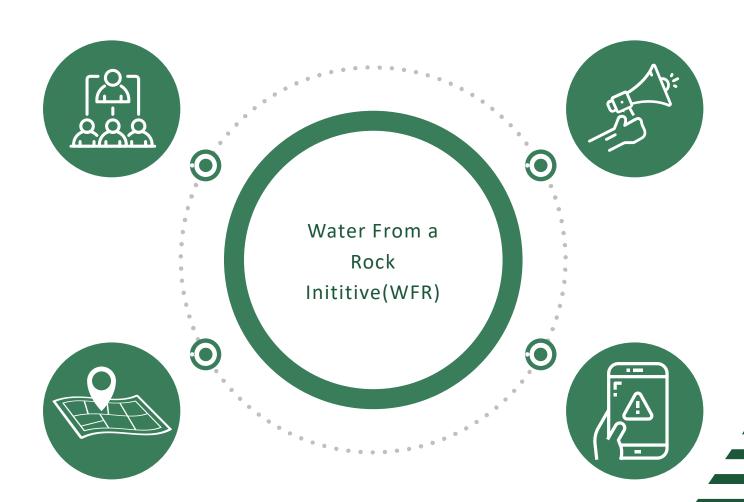


#### Objectives

- Raising awareness through digital & hard copy
  Response and Disaster Packages:
  Easily distributable between highschool learners and varsity students.
- O2 Map Vulnerable Communities based on criteria:

  Umdloti KZN infrastructure (informal settlements, urban areas), frequency of floods

  low, moderate high-risk areas, proximity to the water source(floodline)
- O3 Creating an application that implements Geofence in local regions vulnerable to disasters.











#### Target Audience



"630 School in KZN affected by floods"





"Building resilience amoung the youth"

#### **Vulnerable Communities**



"Increasing awareness & Education in Vulnerable communities"















#### Timeline

Key dates for project.



3rd Phase
Implement Geofences
Dec 2023 - Jan 2024

















Water From a Rock Inititive(WFR)

#### THANK YOU!

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Project "Appropriation Of the Territory and Contribution to Flood Resilience with Student Collectives"

Yéssica De Los Ríos Olarte Universidad de Antioquia 24 October 2023







# Collaborative mapping to Flood Resilience Nueva Villa La Iguaná

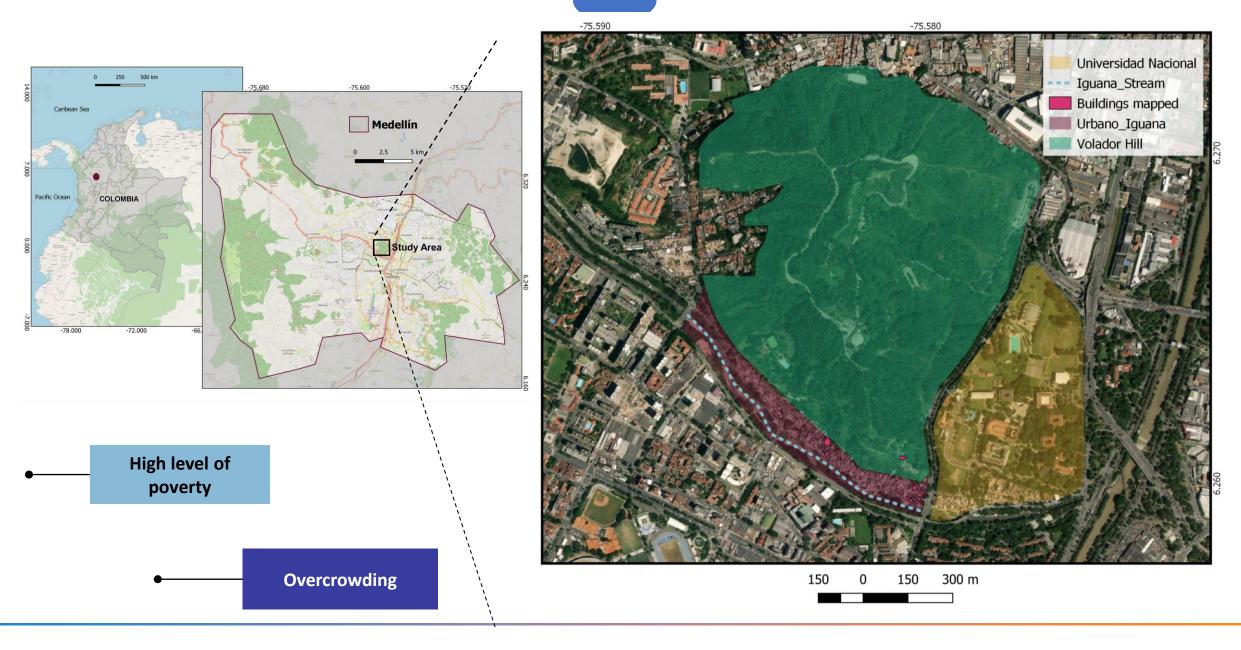
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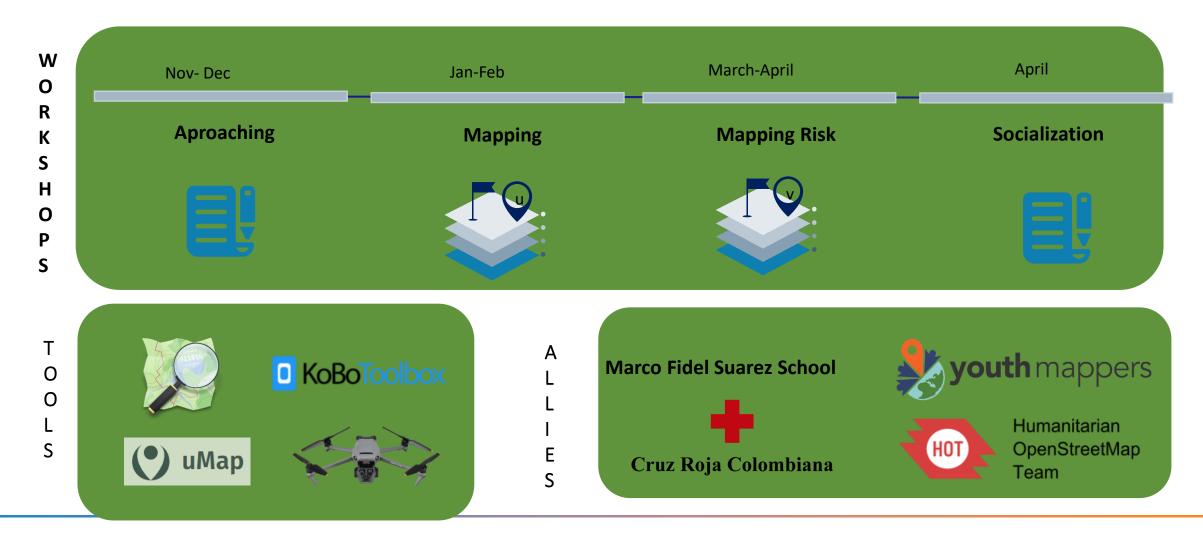


ASSOCIATED PROGRAMME ON FLOOD MANAGEMENT





General Goal: Contribute to flood resilience through young people and community empowerment using participatory mapping tools.











### What is your biggest challenge in selecting drought indicators / indices ?

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#### **Closing Remarks**

Robert Stefanski – Head of Applied Climate Services WMO 24 October 2023



#### Thank you!



#### ASK

Ask for assistance on integrated drought management



#### FIND

Find knowledge resources on integrated drought management



#### CONNECT

Join our Community of Practice to CONNECT with our partners and other drought experts, practitioners and stakeholders.

#### www.DroughtManagement.info







