People Centered flood management and information tools

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Who are the people?

What information do they need?

What information can they understand?

What information can they use?

What Knowledge is required?







Tools for :

Flood Mitigation

Flood Management: Decision support (what if?)

Flood Forecasting, warning and dissemination









Overall Objective

Risk Reduced

Prepared Society

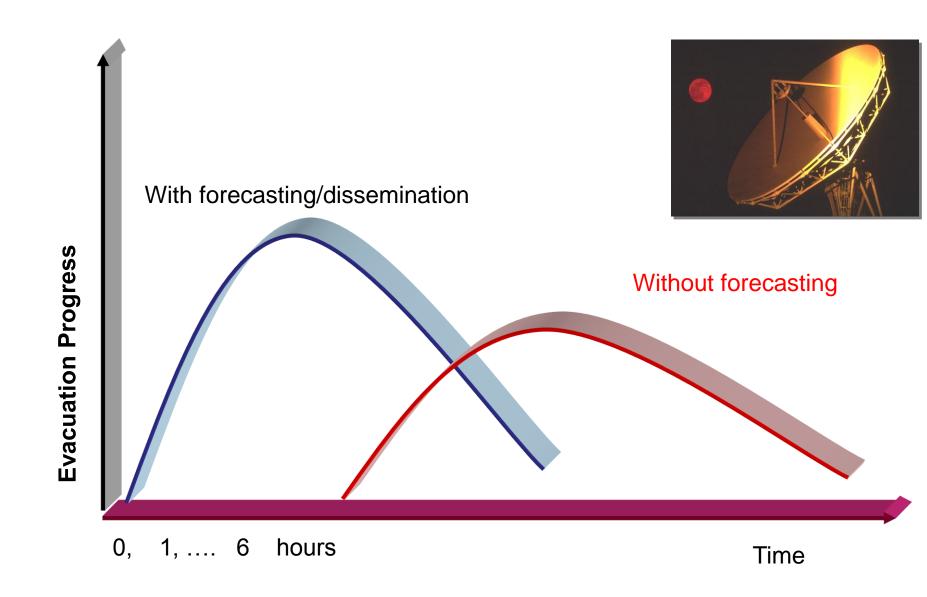
Flood affected people directly benefited



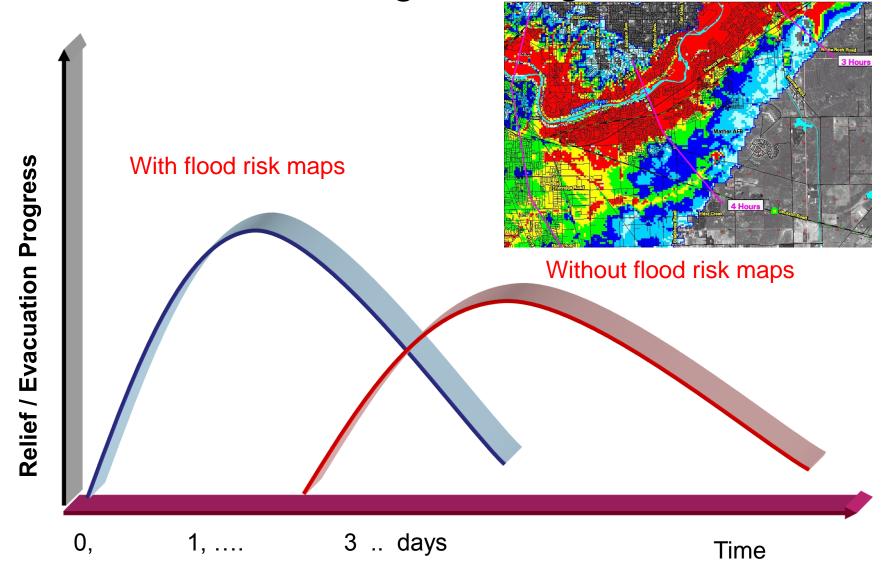




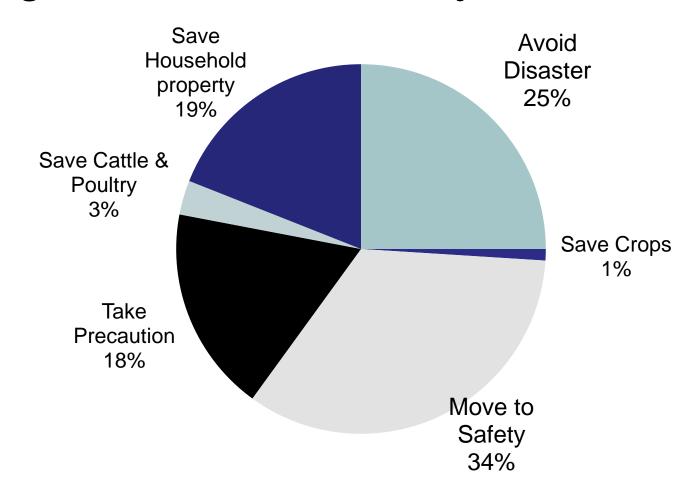
Role of information



Role of Knowledge Management:



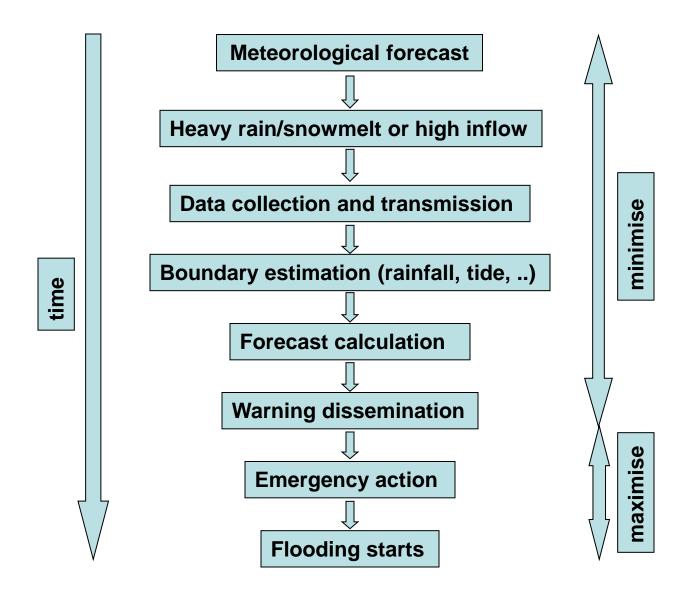
Survey of flood affected people in Rural Bangladesh on use of a 3-day flood forecast







Time is a factor





People have different priorities





- Women, children and poor people suffer the most from floods
- Well coordinated flood forecasting and warning services play important roles in preparing society & reducing risk.





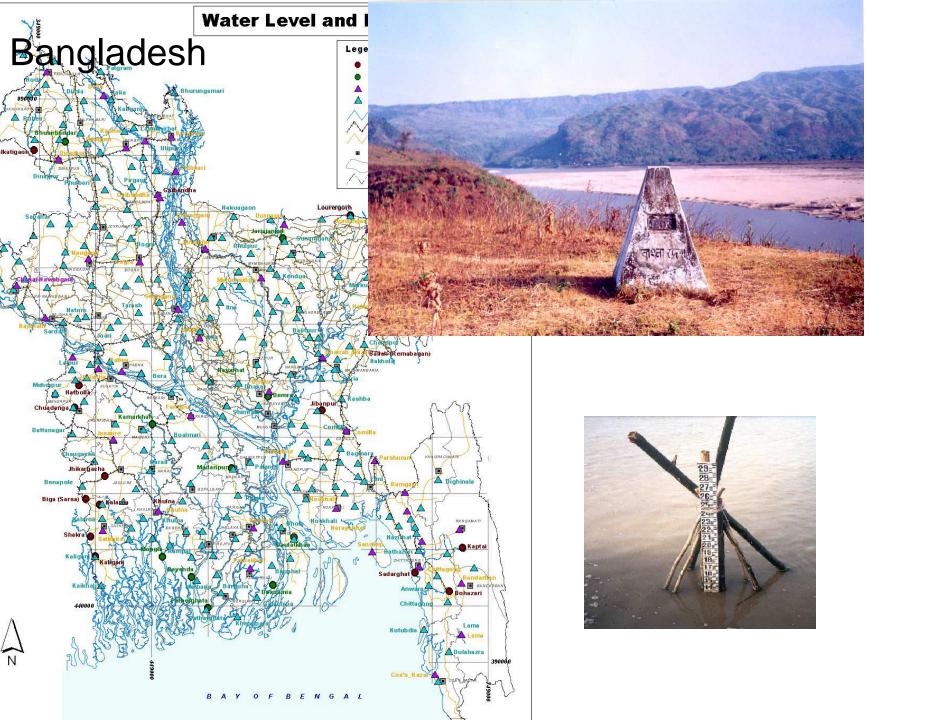




Figure: Water Level Gauge at Serajganj on Jamuna River

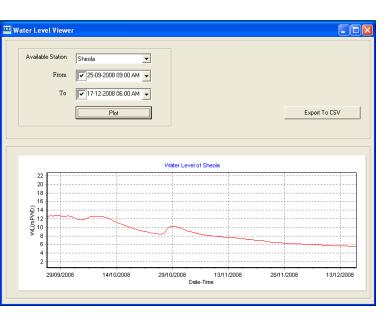


Figure: Visual checking of data collected through Mobile SMS

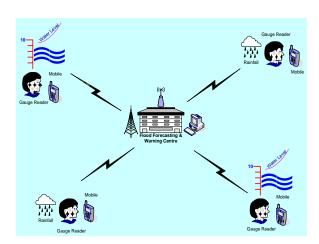
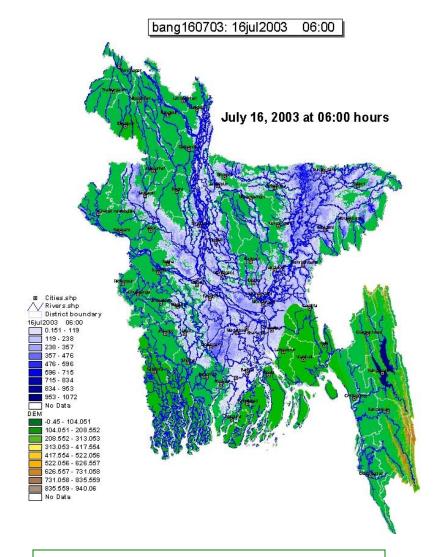


Figure: Schematic diagram of the data transmission network using mobile technology

SMS	220908*500*492*48	5*485*480*	30
Data	Date Time 21 Sep 2008 09: 00 12:00 15:00 18:00 22 Sep 2008 06: 00 22 Sep 2008 06: 00 hours)	value 5.00 4.95 4.85 4.85 4.80	

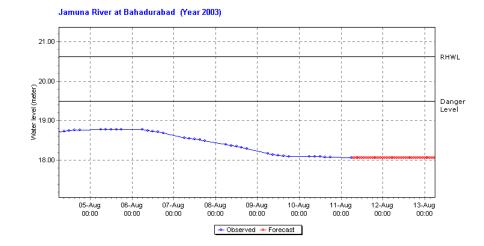
Data Storage:

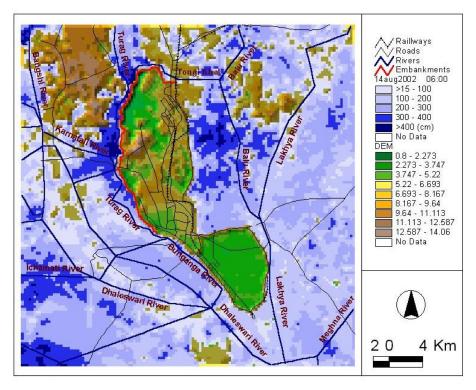
SMS data are being stored in a database from where it is transferred into the FFWC data base (FloodWatch)



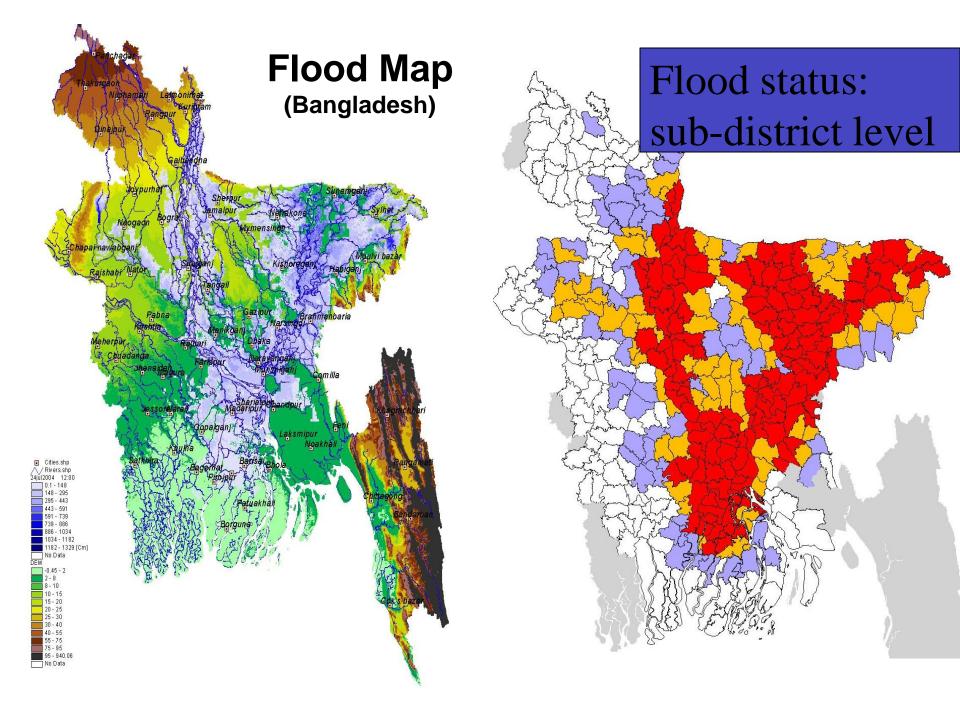
Flood Forecast

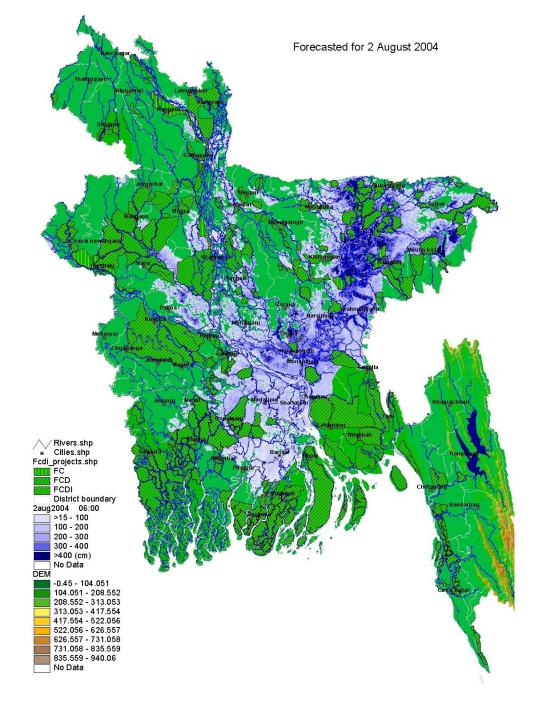
- Water Level
- Flood Inundation Map





Flood map of Dhaka City:14 August,2009 06:00



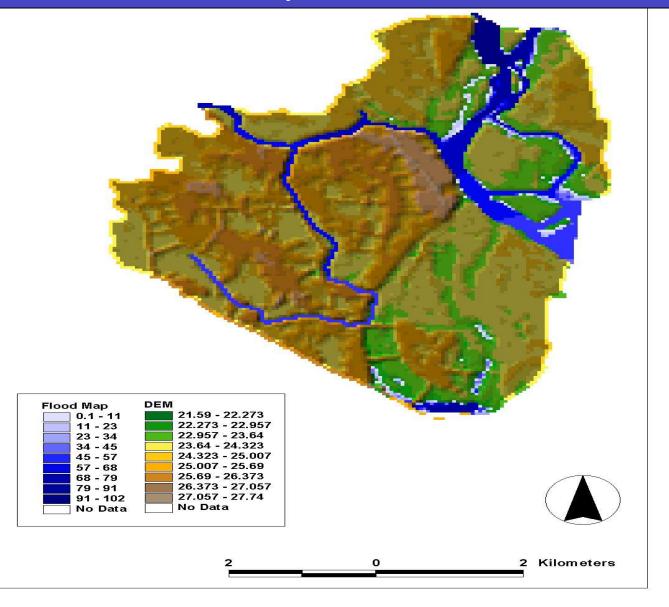


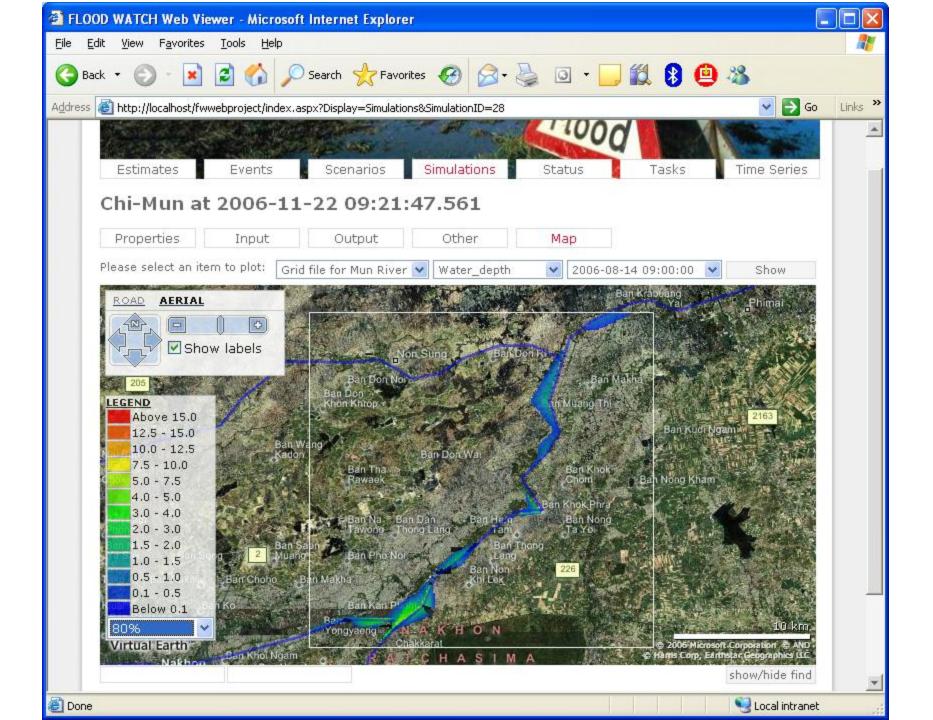
National level Flood Map for overall flood situation

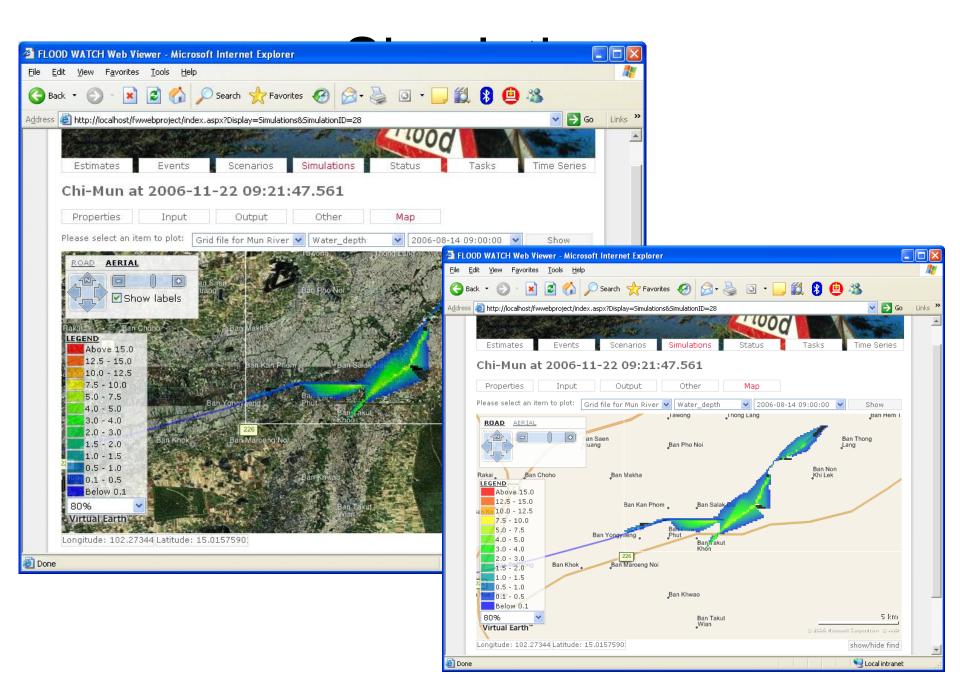
Dhaka City Special Flood bulletin River Station Name RHWL Water Level Above 19/08/2001 20/08/2001 -Fall D.L. Name (m) (m) (cm) (cm) 4.55 Buriganga Dhaka Mill Barrack 7.58 6.00 4.48 7.09 Demra 5.03 Balu 8.35 5.94 4.78 4.78 Mirpur Turaq 7.84 6.08 Tongi Khal Turag Note: River situation an on 20 August 2001 at 6:00 hrs. RHWL = River Highest Water Level DL = Danger Level 20 Aug 2001 06:00 0.1 - 4545 - 90 90 - 134 134 - 179 179 - 224 224 - 269 269 - 313 313 - 358 358 - 403 No Data DEM 0.8 - 2.2732.273 - 3.747 3.747 - 5.225.22 - 6.693 6.693 - 8.167 8.167 - 9.64 9.64 - 11.113 11.113 - 12.587 12.587 - 14.06 No Data Water Level Stations 4 Km Flood Forecasting and Warning Center Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB)

Detailed Inundation forecast for Dhaka city

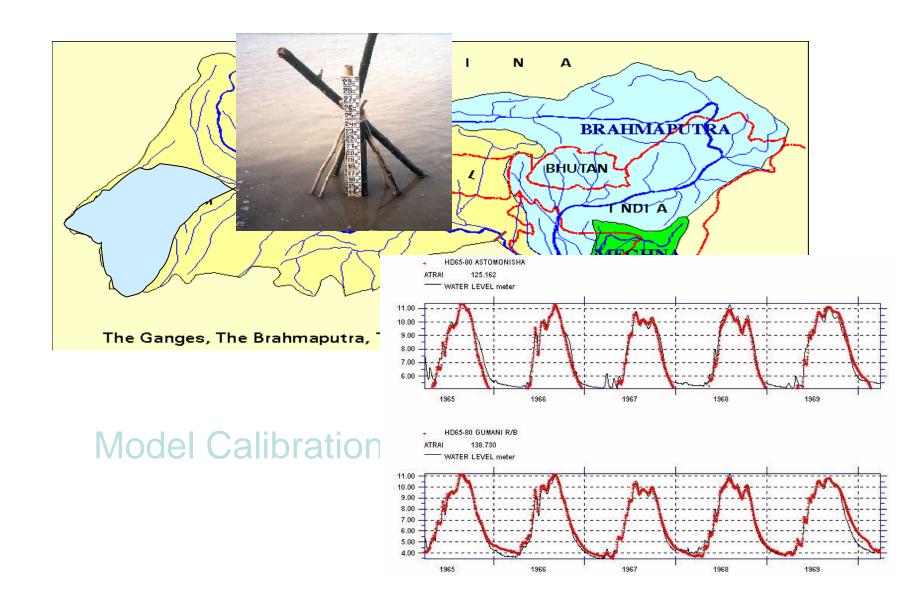
Detailed flood map for local area area.



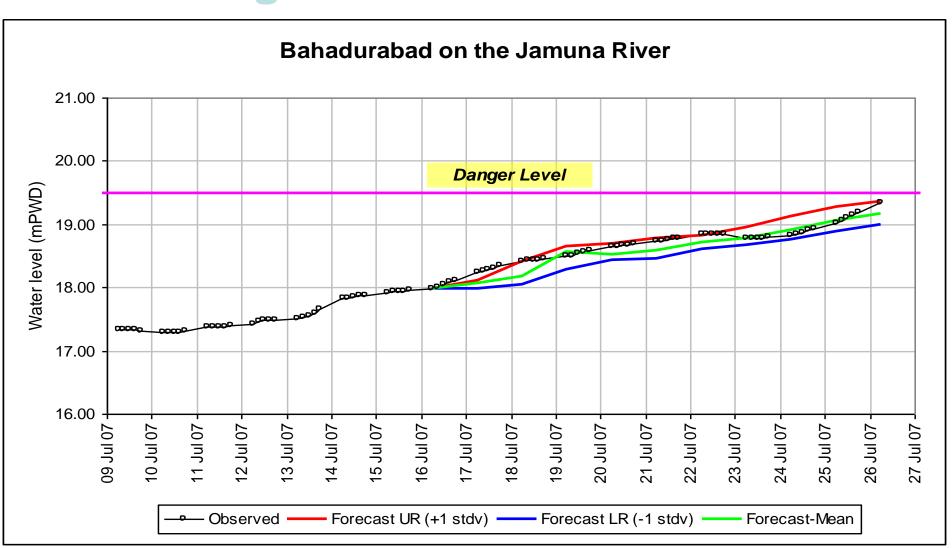




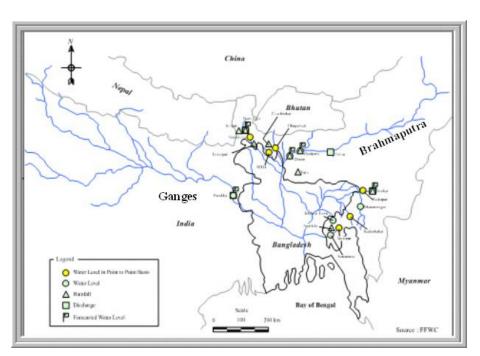
Complexities of trans boundary floods

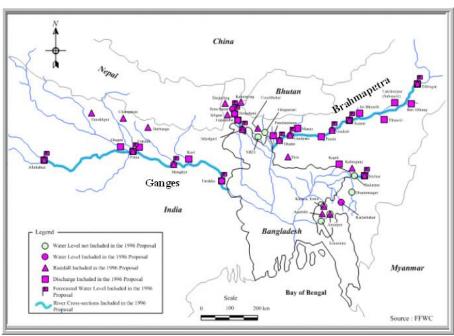


Long-term forecasts using regional climate models



Regional cooperation on data sharing would enhance the forecast lead time

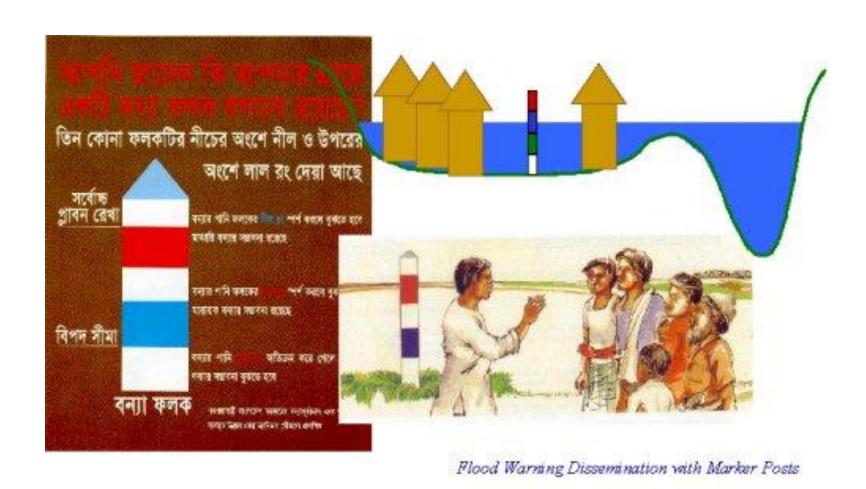


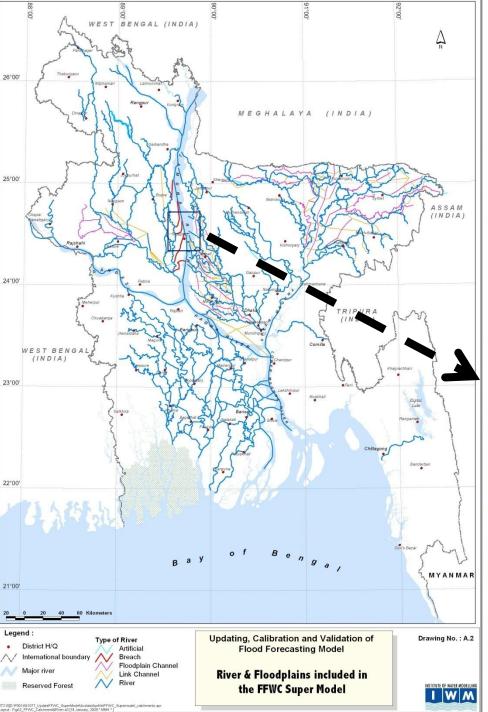


Existing data sharing Request by Bangladesh

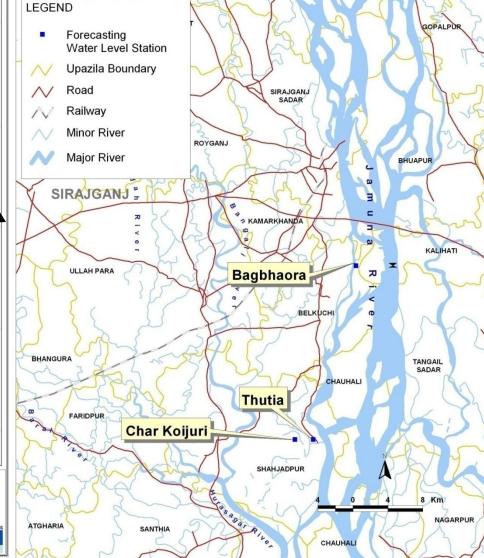
(Lead time = 3 days) (Lead time = 10 days)

Community level Flood warning

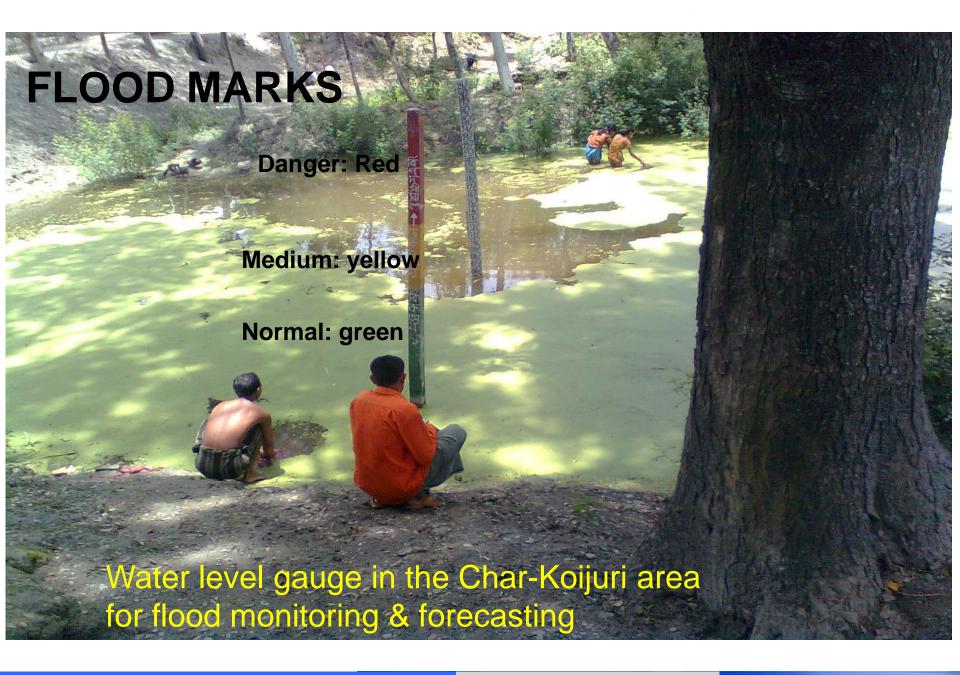




IMPROVED FLOOD WARNING to a local area





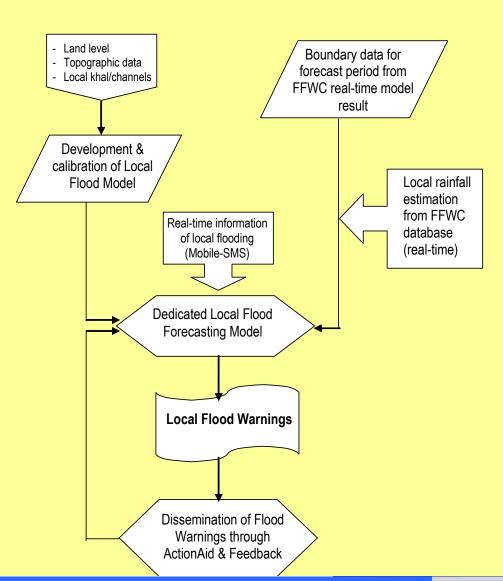




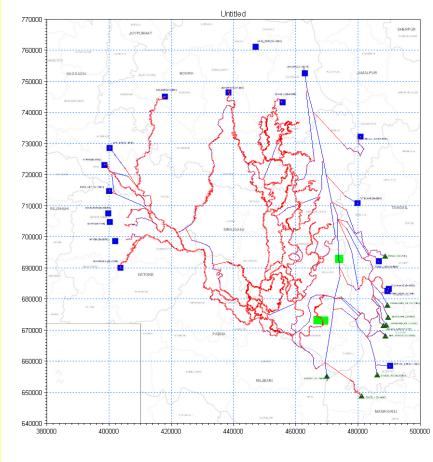




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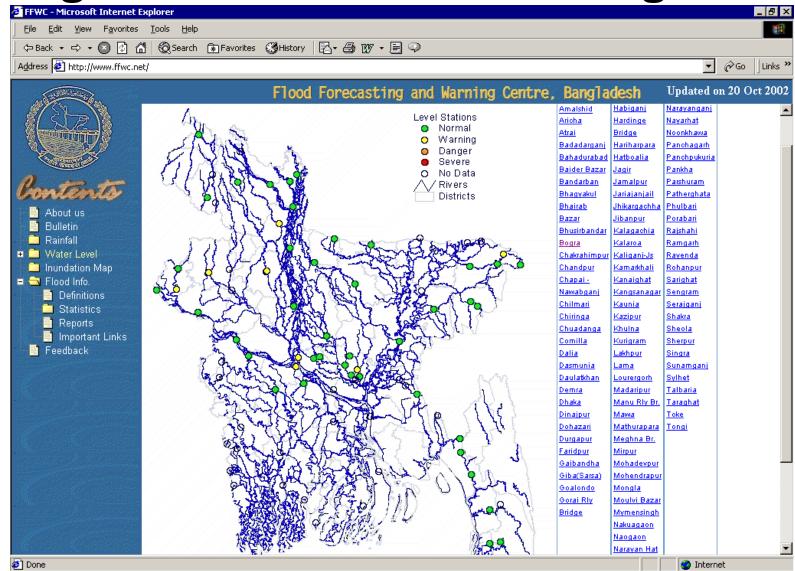
TOOL: Flood Forecasting & warning Centre (FFWC) REAL-TIME SUPER MODEL







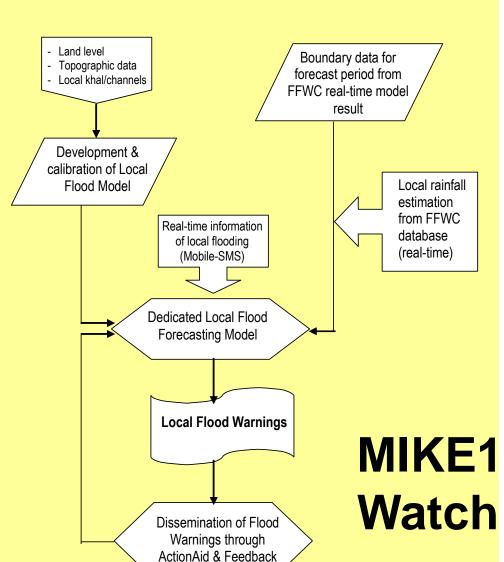
Bangladesh Flood Forecasting Model



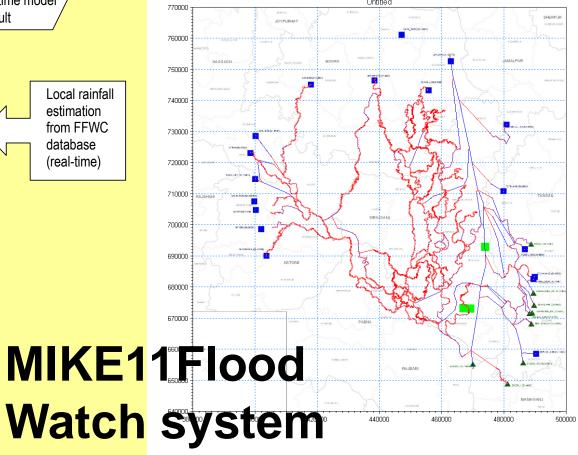




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Dissemination of Flood Warnings

Forecast Date: 21.09.2010

Station Name	Last 24 Hr Rise / Fall (inch)	Today WL From DL (Below / Above)	WL Rise / Fall for Next 3 Days (inch)		
			24h	48h	72h
Bag Bhaora	-5.4	-58.6	-2.5	-4.4	-5.6
Char Koijuri	-4.2	-36.8	-2.6	-4.7	-6.4
Thutia	-4.2	-48.6	-2.5	-4.4	-5.9

⁽⁻ve) means fall/below

- The information contains today's flood situation i.e, how much is the present water level above or below the danger level; changes in water level during last 24 hours and the forecasted flood level changes for 24, 48 and 72 hours.
- The warnings thus generated have been transferred to local NGO office via e-mail for local level dissemination.
- Local NGO disseminates the flood warnings to local community.

^{* (+}ve) means rise/above

Dissemination of Flood Warnings



People making their own decision on what next?

Flood maps with details of local area clearly showing affected villages, land and infrastructure



Flood Warning- a challenge to both flood forecasting authority and flood prone communities:

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Sure (no "crying wolf")

Accurate (in magnitude and time)

Trust (by receivers)

Official (responsibility)

Flood information and management decision making must be based science (Meteorology, hydrology, hydraulics) and reliable ICT tools

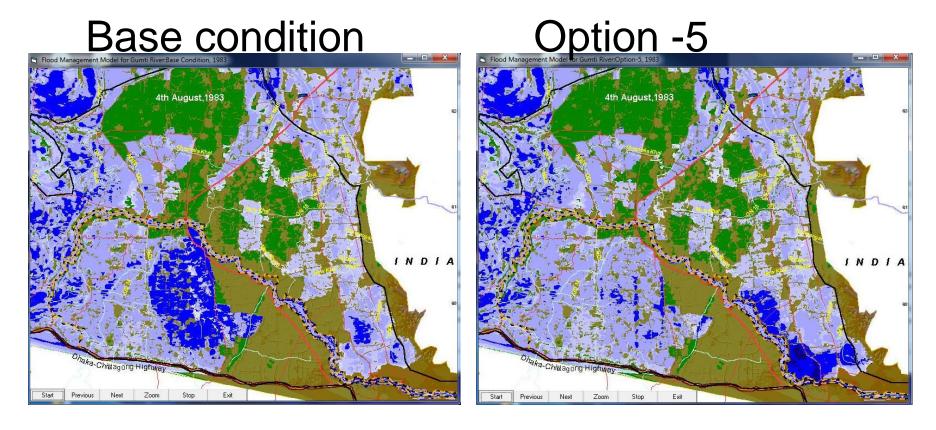
Bring Science to Society







Flood Management decision making



Assessment of Flood diversion to a designated low lying area to avoid disaster in a urban area

FLOOD-RAVAGED VILLAGE 'IGNORED WARNINGS'

Disaster was avoidable

State of emergency declared in Phrae; floods tipped to hit 15 areas as death toll nears 100

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HE TRAGIC LOSS of life resulting from flash-floods and mudslides in Phetchabun could have been prevented if villagers had heeded warnings about a possible natural disaster, a senior interior official said yesterday.

The death toll of victims in the

upper central province's Lom Sak district rose to 88 yesterday, with more than 90 reported missing.
As thousands of Lom Sak resi-

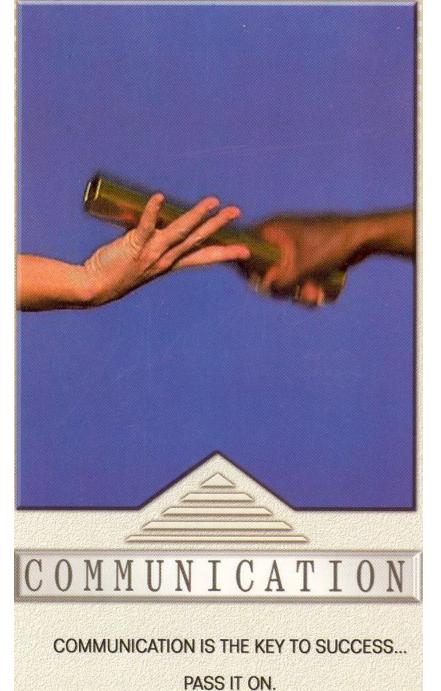
dents were reeling under the effects of the flooding, villagers in several northern provinces were still bear-ing the brunt of heavy rains yester-day, and a state of emergency was declared in at least one province.

Apai Chantanajulaka, director-general of the Local Administration Department, said villagers at Baan Nam Kor, the worst hit area, had been repeatedly warned that they were sitting in the middle of a path which could carry dangerous runoff from forest rain.

"The Baan Nam Kor headman urged villagers to evacuate following the weather forecast that said a depression was heading toward the Lom Sak district," he said. "Villagers refused to listen to the warning because they had lived in the area for more than 100 years and were unconcerned."



A BUDDHIST MONK lights a fire for one of the scores of villagers killed in flash-floods and mudslides in Baan Nam Kor, Lom Sak district, during a mass open cremati





Thank you

