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Urban Climate Resilience Masterclass

Module 2

Understanding Climate Risks in Your City

UCRMC Course Overview

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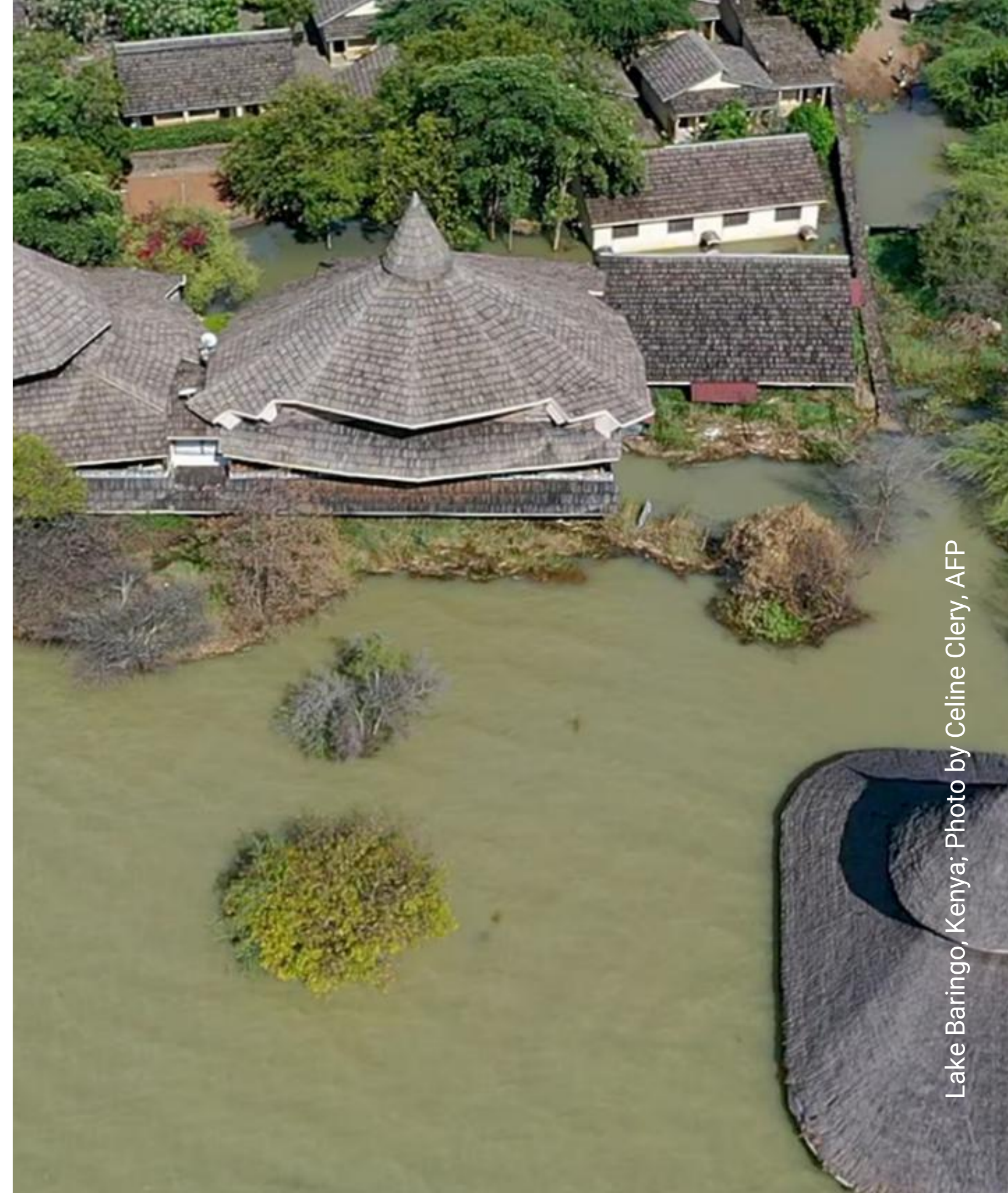
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Lake Baringo, Kenya; Photo by Celine Clery, AFP

Housekeeping

Listen



Listen carefully, follow along and make your own notes.

Ask



Ask the trainers questions or clarifications at any time.

Share



Your own experience is valuable and we encourage you to share it.

Discuss



Share and discuss with others during exercises, breaks and reflections.

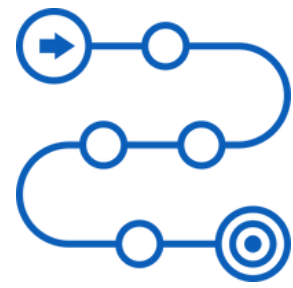
01 | Why This Topic Matters



Why This Module Topic Matters



Climate risk assessments (CRA) are the foundation of climate-informed planning and decision-making, enabling actors to identify and prioritise climate risks and opportunities, and implement corresponding resilience-building actions.



Understanding the process and components of a CRA enables city officials to effectively commission and supervise CRAs in their cities, and meaningfully engage with the results.



Understanding the climate risks in your city is an important first step in identifying the types of investments in infrastructure and services you can make to build resilience in your city.



This module also introduces the concept of climate resilient master planning – outlining ways in which cities can systematically integrate urban resilience into medium and long-term development planning.



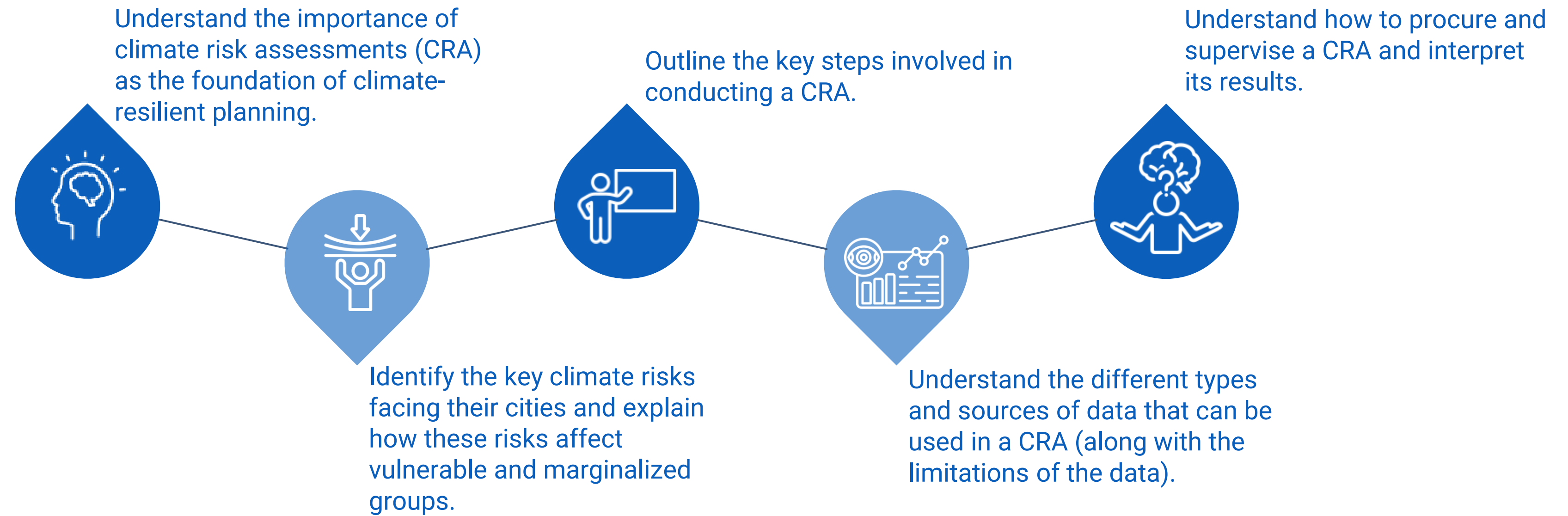
It will also outline ways in which urban resilience initiatives and investments can support national and sub-national climate objectives in Kenya.

02 | Learning Objectives



Learning Objectives

By the end of Module 2 participants will be able to:



03 | Concepts & Definitions



Concepts & Definitions



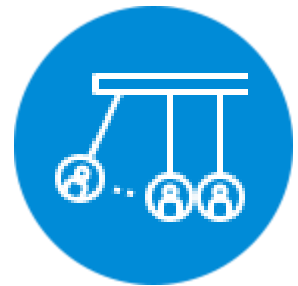
Risk Assessment

The qualitative and/or quantitative scientific estimation of risks.



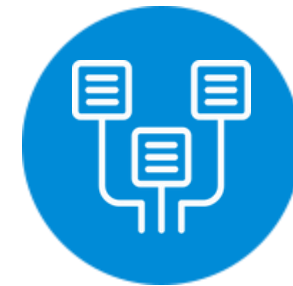
Master Plan

Planning instrument that provides a conceptual layout to guide future growth and development of a city.



Impacts

The consequences of realised risks (including extreme weather / climate events) on lives; livelihoods; health and wellbeing; ecosystems and species; economic, social and cultural assets; services and infrastructure. Impacts may be referred to as consequences or outcomes and can be adverse or beneficial.



Climate Scenario

A plausible description of how the future may develop based on a coherent and internally consistent set of assumptions about key driving forces (e.g., rate of technological change, prices) and relationships. Scenarios are neither predictions nor forecasts but are used to provide a view of the implications of developments and actions.

04 | Understanding Climate Risks in Your City



Recap: What is Climate Risk?

Climate risk is the chance of negative consequences for people and nature because of climate change.

Risks happen when climate hazards affect exposed and vulnerable people, communities or systems.

Climate risk is therefore closely linked with issues of equity and inclusion – since risks are made worse by vulnerable and marginalized groups.

Climate risks occur as a results of three inter-linked elements:

- **Hazard:** climate event e.g., drought, flood, landslide
- **Exposure:** being in places that could be negatively affected
- **Vulnerability:** likelihood of being negatively affected. This is often made worse by inequality and social exclusion.



$$\text{Risk} = \text{Hazard} \times \text{Exposure} \times \text{Vulnerability}$$

Climate risks that might occur in your city

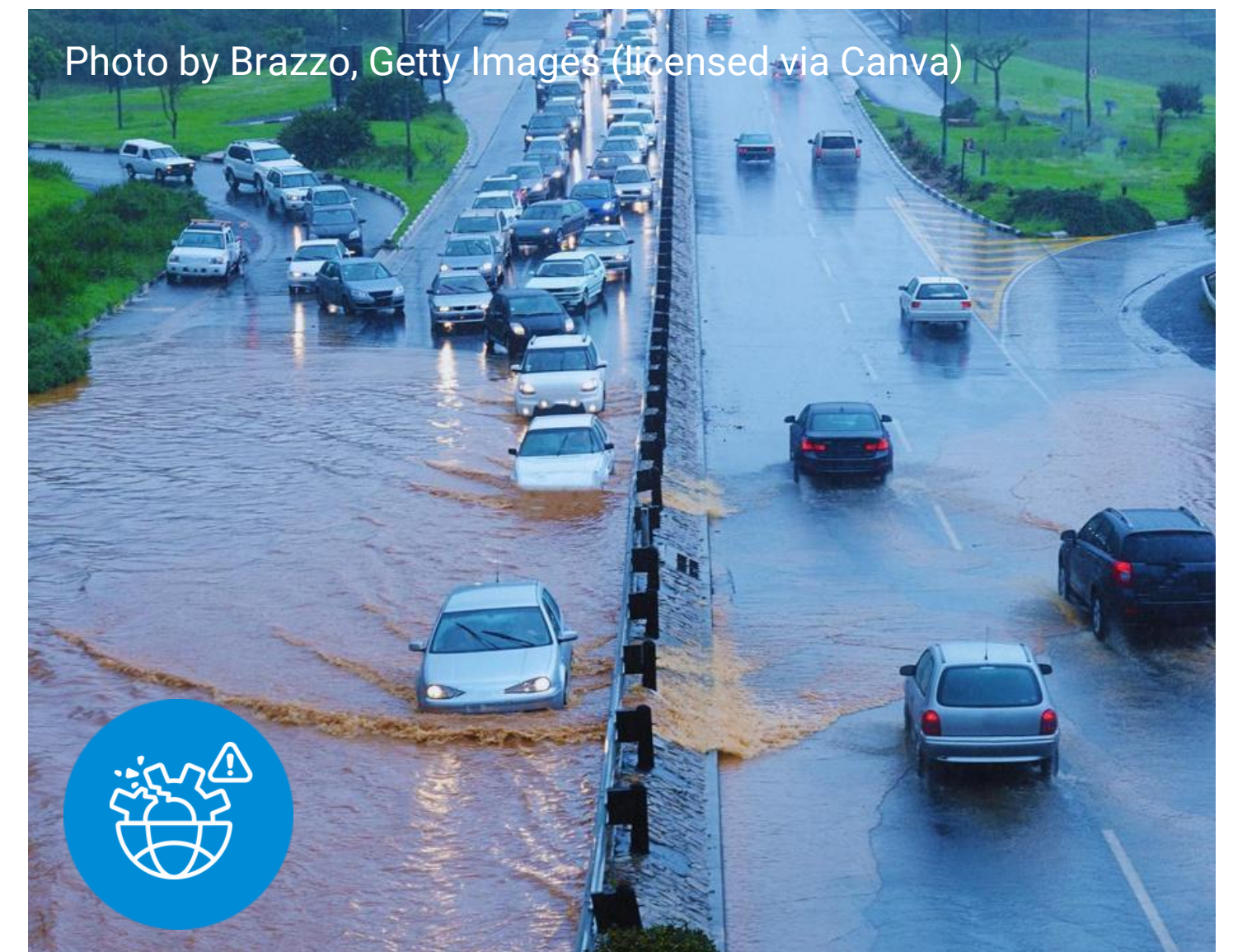
Disruptions to essential services

Increase in intensity of rainfall can cause surface flooding and waterlogging, obstructing transportation and economic activities.



Physical damages to infrastructure

Frequent intense flooding and storms can inundate roads, vehicles, underground tunnels, cycle lanes, and pedestrian pathways.



Climate risks that might occur in your city

Food insecurity

Drought-related impacts on agriculture can lead to food shortages and increased prices, affecting urban food security.

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Social and community stress

Climate-related disruptions to essential services contribute to social stress, impacting community well-being, mental health, and the social fabric of urban neighbourhoods.

Kenya; Photo by IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation



Climate risks that might occur in your city

Degraded water & sanitation, water-borne diseases

Higher temperatures and increased rainfall, combined with a lack of adequate sanitation infrastructure can lead to higher incidence of water and vector borne diseases.

Bangladesh; Photo by Mushfiqul Alam, NurPhoto



Displacement and shelter needs

Storms, cyclones and typhoons can cause destruction of housing and public infrastructure, and loss of lives.

Photo by PTI



Climate risks that might occur in your city

Increased water stress & water scarcity

Increase in frequency of droughts can lead to acute shortage of safe and reliable water supply for drinking and industrial purposes.

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Discuss

What are the climate risks in your city?

→ What risks does your city face?

→ Who will they affect? Can you link any particular risks to particular groups?

Any questions or sharing to the room is welcome, please raise your hand.



05 | Urban climate risks in Kenya



Urban climate hazards in Kenya

- **Extreme precipitation and storms** lead to increased flood risks in Kenya, impacting disaster management, development planning, and local livelihoods.
- **Increased rainfall** causes water levels to rise in lakes including Lake Naivasha, Lake Nakuru, Lake Victoria, and Lake Turkana causing flooding in the respective cities.
- **Flooding** caused by a combination of factors including heavy rainfall, poor drainage, urban expansion, poor urban planning (e.g. construction on flood prone areas).
- **Drought** caused by prolonged periods without rain.
- **Heat stress** caused by extreme high temperatures, with record temperatures above 30 °C recorded in Nairobi, Mombasa and Lodwar town (39.8 °C).
- **Sea level rise** in coastal cities and municipalities e.g. Mombasa, Malindi and Lamu. It is projected that sea level rise of only 0.3m would submerge about 17% of Mombasa.



Rising lake levels in rift valley; Photo by Baz Ratner, Reuters

Urban climate hazards in Kenya

Extreme precipitation: Inundated section of Nairobi-Thika Highway. Photo by Xinhua News Agency



Increased rainfall in Mombasa; Photo by Nairobi Leo



Flooding in Lake Victoria
Photo by Thomas Mukoya, Reuters



Landslides: damaged railway in Kijabe;
Photo by James Wakibia, SOPA Images



Droughts: dry riverbed in Isiolo;
Photo by Denis Onyodi, KRCS, CC

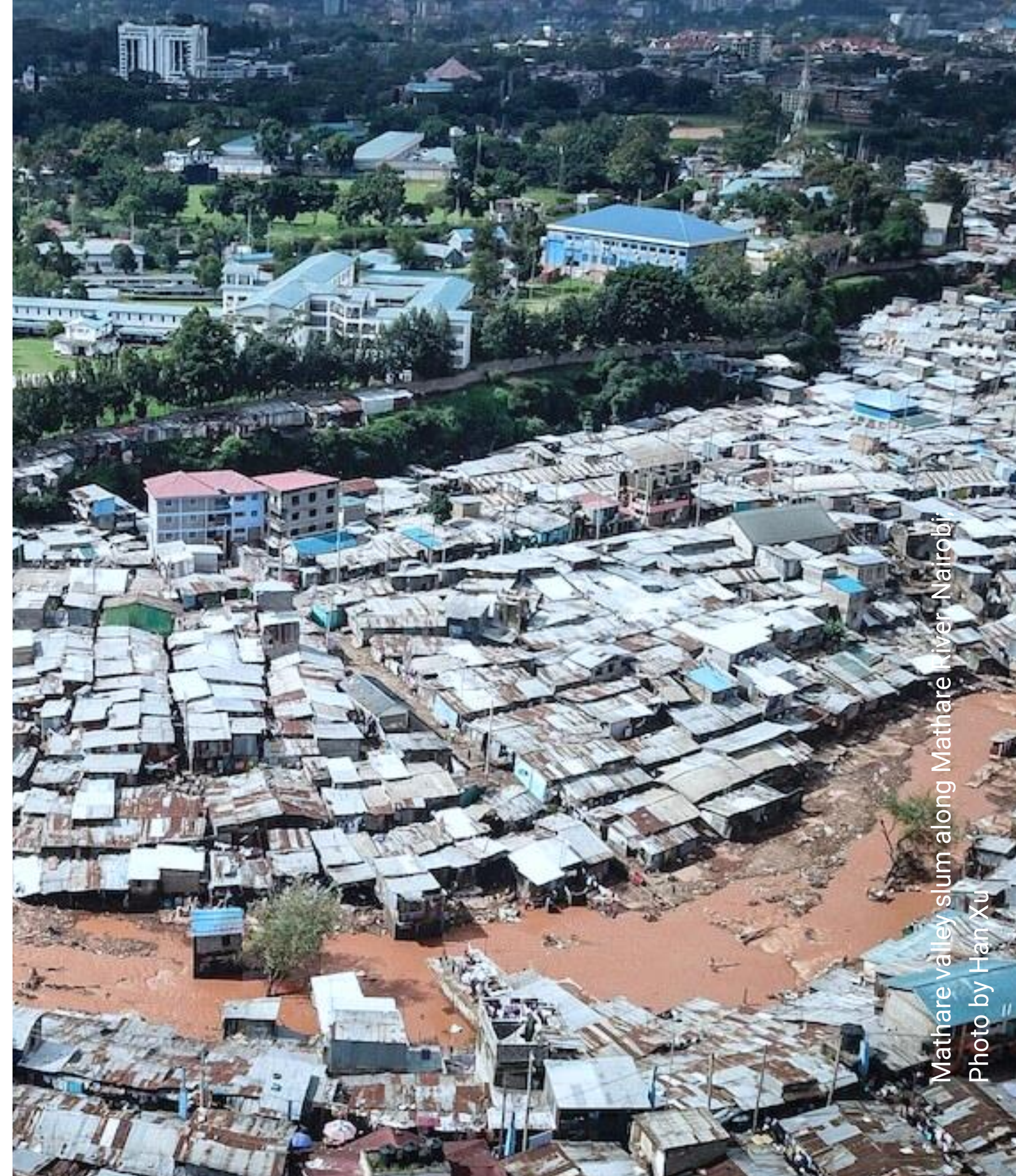


Heat stress;
Photo by Stephen Oduor, Nation Media Group

Climate impacts on marginalized groups

Informal settlements

- An estimated 55-60% of Kenya's urban population resides in informal settlements/slums, most of which are located on hazard prone sites such as river valleys, riparian zones, wetlands and derelict lands.
- These settlements are characterized by congestion, poorly constructed structures, limited or deficient infrastructural provisions, and high levels of poverty, which increase residents' vulnerability to climate impacts.
- They are highly susceptible to flooding, heat stress, water stress, and landslides which exacerbate health risks, cause loss of lives & livelihoods, displacement and forced migration.

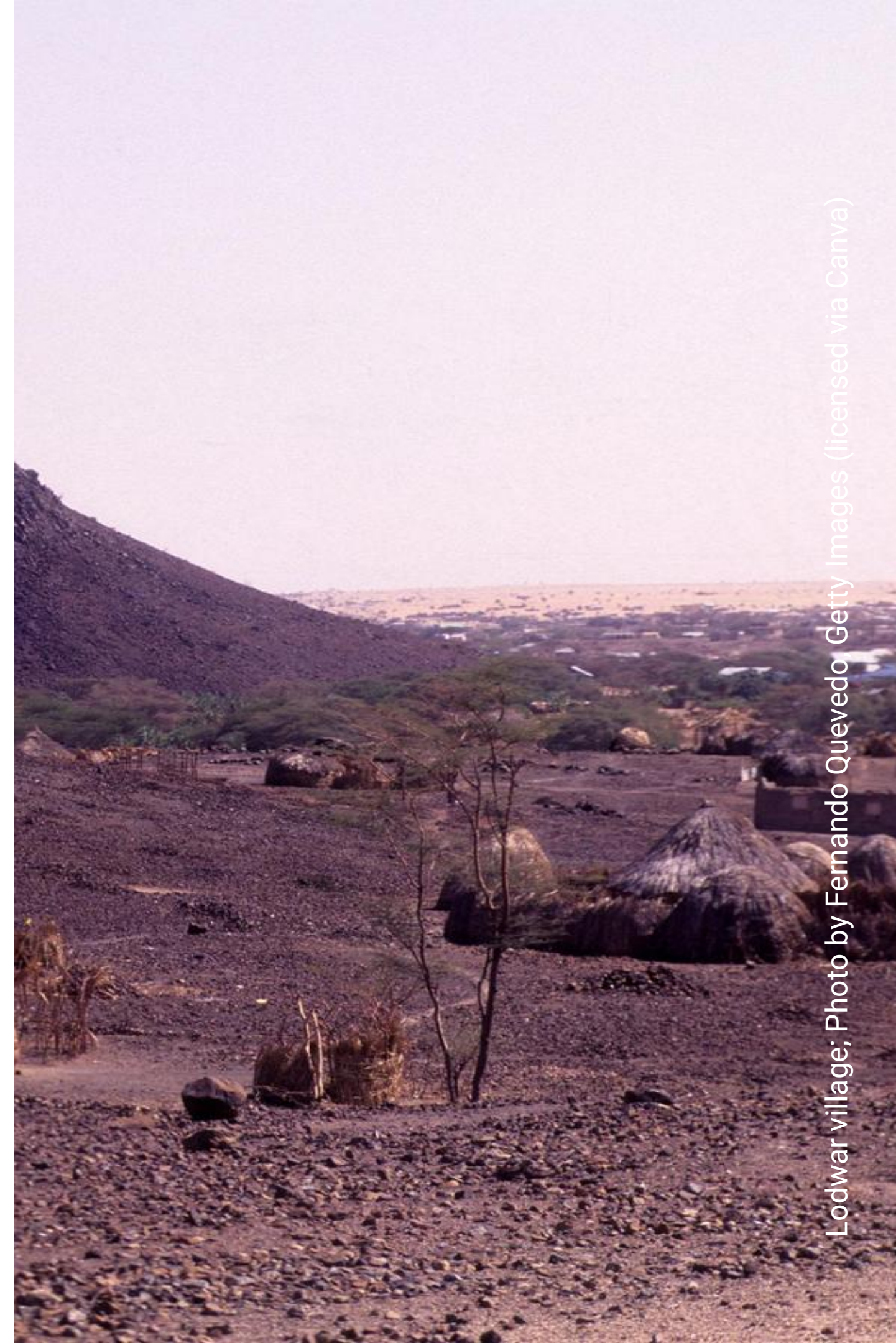


Mathare valley slum along Mathare River, Nairobi.
Photo by Han Xu

Climate impacts on marginalized groups

Communities in Arid and Semi-Arid urban regions

- Arid and Semi-Arid lands (ASALs) are characterized by low and erratic rainfall, high temperatures, and sparse vegetation.
- They have historically been disconnected from national economic development due to geographical distance and lack of accessibility. Typically, they have insufficient infrastructure e.g. road networks, water, and electricity, which further exacerbates their isolation, impoverishment and underdevelopment.
- Urban areas in these regions include municipalities such as Lodwar (Turkana), Hola (Tana river), Isiolo, Maralal (Samburu), Marsabit, Kitui, Wote (Makueni), Kabarnet (Baringo), Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Kapenguria (West Pokot); and towns such as Eldama Ravine (Baringo), Oloitokitok (Kajiado), among others.
- These communities are highly vulnerable to extreme drought, flooding, and heat stress, leading to water scarcity, food insecurity, livelihood disruption, health risks, conflict & migration.



Lodwar village; Photo by Fernando Quevedo. Getty Images (licensed via Canva)

Climate impacts on marginalized groups

Women & girls:

- A combination of social, economic, and cultural factors intersect with climate impacts making women and girls disproportionately vulnerable to climate risks.
- These factors include gender roles and responsibilities; limited resources; economic dependence; health risks, gender-based violence and limited decision-making power.

People living with disabilities

- These people face physical barriers that limit their mobility and ability to access information, services, and resources during climate-related emergencies e.g. inaccessible infrastructure and limited transportation options can hinder evacuation efforts and access to shelters.
- They are also more likely to experience poverty and economic marginalization, which can limit their ability to prepare for and recover from climate-related impacts.



Women in ASAL regions travel long distances for water;
Photo by Bartosz Hadyniak

06 | Climate Risk Assessments



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What is a Climate Risk Assessment?



A CRA identifies the likelihood of future climate hazards and their potential impacts for a city and its communities.



Outputs often include spatial patterns showing the impact of hazards on infrastructure, settlements and communities.

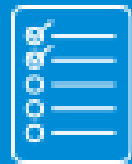


A CRA provides quantitative and qualitative estimates of climate risk.



Photo by Genevieve French, Greenpeace

Why do a Climate Risk Assessment?



A CRA is the foundation of a city's climate risk management/urban climate change resilience strategy and action planning.



Helps understand how specific climate hazards contribute to or exacerbate underlying vulnerability, inequality and exclusion in a city



Helps a city identify and measure its climate risks and evaluate response measures, creating an evidence base to engage in adaptation planning and mainstream climate action into policy and governance.



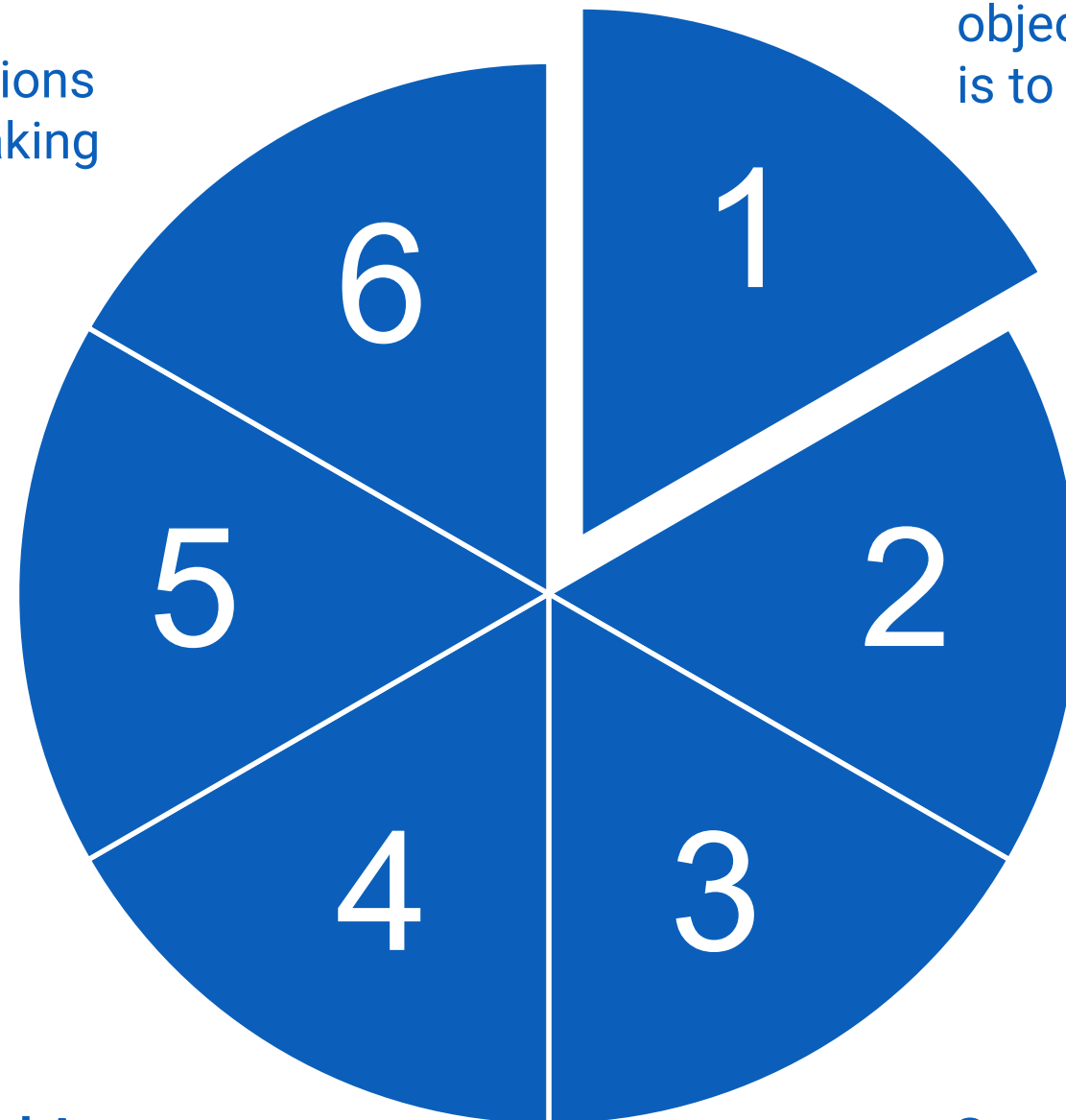
Helps understand the additional risk due to climate change, which provides a rationale for access to climate finance and further investment in development and/or infrastructure programmes.

Main Steps of a CRA

Step 06 | Appraise resilience building options. Assess options against decision-making criteria; prioritize resilience options.

Step 05 | Identify resilience building options
Determine a long list of adaptation options.

Step 04 | Identify and Assess risks. Determine risks based on the likelihood of a hazard occurring and the consequence of the identified impacts.



Step 01 | Establish the decision-making context. What are the objectives of the CRA? What decision is to be made? Set the scope.

Step 02 | Assess hazards
Identify the probability, intensity and timescale of current and future climate hazards.

Step 03 | Assess impact
What are the potential impacts of those hazards on people, assets, services and the environment? Includes analysis of exposure, sensitivity and adaptive capacity.



Dhaka; Photo by Michael Foley, Flickr

Step 01 | Establish the Decision-making Context

What decisions need to be made?

- Investing in a new infrastructure asset?
Upgrading old infrastructure?
- Building resilience of a vulnerable sub-county or community?
- Developing a climate strategy? Integrating climate risk into existing policies or plans?

Questions to set the scope of the CRA:

- What is the system(s) of interest? (sector, assets, specific community)
- What resources are available?
- What are the geographic boundaries of the assessment?
- What are the relevant timescales for assessment?
- Which hazards are most relevant?



Photo by World Bank

Step 02 | Assess Hazards

2.1 | Determine relevant climate hazards

2.2 | Select relevant hazard indicators

2.3 | Analyze historical trends and events

2.4 | Analyze future projections across different scenarios

It can be helpful to categorize hazards by climate themes:

Drought:

Wildfires, Wind Erosion, Water Scarcity, Subsidence

Floods:

Flash Floods, River Flooding, Surface Flooding, Coastal Flooding, Erosion

Storms:

Tornados, Tropical Storms
Winter Storms, Thunderstorms, Coastal Flooding

Heat:

Ocean Acidification, Heat Waves, Urban Heat Islands



Khulna Dacope Koira, Bangladesh; Photo by Emdadul Islam Bitu, UNDP Bangladesh

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Examples of hazard indicators

Increasing temperatures:

- Annual seasonal monthly average (air) temperature

Heat waves:

- Heat wave frequency (avg. number of heat waves per year)
- Heat wave intensity (avg. temperature above local threshold during heat wave)
- Heat wave duration (avg. length of individual heat waves – no. days)

Sea level rise:

- Absolute sea level change (cm)
- Relative sea level change (incl. local land movement) (cm)

River floods:

- No. of days with precipitation > 100mm
- Flooding magnitude (peak discharge)
- Flooding frequency (avg. no. of flood days per year)



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Key questions:

- What are key historical trends in the city? (looking back over 30 years is ideal)
- What major historical climate events have occurred for each relevant hazard?
- What were the impacts? (e.g. loss of lives and/or livelihoods, direct and indirect economic losses)
- What sectors and groups of people were most affected, including women, poor communities, children, the elderly, etc.?
- How have these hazards changed over time? (More/less frequent? More/less intense? Longer/shorter duration?)



Wajir; Photo by Riccardo Gangale, ILRI

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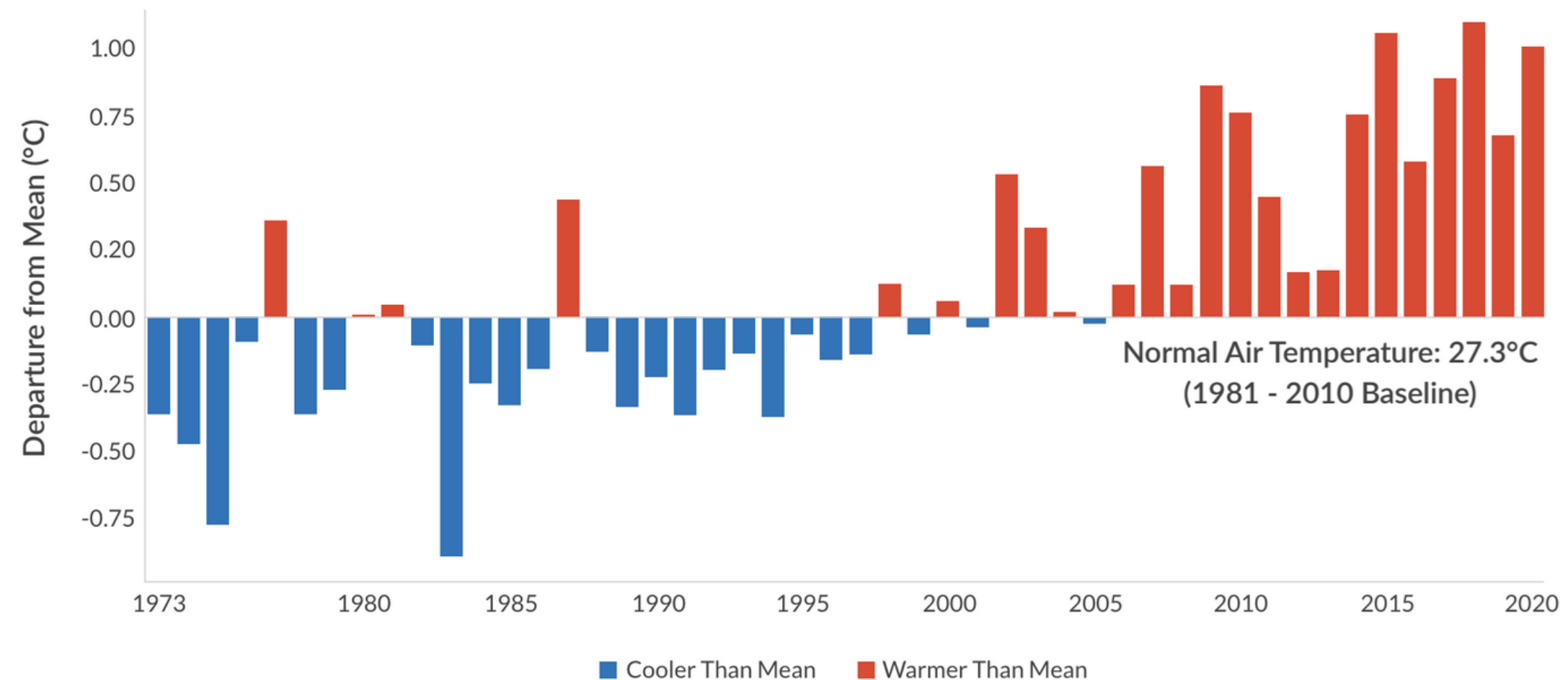
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Case Study | Air Temperature 1973-2020 | Mumbai, India



Annual air temperature anomalies between 1973 and 2020, from Mumbai's Climate and Air Pollution Risks and Vulnerability Assessment, 2022. Meteorological Data from Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Santacruz station.

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Climate Models

- Tools that generate climate projections showing how the climate may change under various scenarios.
- Require technical expertise to access and interpret – this should be part of team conducting the CRA.

Scenarios

- A CRA should select multiple climate scenarios, usually a mid-range and a worst-case scenario.
- Projections of future climate change are usually presented as a range of values (e.g. sea level rise by 3-5 cm by 2050).

Time Horizons

- Typical time horizons include short-term (2030's), mid-term (2050's) and long-term (2100).
- A CRA should use time horizon(s) relevant to the life and planning timescale of the community / asset of interest.

Step 03 | Assess impacts

Assessing climate impacts:

Non-climatic variables contribute to the impact of climate hazards.

For example, a community with high levels of poverty living in informal settlements will be more vulnerable to flooding than a community with higher income levels living in solid, permanent housing.

CRAs need to understand the differentiated impact of climate hazards based on **exposure**, **sensitivity** and **adaptive capacity**.

CRAs should collect data on these metrics and ensure that data is disaggregated by gender and other vulnerable groups where possible.

Key questions for a CRA:

People

- What are the impacts of the climate hazard on people and their livelihoods?
- What are the impacts on particularly vulnerable groups most exposed to the hazard?

Environment

- What are the impacts of the hazard on the local environment e.g. biodiversity, air quality, water quality?

Economy

- What are the impacts of the hazard on the city's economy?
- Which sectors, industries and assets will be most impacted?



Step 03 | Assess impacts

Exposure

Exposure = people, livelihoods or assets located in proximity to potential hazards.

Indicators may include:

- Population (including marginalized groups) exposed
- Value of economic services exposed
- Assets (e.g. housing) exposed
- % of livelihoods dependent on natural resources exposed

Sensitivity

Vulnerability is composed of **sensitivity** + adaptive capacity

Sensitivity = degree to which people and assets/systems are affected by their exposure to climate impacts

Indicators may include:

- Population of dependent demographic groups
- Livelihood dependence of affected sectors
- Condition of housing

Adaptive Capacity

Vulnerability is composed of sensitivity + **adaptive capacity**

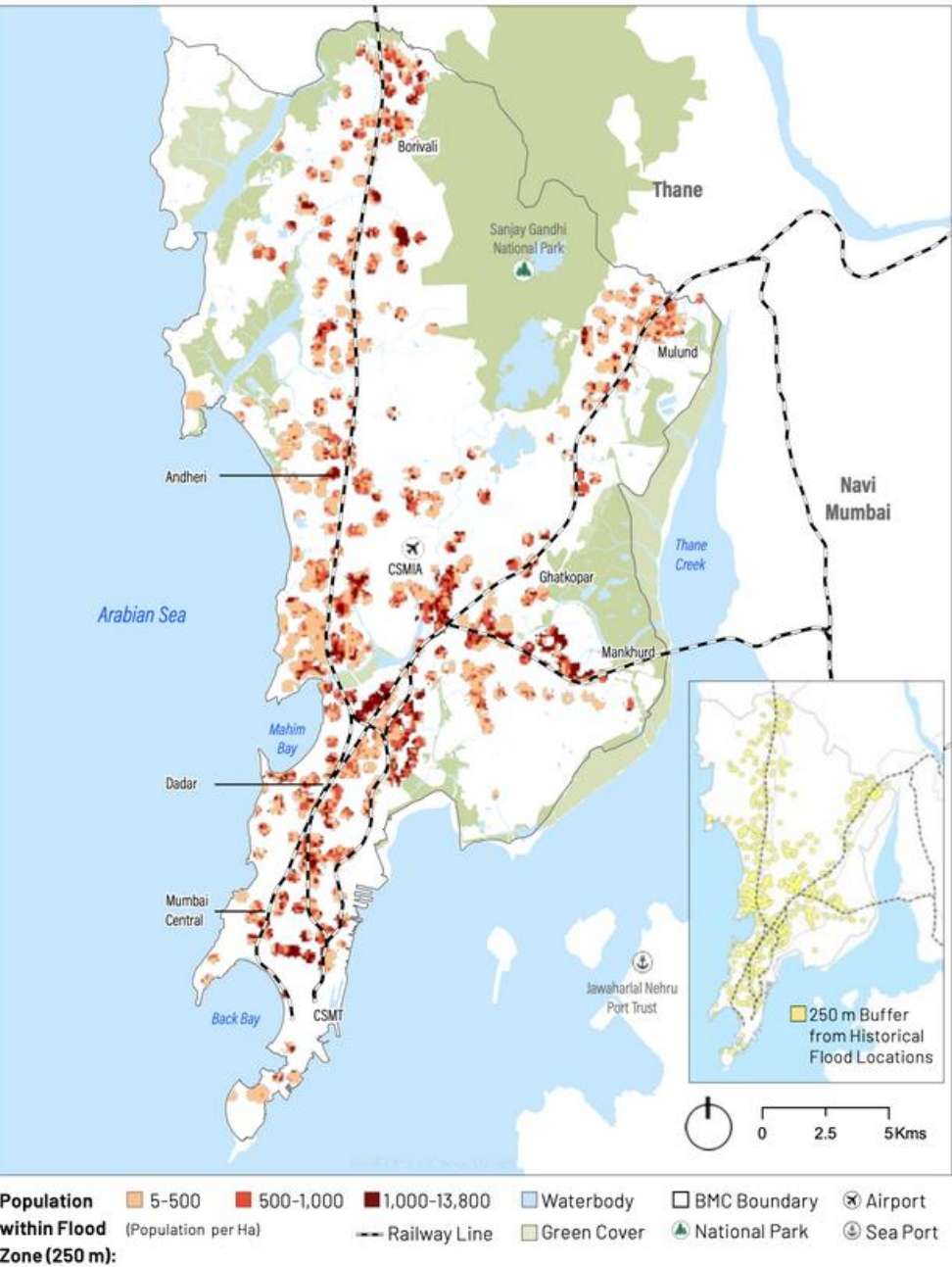
Adaptive capacity = potential of people and systems to adjust to the impacts of climate change or take advantage of opportunities that may arise from them.

Indicators may include:

- Access to basic services (water, sanitation)
- Access to healthcare
- Literacy
- Government capacity
- Unemployment
- Poverty

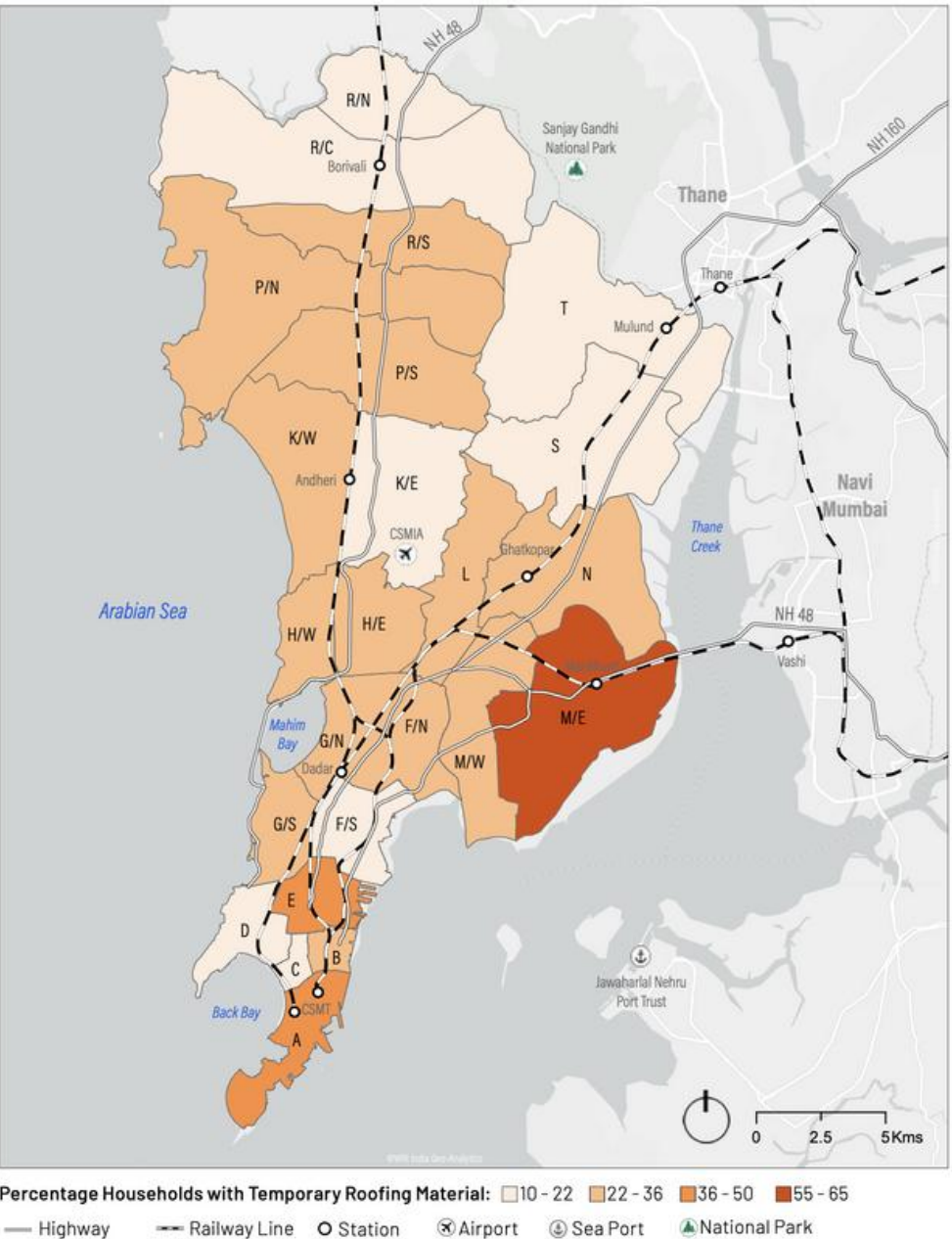
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Exposure



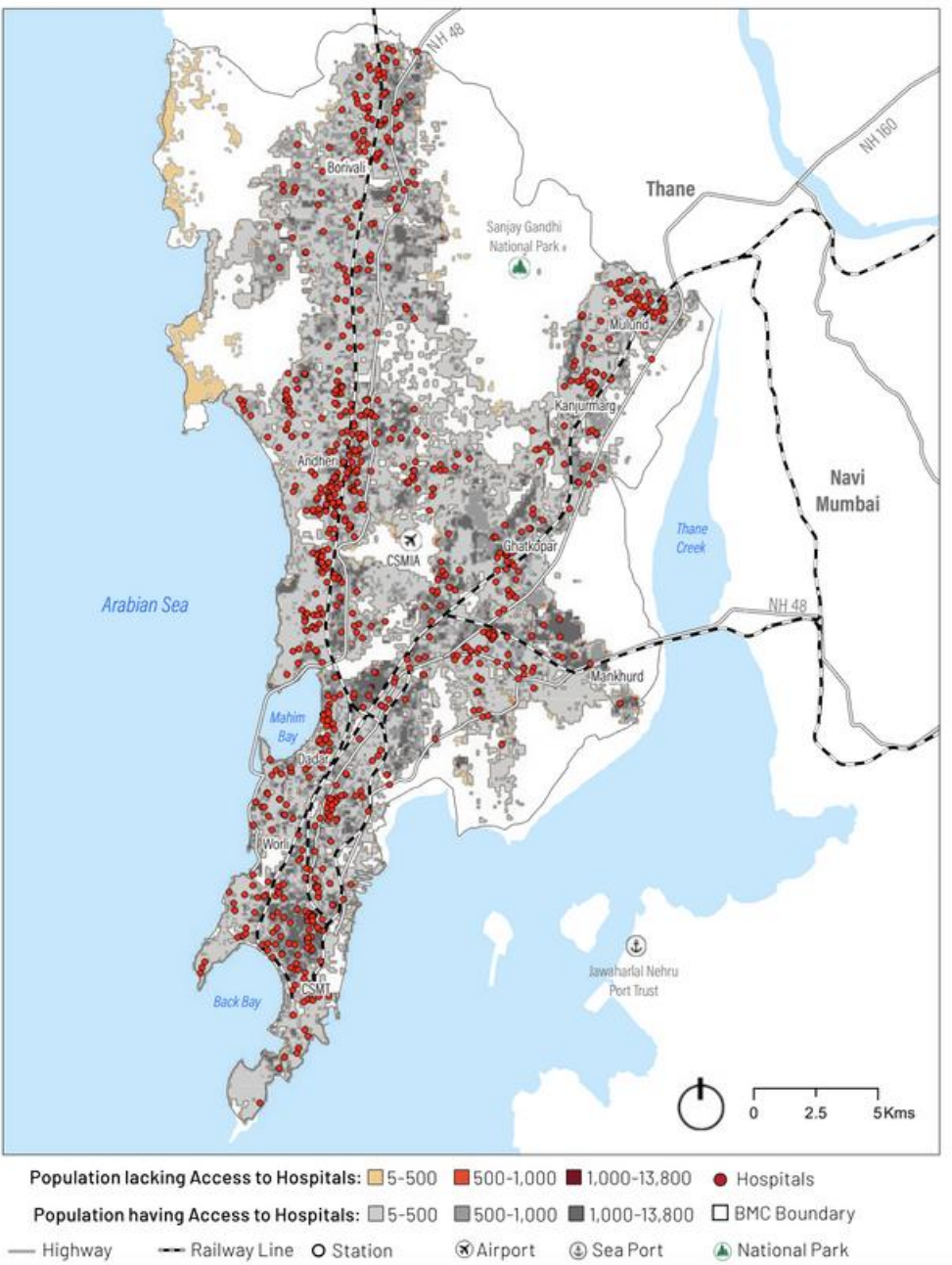
Population within flood zones (250m)
Mumbai's Climate and Air Pollution Risks and Vulnerability Assessment, 2022

Sensitivity



% households with temporary roofing material
Mumbai's Climate and Air Pollution Risks and Vulnerability Assessment, 2022

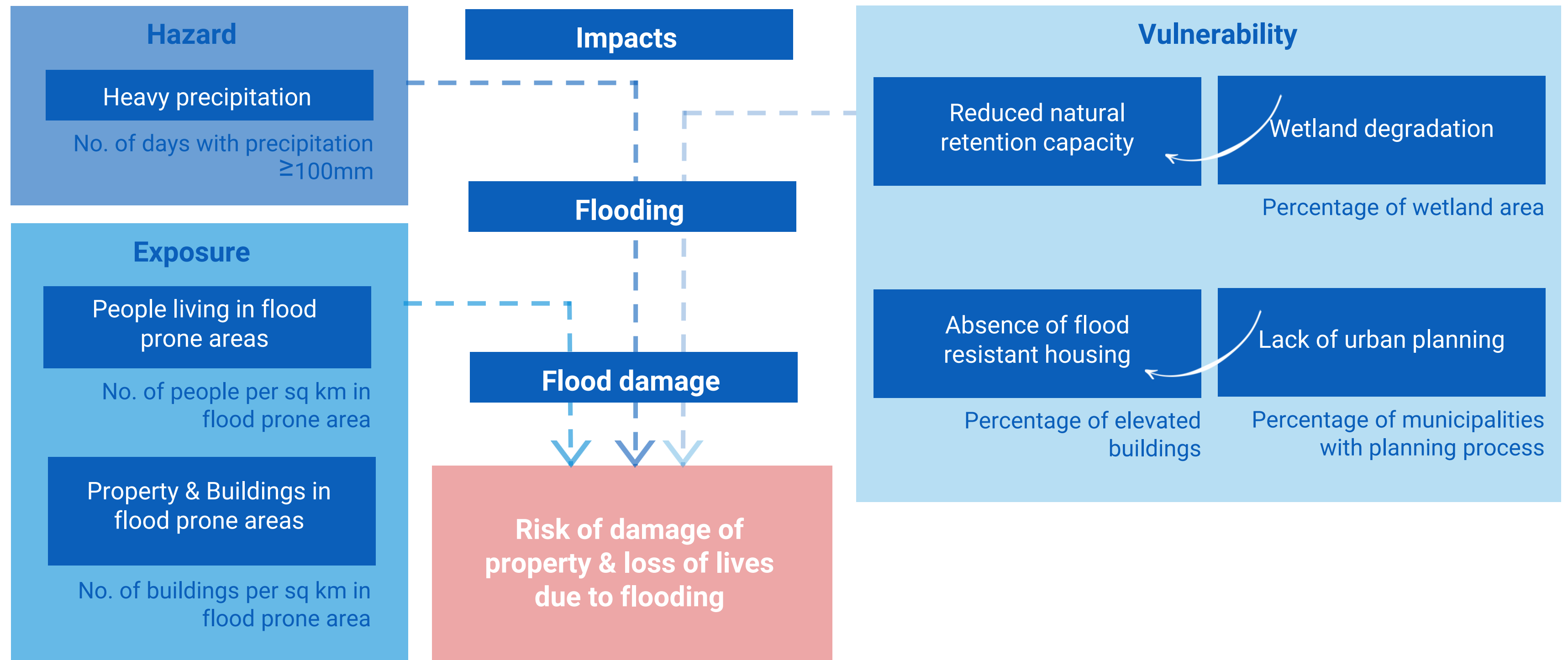
Adaptive Capacity



Population with / without access to hospitals
Mumbai's Climate and Air Pollution Risks and Vulnerability Assessment, 2022

Step 03 | Assess impacts

Example | Flood Risk Chain



Step 04 | Identify & Assess Risks

Identify the key risks in your city by assigning a probability and consequence score to each identified risk.

Probability: how likely is the risk to occur?

Consequence: how serious would the consequences be if the risk did occur?

Case Study | Air Temperature 1973-2020 | Mumbai, India



Plotting risks on a matrix by probability and consequence is a useful way to visualize the most likely and most damaging impacts, to prioritize action

Step 04 | Identify & Assess Risks

Example | Risk Matrix

Likelihood Rating			Consequence Rating				
			1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Recurrent events - expect this event almost annually. Single event - highly likely (>90% probability)	Medium	High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Probable	4	Recurrent events - expect this event several times in your career. Single event - more likely than not (50-90% probability)	Medium	Medium	High	Very High	Very High
Possible	3	Expect this event to occur once in your career, at any time. Single event - less likely than not, but still appreciable chance of occurring (10-50% probability)	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Very High
Unlikely	2	Event hasn't occurred during your career yet, but could occur at some time. Single event - unlikely but not negligible (1-10% probability)	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Rare	1	Event has occurred elsewhere, but in exceptional circumstances. Single event - not expected to occur, but possible (<1% probability)	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium

Very High

Very high risks are unacceptable. When possible, identify options to avoid or transfer risk. Where not possible, discuss immediately with Senior Management.

High

Discuss options with Senior Management.

Medium

Medium risk is tolerated if analysis show that risk can be rendered as acceptable reducing residual risk.

Low

Low risks are acceptable.

Step 05 | Identify Options

- Many CRAs identify a list of options that can be taken to build resilience to climate risks.
- This should include a list of the main climate risks faced by a city, ranked in order of severity or priority for policymakers to address.
- It could also include an explanation of the main locations or groups of people that are vulnerable to climate hazards so that actions can be undertaken to ensure climate resilient priorities address equity & inclusion.
- It should then include a list of priority adaptation and resilience building measures to be taken - for example a list of priority sectors that need to be made resilience, or a list of priority actions to be undertaken to build resilience.



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Step 06 | Appraise Options

- Selecting adaptation options involves trade-offs between economic, environmental and social implications
- Adaptation often involves both financial and non-financial costs and benefits
- Involve affected stakeholders to agree criteria and their weightings, in order to capture different values in selection of options

There are many approaches to appraise adaptation options:

- Cost-benefit analysis
- Multi criteria analysis
- Cost-effectiveness analysis
- Expert judgment
- Stakeholder consultation



Githurai area of Nairobi; Photo by Patrick Ngugi, AP

Equity & Inclusion

A CRA should integrate considerations of equity and inclusion to understand differentiated impacts on vulnerable groups



CRA design should involve different stakeholder groups across gender, race, religion, age, ability, income etc.



Wide consultations with different population groups helps capture local knowledge and capacities to adapt.



Include indicators that reflect impacts on a wide range of groups, including the most vulnerable (e.g. women-headed households, female participation in the workforce, age-dependency ratio etc.).



Identify adaptation options that promote equity and inclusion/ build resilience of vulnerable groups.

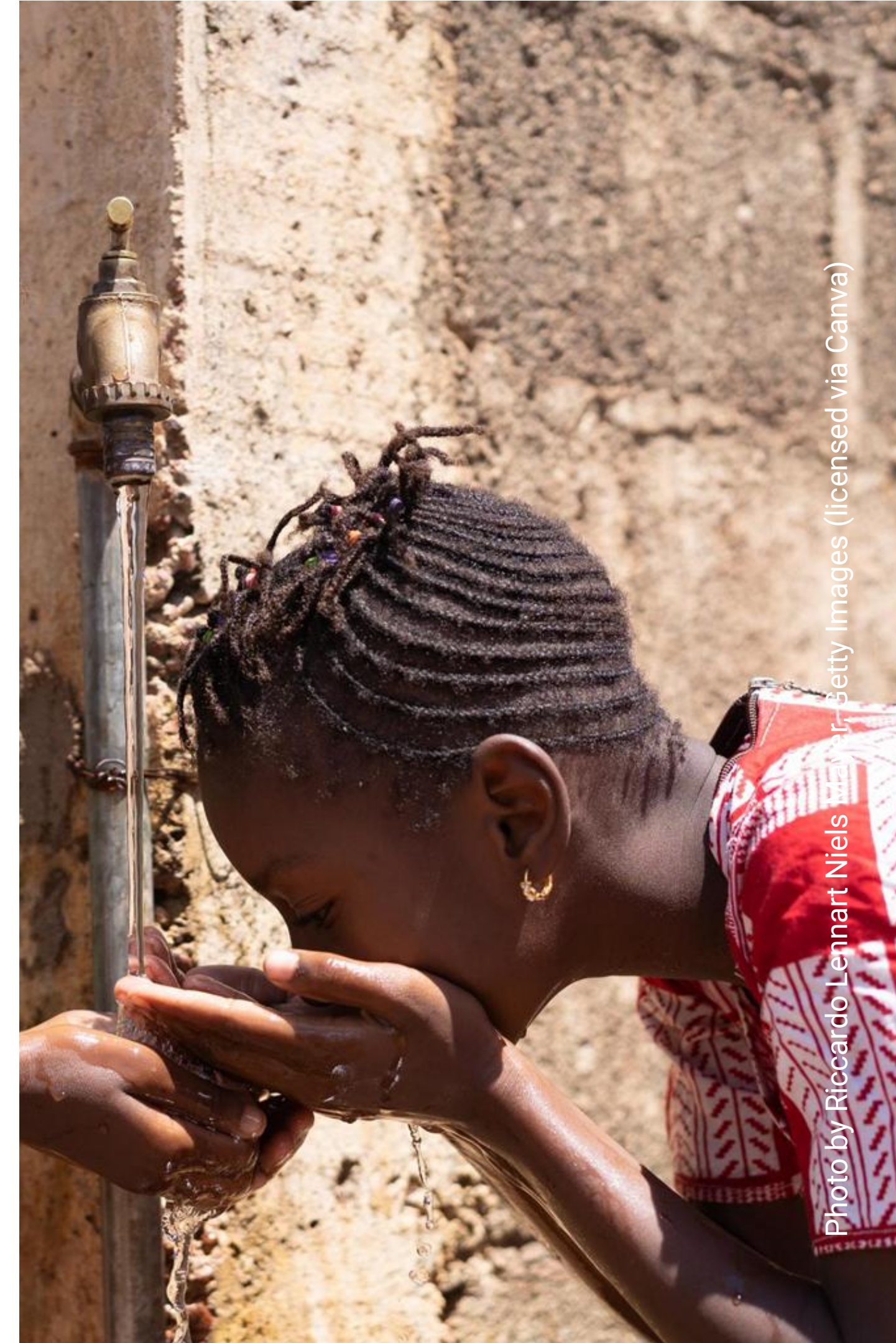


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Different Types of CRA Outputs



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Types of CRA Outputs



Risk Matrices



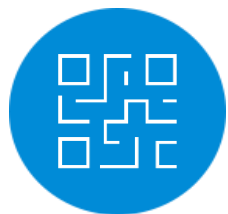
Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Maps



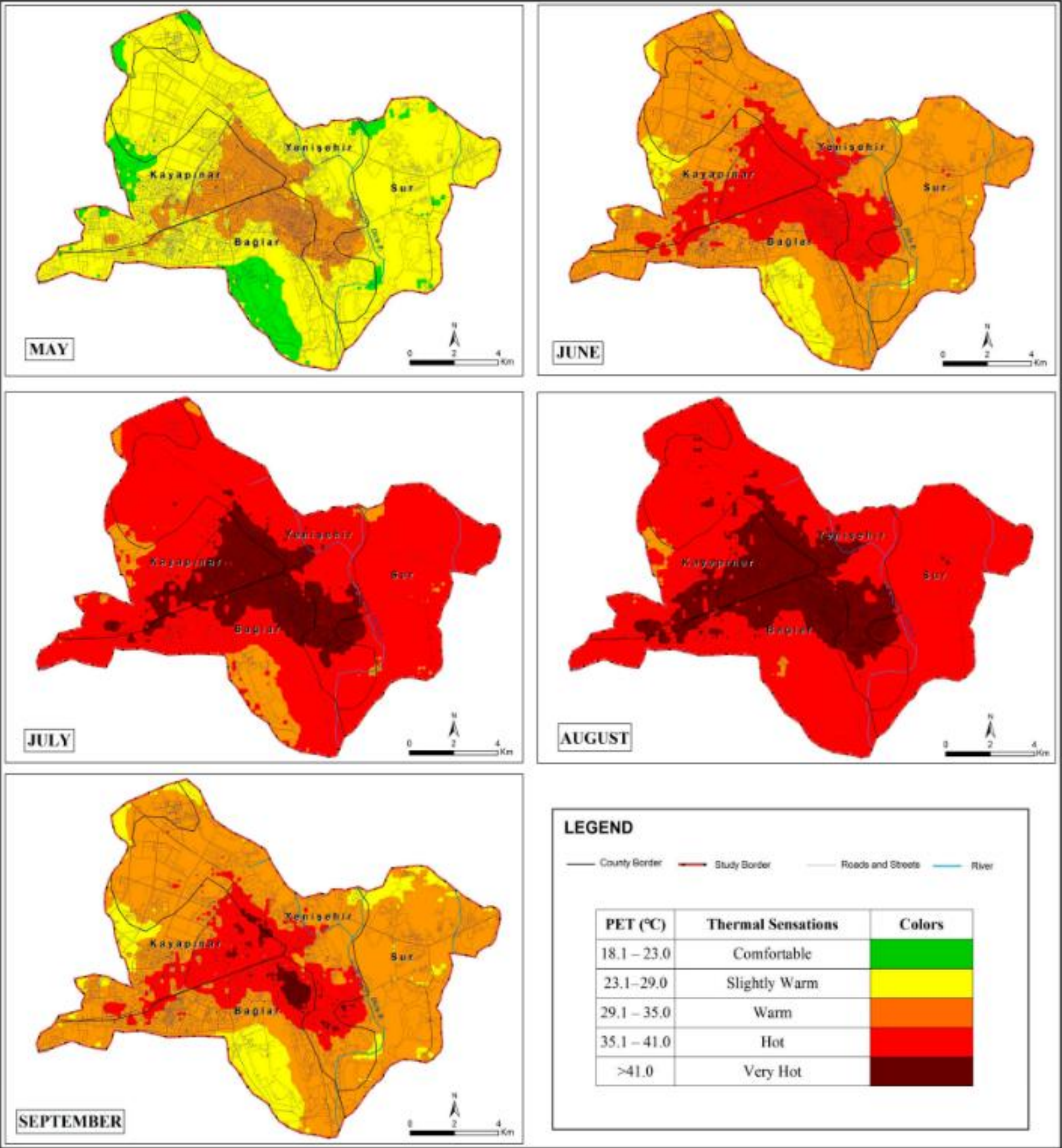
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Prioritized Adaptation Options

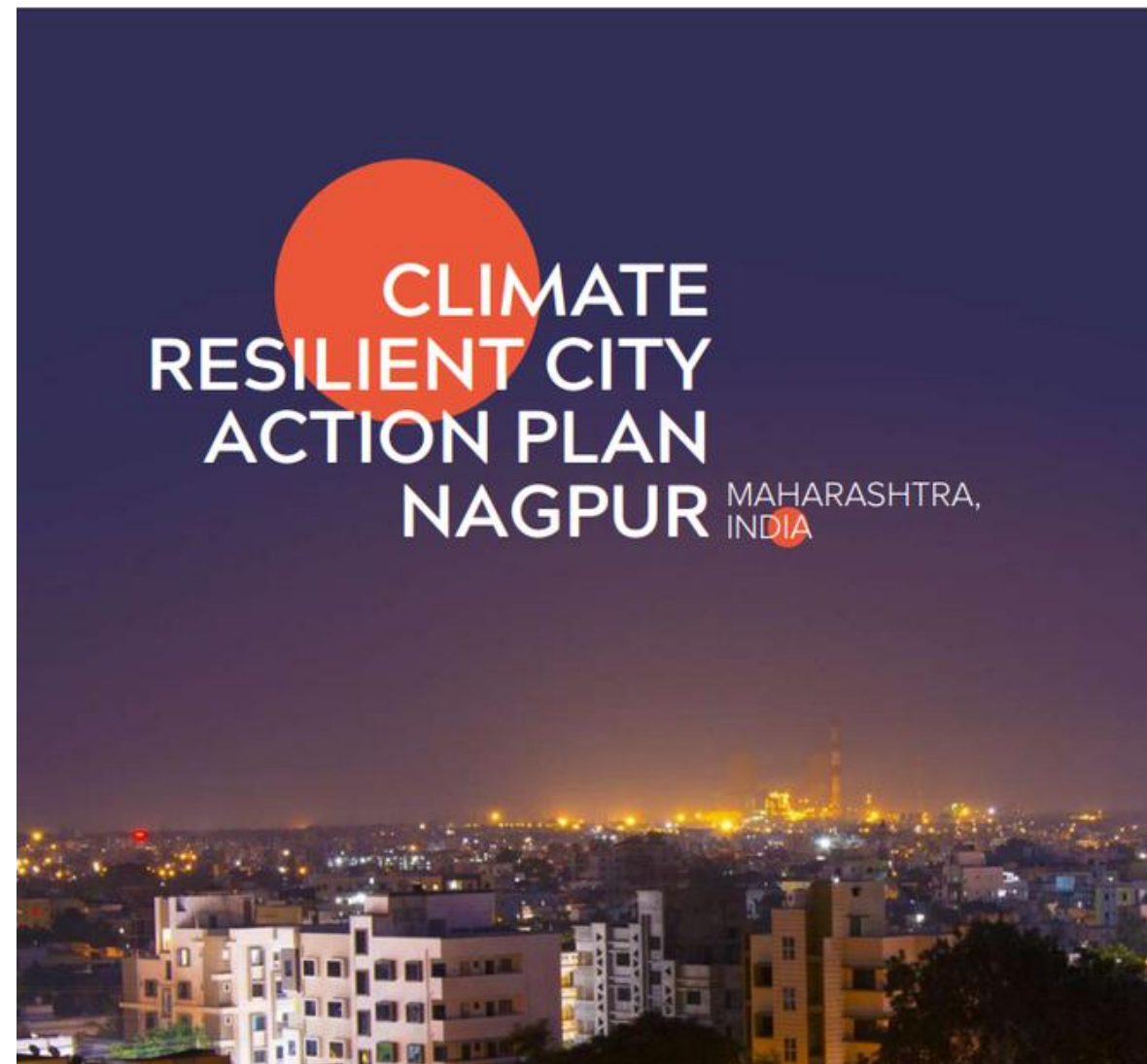


Interactive Online Platforms



CRA Outputs | Risk Matrix

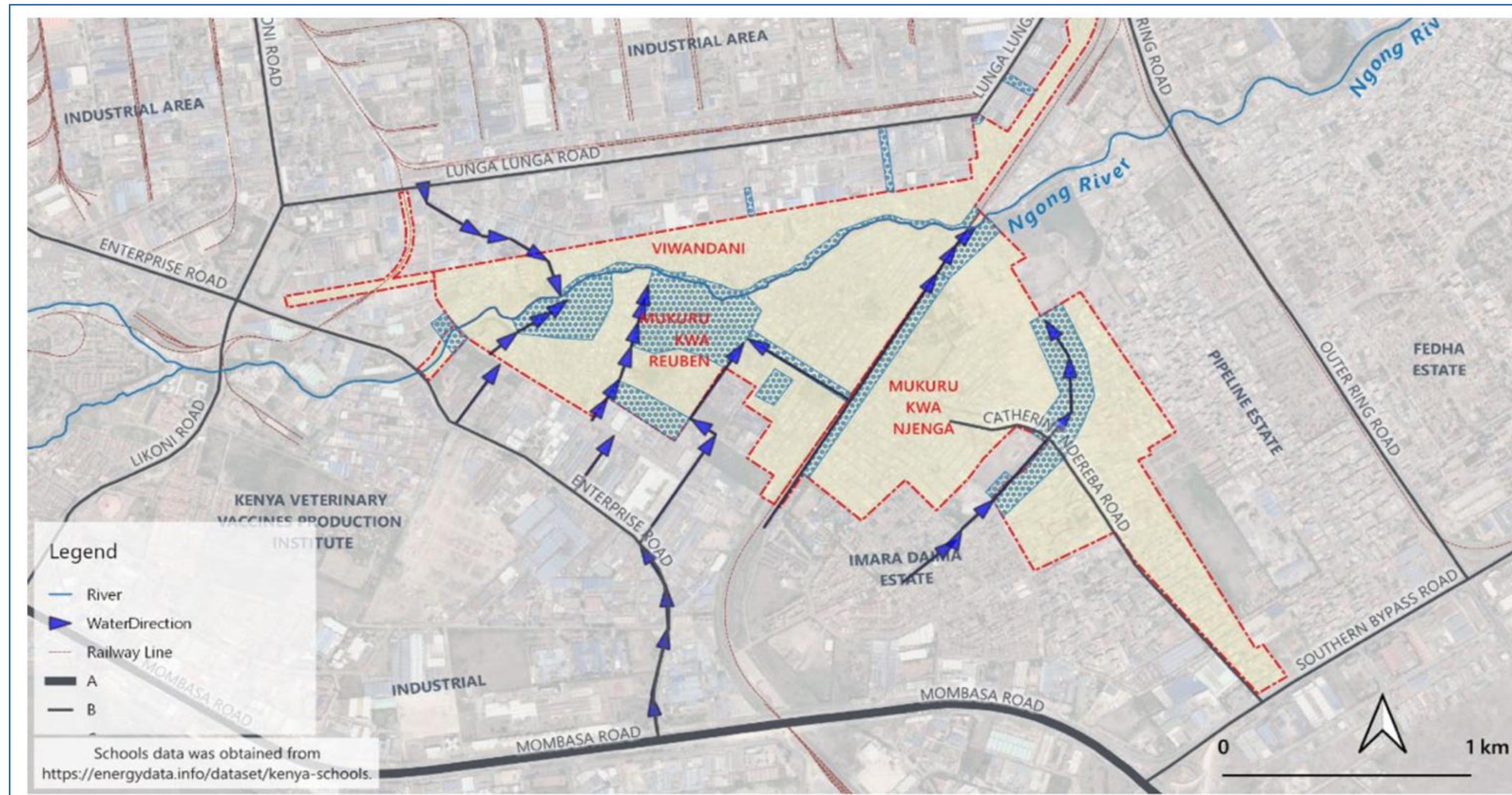
Case Study | Risk Matrix | Nagpur, India



S. No.	Urban systems	Climate fragility statement	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Risk status
1	Water supply	High intensity & short duration rainfalls, rainfall irregularity and change in pattern will affect city's water supply.	4	3	12	Medium-High
		Increase in temperature will increase evapo-transpiration rate reducing available water quantity with degradation of quality and increasing water demand putting stress on ground water.	4	4	16	High
2	Sewage treatment	Mixing and overflows of sewage and storm water due to high intensity rainfall causes inefficient sewage treatment thereby polluting river streams, eventually affecting dependent farms.	4	2	8	Medium
		Increase in temperature causes septic conditions in open nullahs and drains thereby causing foul odour, toxic gas emissions eventually affecting wastewater treatment.	4	2	8	Medium
3	Storm water management	Dilapidated insufficient storm water drains get flooded due to high intensity rainfall causing water logging and backflow of contaminated water due to sewage mixing into residential/commercial properties creates significant health risks and environmental pollution.	4	2	8	Medium

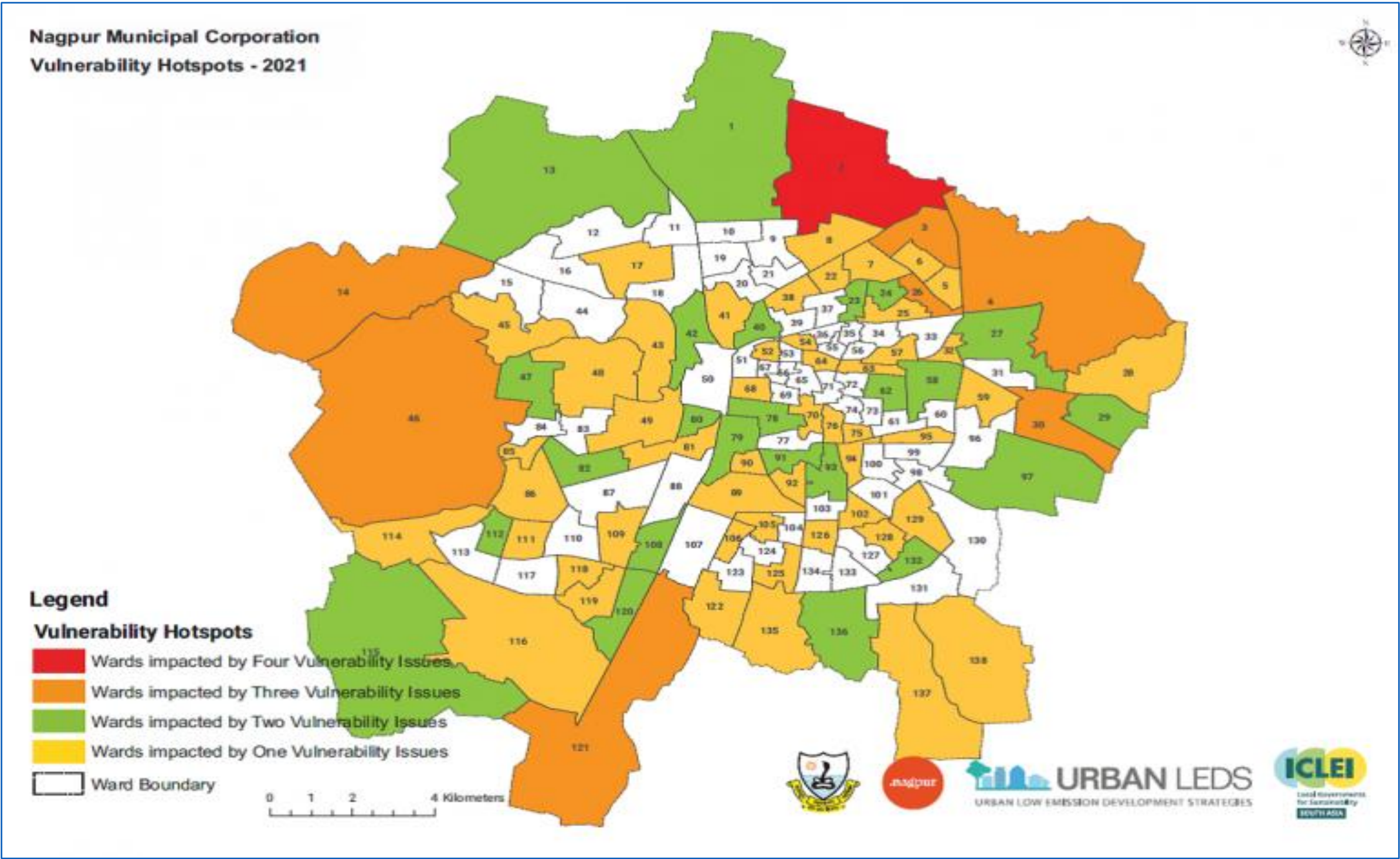
CRA Outputs | Hazard & Risk Maps

Case Study | Mukuru Flood Risk Map | Nairobi, Kenya



CRA Outputs | Vulnerability Maps

Case Study | Vulnerability Hotspot Map | Nagpur, India



Vulnerability hotspots, Nagpur (India)

CRA Outputs | Infographics

Case Study | Semarang, Indonesia



Shocks and stresses in Semarang:



Limited provision of access that causes water scarcity



River pollution, affecting Semarang water sources



Landslides in upper Semarang and hilly areas



Flash flood from upstream areas



Tidal flooding on lower Semarang coast



Excessive groundwater use and intensive development causing land subsidence



Coastal erosion threatens coastal areas.



One of Indonesian cities with the highest incident rate of dengue fever outbreak



Power outage



Higher unemployment rate compared to provincial and national level of unemployment



More private vehicles, creating congestion

CRA Outputs | Prioritized Adaptation Solutions

Case Study | Mumbai, India

URBAN FLOODING AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Build flood resilient systems and infrastructure



Localize water conservation and efficiency



Reduce pollution and restore aquatic ecosystems



Provide safe and affordable drinking water



Ensure clean, safe and accessible toilets



Manage disaster risk and reduce impacts

ENERGY AND BUILDINGS



Decarbonize electricity grid



Transition to clean fuels and resource efficiency



Promote low carbon buildings



Encourage passive design strategies

SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY



Enhance public transport ridership



Improve access to NMT transport and infrastructure



Transition to zero emission vehicles



Shift to zero emission freight

SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT



Reduce landfilled waste



Decentralized waste management



Expedite remediation and scientific management of landfills

URBAN GREENING AND BIODIVERSITY



Increase vegetation cover and permeable surfaces



Reduce urban heat island effect



Promote equitable access to green open spaces



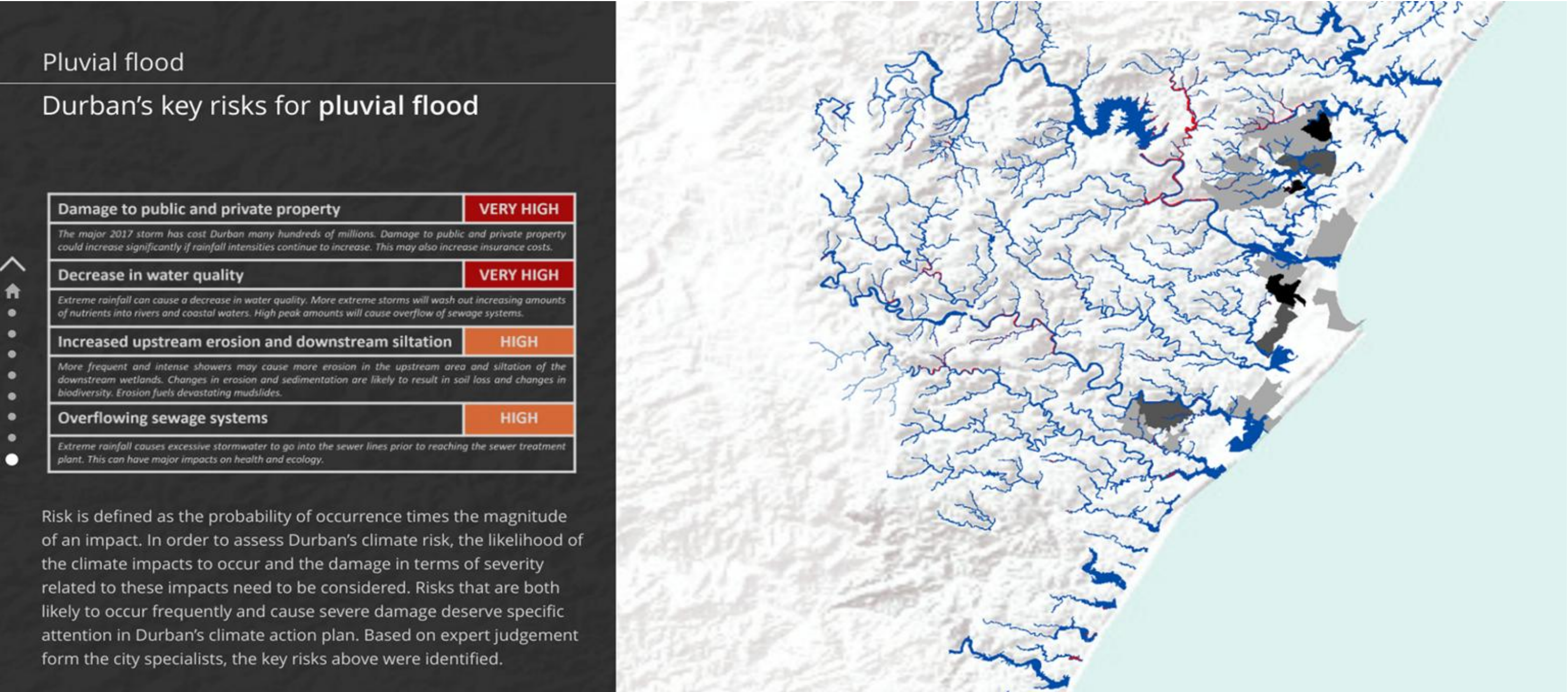
Restore and enhance biodiversity

Priority adaptation actions for Mumbai (India)

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CRA Outputs | Interactive Online Platforms

Case Study | eThekweni Municipality (Durban), South Africa

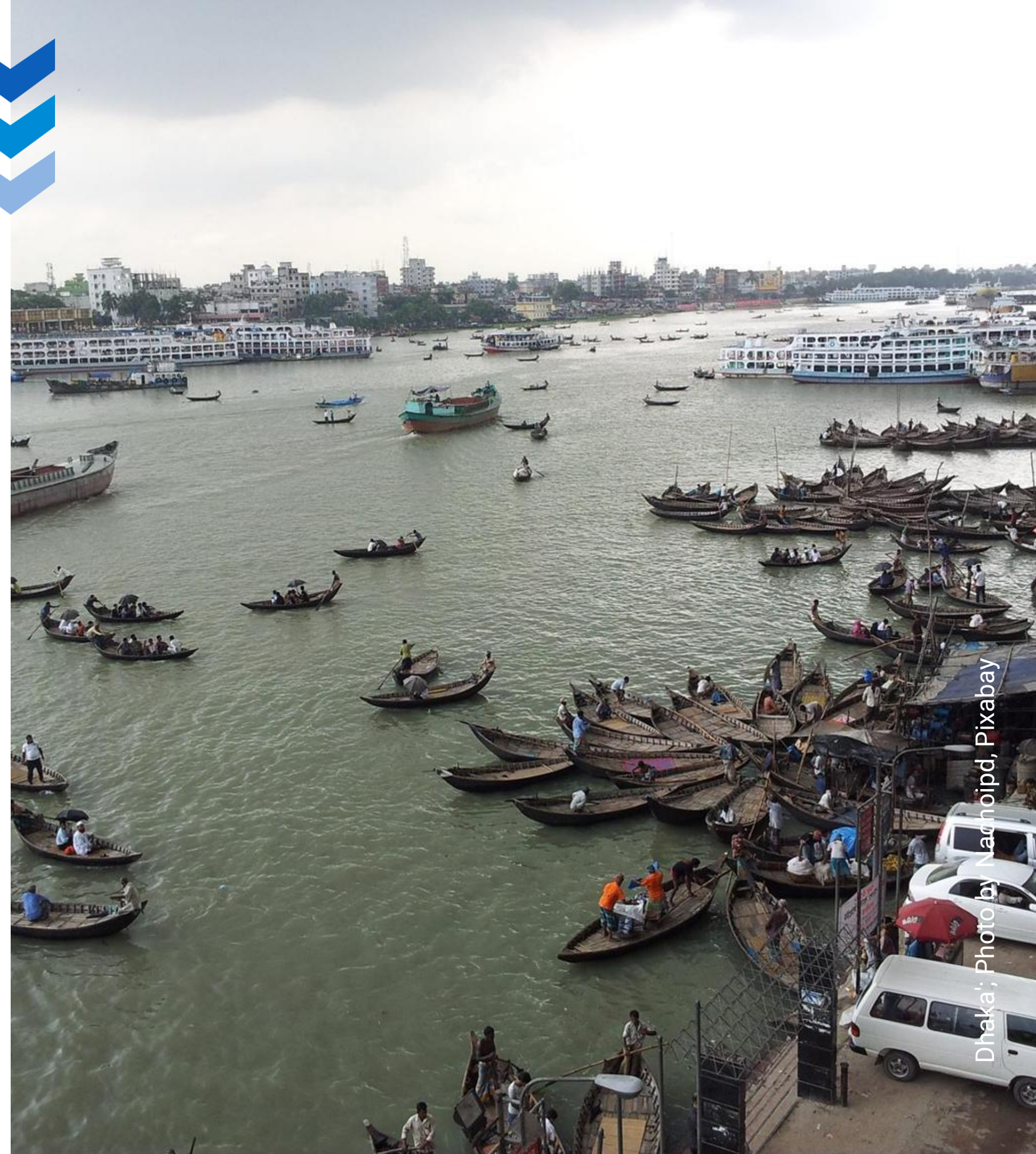


Questions

Do you have any questions?

→ Consider 'how to conduct a climate risk assessment'.

→ Is there anything introduced in this section that you are unfamiliar with and that you would like to discuss in further detail?



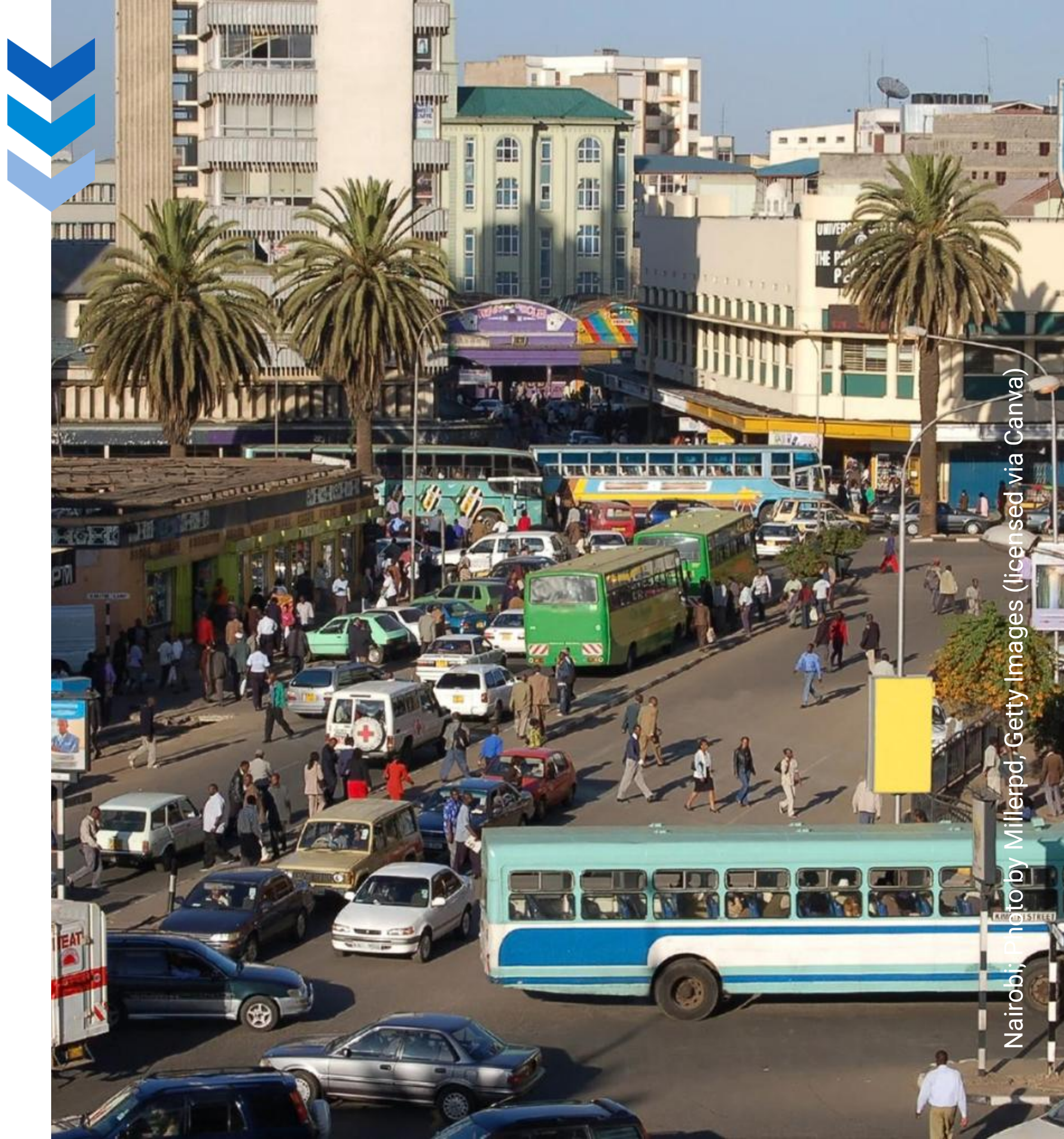
Experience Share

Your experiences with CRA outputs and / or decision making

→ Have you had any experience working with CRA outputs?

→ Have you ever use a CRA in decision making?

If you want to share an experience with the room, please raise your hand.



07 | CRA Case Study



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CRA Case Study | Isiolo Municipality, Kenya

Isiolo municipality is a predominantly arid urban area with a population of 121,061 people.

Isiolo experiences prolonged periods without rain (drought), often followed by spells of intense rainfall and floods.

Located on a low-lying floodplain and surrounded by steep slopes; this renders it susceptible to intense flooding from stormwater and flood water overflowing from a basin shared with neighbouring counties.

The arid terrain characterized by clay soil and sparse vegetation additionally hinders water permeation causing flooding during extreme precipitation. Flooding is exacerbated by poor stormwater drainage infrastructure.

Over the years, extreme weather events have impacted lives, livelihoods (mainly crop & livestock production) and infrastructure.



CRA Case Study | Isiolo Municipality, Kenya

Isiolo undertook a climate-smart Urban Economic Plan (UEP) which prioritised economic growth and climate resilient infrastructure to facilitate sustainable urban development.

Stakeholders involved: The UK Government, Isiolo county government and Isiolo Municipality through the Sustainable Urban Economic Development (SUED) programme.

A rapid CRA was undertaken to develop the environmental and climate change risk profile of the municipality.

CRA data included: historical and projected rainfall and temperature data, agroecological data, topographical data.

Sectoral focus: a SWOT analysis of various sector was undertaken (crop and livestock production, retail, water, infrastructure, energy, waste management, etc.).



CRA Case Study | Isiolo Municipality, Kenya

Hazards	Proposed priority resilience actions
Flooding	• Development of Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS) to prevent flooding in the Central Business District of Isiolo municipality. Entails construction of drainage channels around Isiolo airport and feeder roads within the municipality as well as rehabilitation of drainage channels. • Development of attenuation ponds: SuDS would direct overflows to these ponds, which is estimated to absorb approx. 25% of the stormwater flowing into the municipality
Drought	• Develop a semi-natural bio-park to revegetate River Marire banks hence improve adaptation to water stress – and ensure water supply for farmlands and livestock watering points.

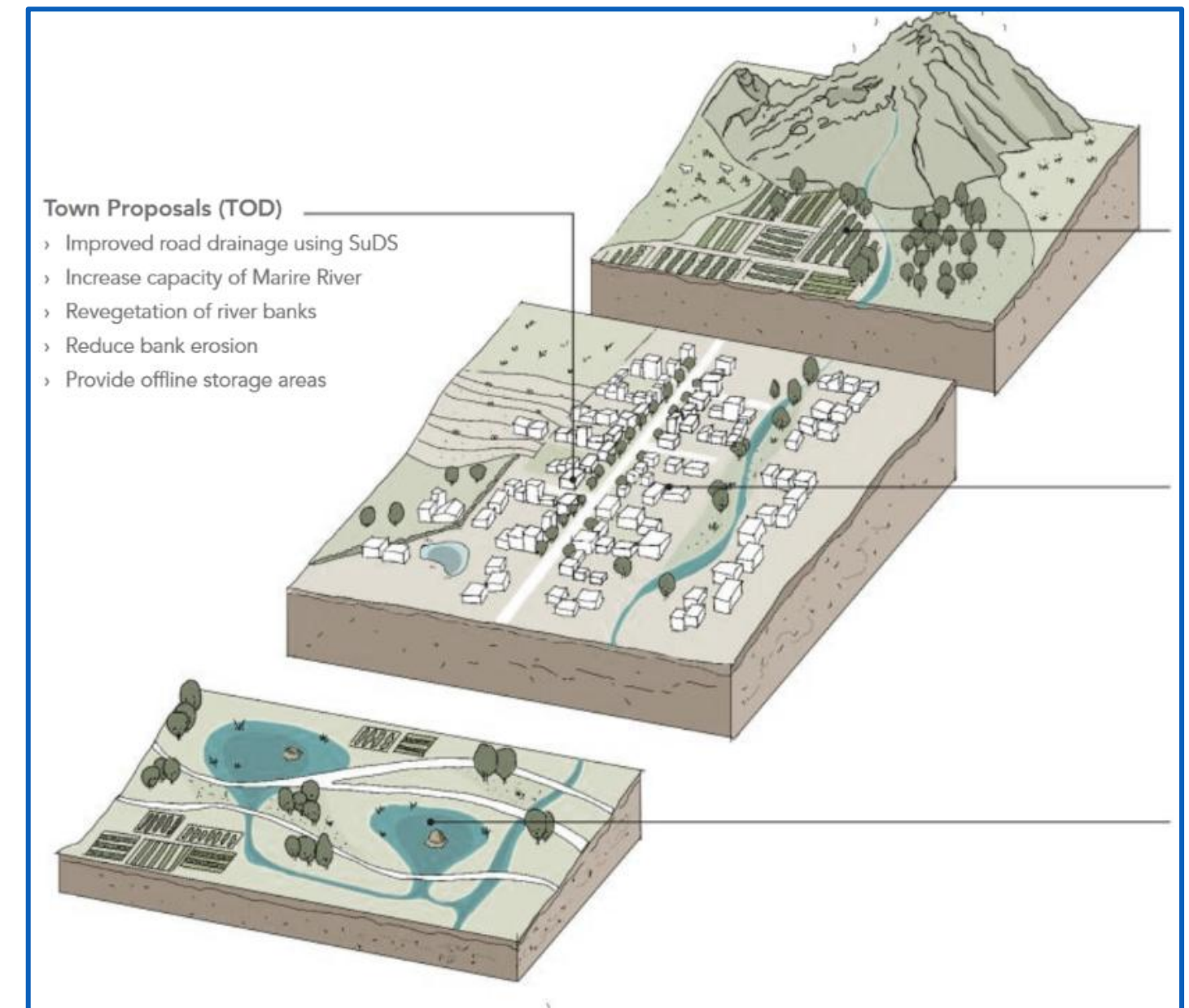


CRA Case Study | Isiolo Municipality, Kenya

Proposed flood and drought management interventions in Isiolo



Map showing proposed flood and drought management interventions
Source: Tetra Tech International Development (2020)



Prioritised actions
Source: Tetra Tech International Development (2020)

08 | How to Procure a CRA



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How to Procure a CRA

City officials wishing to undertake a CRA will likely need to procure from external consultants/experts. These are guidelines for procuring CRAs, following these 5 steps:

Step 01 | Prepare

Step 02 | Draft ToRs

Step 03 | Select CRA team

Step 04 | Supervise CRA

Step 05 | Communication

Step 06 | M&E



Kapiti Research Station; Photo by Paul Karaimu, ILRI

Step 01 | Prepare



Conduct a stocktake of existing relevant CRAs; if available at a higher level (state, district). Data, findings and methodological approach can help orient a city-level CRA.

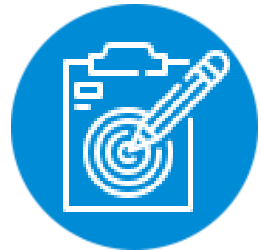


Assess the availability of existing resources: this should include time and budget available, existing climate-related knowledge and capacity for supervision/oversight of the CRA, data availability, and level of stakeholder involvement possible



Kenya; Photo by Susan Markisz, UN Women

Step 02 | Develop Terms of Reference



Clearly define the **objectives and outcomes** of the CRA



Include an assessment of **adaptive capacity** to help identify entry points for integrating resilience building actions.



Include consideration of **equity and inclusion** in methodology e.g. in selection of indicators, stakeholder engagement design, selection of adaptation options.



Include a task on **interpreting the results** of the CRA to ensure that the results are communicated in a way that is relevant for decision-making. The report should outline all assumptions to guide interpretation of findings.



Ensure a cross-sectoral discussion of the results to **identify interdependencies** in city systems and cascading climate impacts



Kenya; Photo by Denis Onyodi, KRCS

Step 03 | Select CRA Team

An ideal team should include:



Relevant technical expertise in climate science and climate modelling.



Experience in the science-policy interface and translating technical results to actionable, user-friendly outputs.



Experience conducting CRAs in data-poor contexts.



Extensive local experience and ability to form partnerships with a diverse group of stakeholders and local partners



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Step 04 | Supervise CRA



Allocate time to work with consultants ensure the **decision-making context** of the CRA is well established at the beginning.



Facilitate **stakeholder engagement** across local, regional and national agencies and NGOs/communities, to aid in data collection, interpretation of results; buy-in and ownership of results and corresponding actions.



Schedule regular review by commissioning agency, across the steps of the CRA.

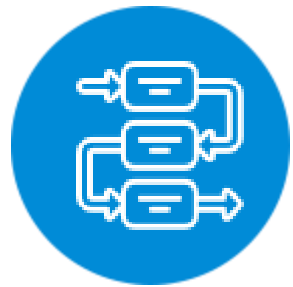


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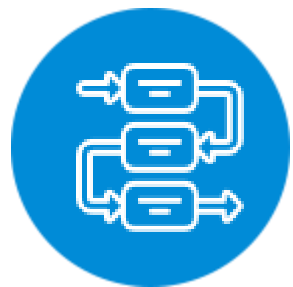
Step 05 | Communicate CRA



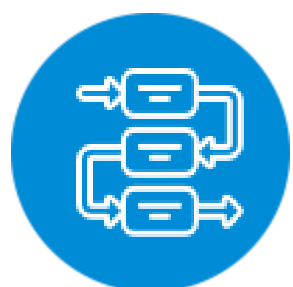
Once the CRA has been conducted city officials should communicate the findings from the CRA to the general public. There are many different types of CRA outputs that cities can use to communicate these findings.



This should include outlining the main climate risks facing the city, as well as what actions & investments the city will make to build resilience to climate risks.



Communicating these findings are important because the public needs to be aware of the climate hazards they could face in the future as well as the potential impacts of these hazards on their lives and livelihoods.



This can help individuals, businesses, community based organisations and other actors to undertake their own actions, initiatives, and investments to build resilience.

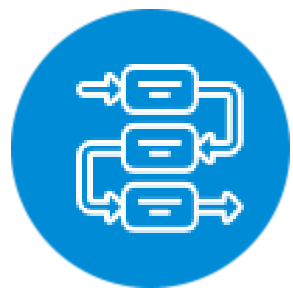


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Step 06 | Update CRA



The CRA should include a mechanism for **revision/update** over time (for example, every 5 years) so that updated scientific information on climate risks can be included in city planning.



Report should include a clear **methodology** section so the CRA can be repeated in the future by city officials to ensure there is no risk that staff turnover reduces the capacity of the city to conduct a CRA.



09 | Interactive Exercise



Start Your Journey



Module 2

Understanding
Climate Risks
in Your City

CRA
procurement



Module 3

Locally Led
Adaptation for
Urban
Resilience

Context
mapping



Module 4

Ensuring
Climate
Resilience of
Urban
Infrastructure

Planning in
uncertainty



Module 5

Step-by-Step
Guidelines for
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Module 6

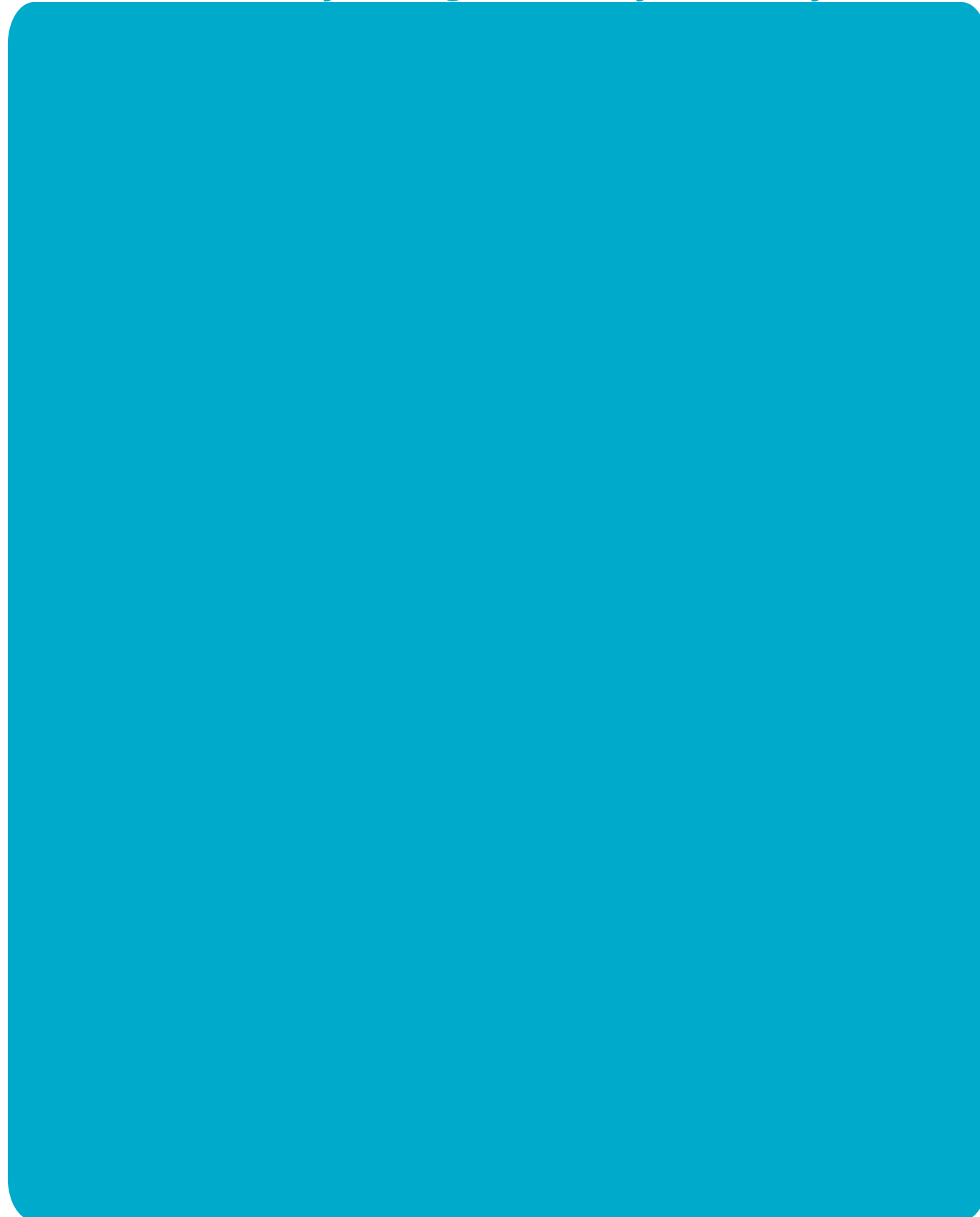
Financing
Climate
Resilient Urban
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Finance
planning

The interactive exercises across the next 5 modules build on one another to link the content and support your understanding of the process to create adaptive and resilient infrastructure.

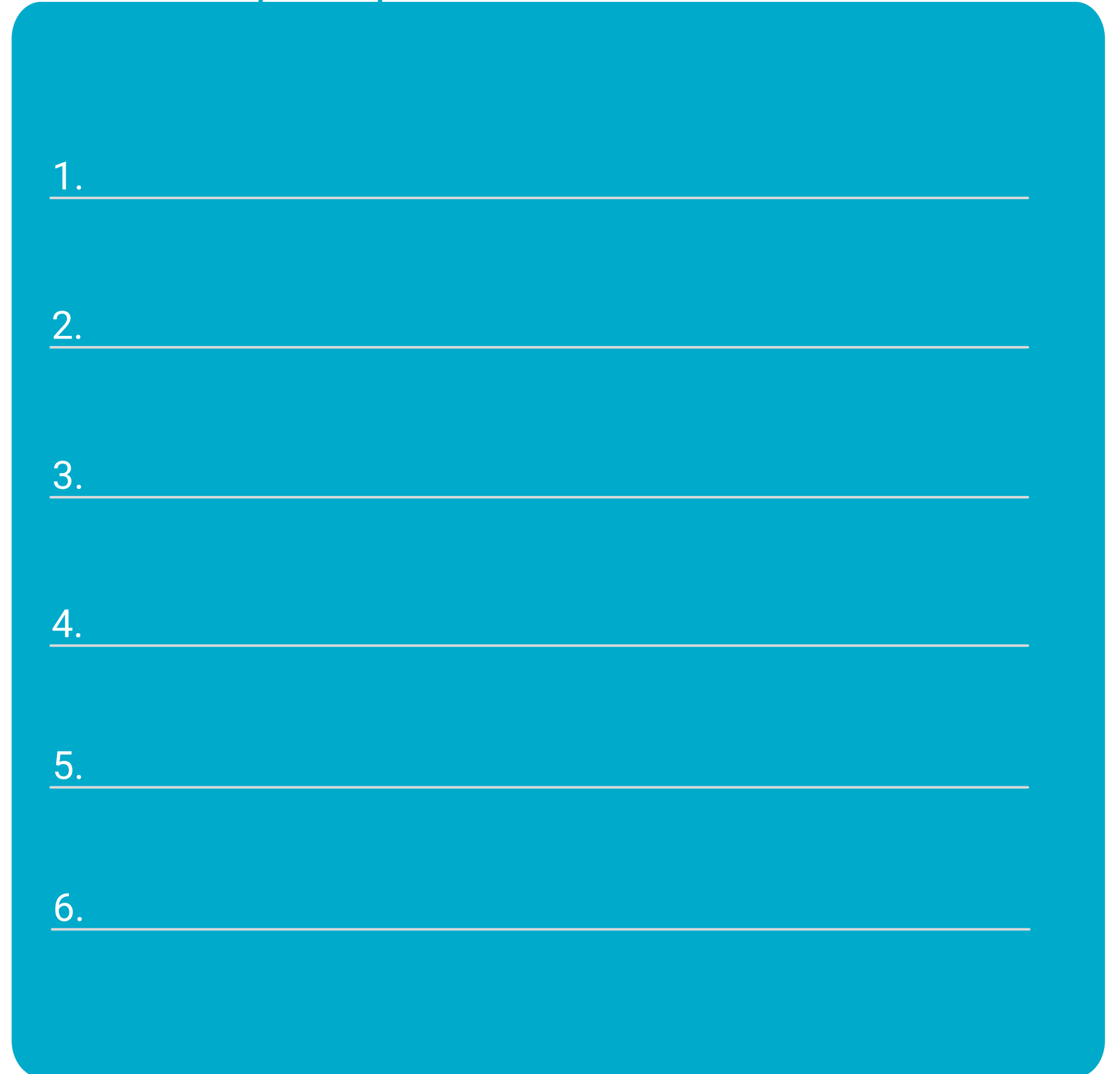
Mission

What is your goal for your city?



Actions

Steps required to reach the mission



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Climate Risk Assessment

CRA Preparation

Objectives

What risks do you want to assess?

Resources available

What information sources are available?

Equity & Inclusion

E&I considerations for the CRA.

Outputs required

How do you want the results delivered?

Discussion

Share your CRA procurement canvas

→ Take it in turns on your table to share your CRA procurement canvas.

→ Ask questions and open up discussion.

→ You maybe asked to share highlights from your table to the wider room.



10 | Summary



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Using a CRA for resilient investments in your city

Why is a CRA important?

- A CRA provides an **evidence base** for climate action and investment.
- CRAs provide data on the locations, the types of infrastructure and the groups of people that will be negatively impacted by climate change.
- The interpretation and use of a CRA in decision-making is important to how you address climate risk in your city.

What can you do with a CRA?

- Identify priority climate resilient infrastructure and services that need to be built in your city.
- Integrate resilience into long-term planning (e.g. master plans).
- Develop policies and strategies such as city-level Climate Action Plans.
- Secure finance for investment in priority adaptation and resilience options in your city.



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Summary & Next Steps

Congratulations on completing Module 2: Understanding Climate Risks in Your City!



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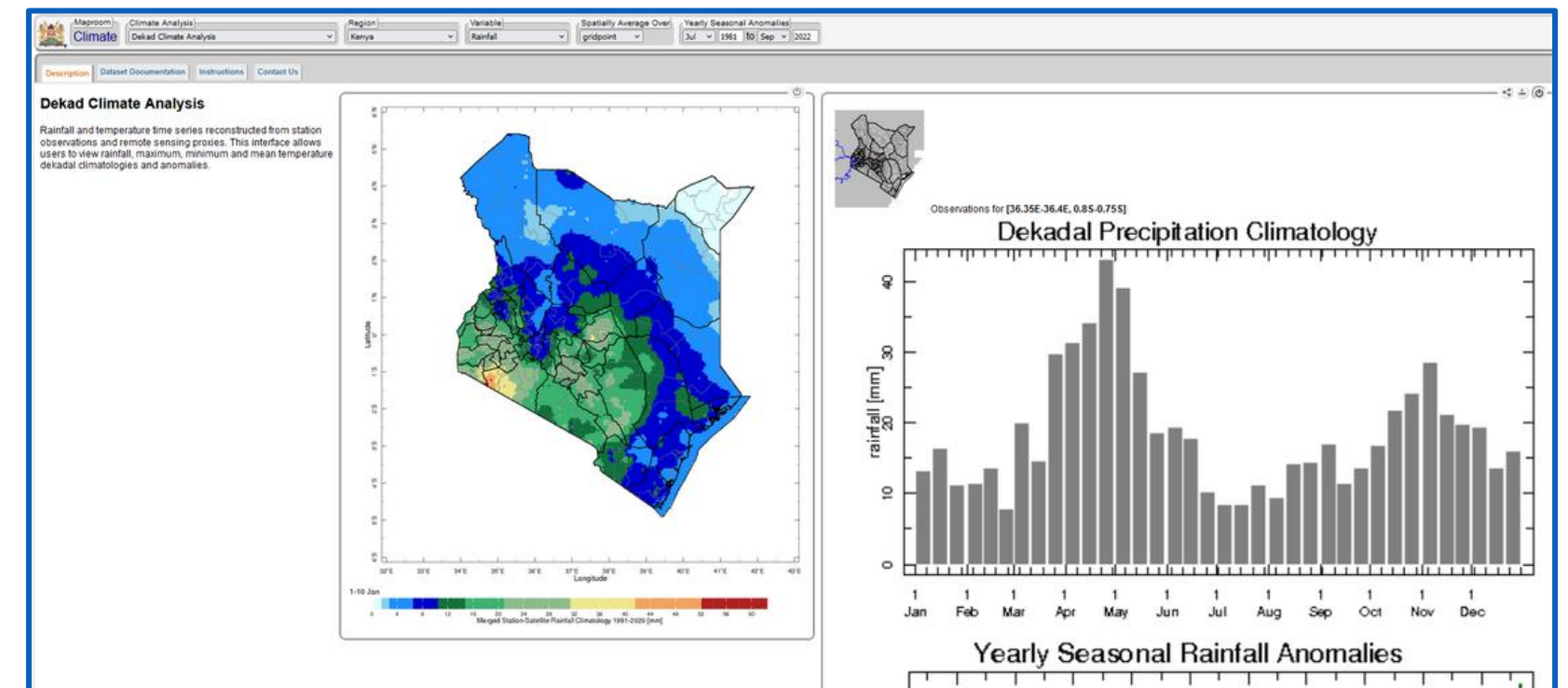
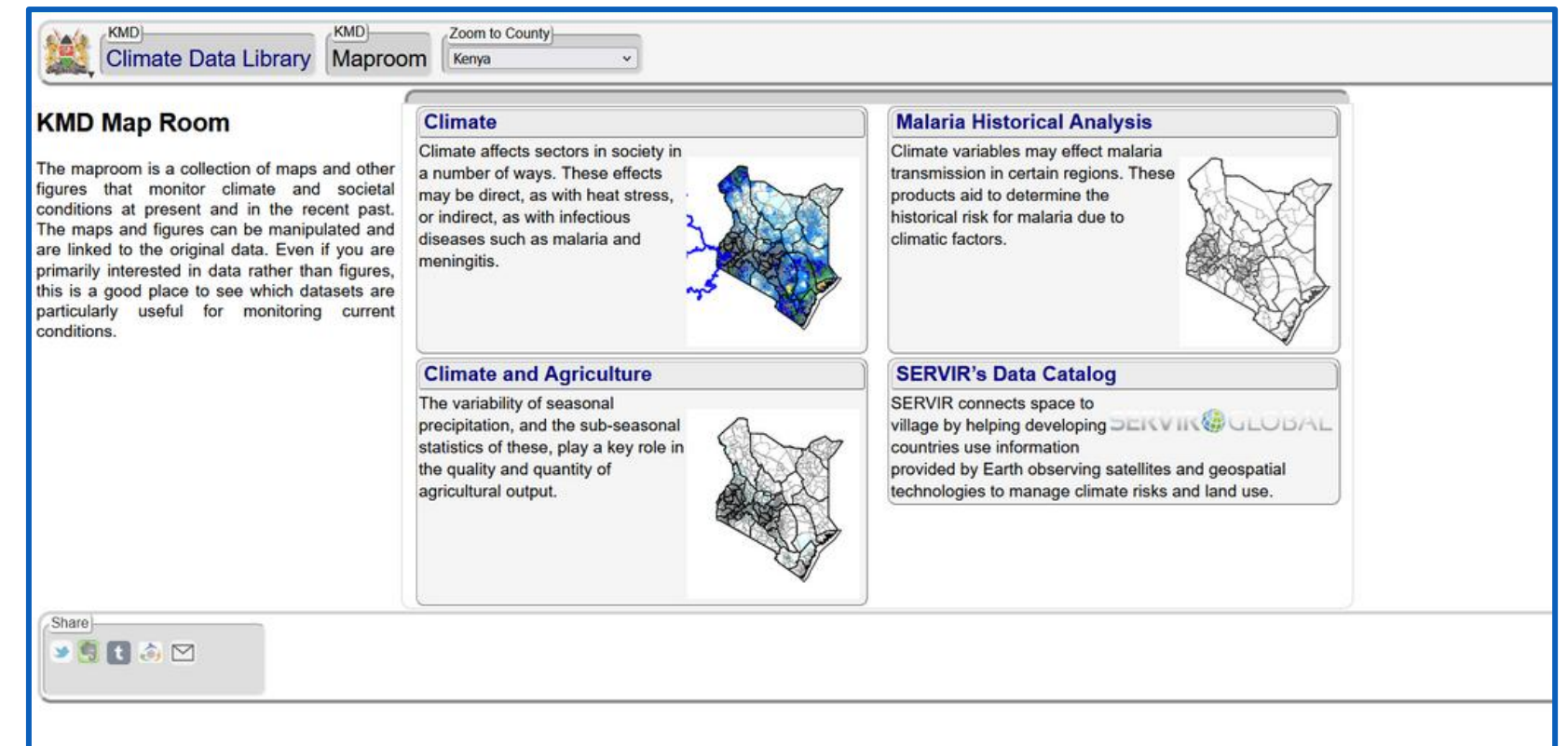
Annex 1 | Climate Risk Assessments in Kenya



Climate-related data in Kenya

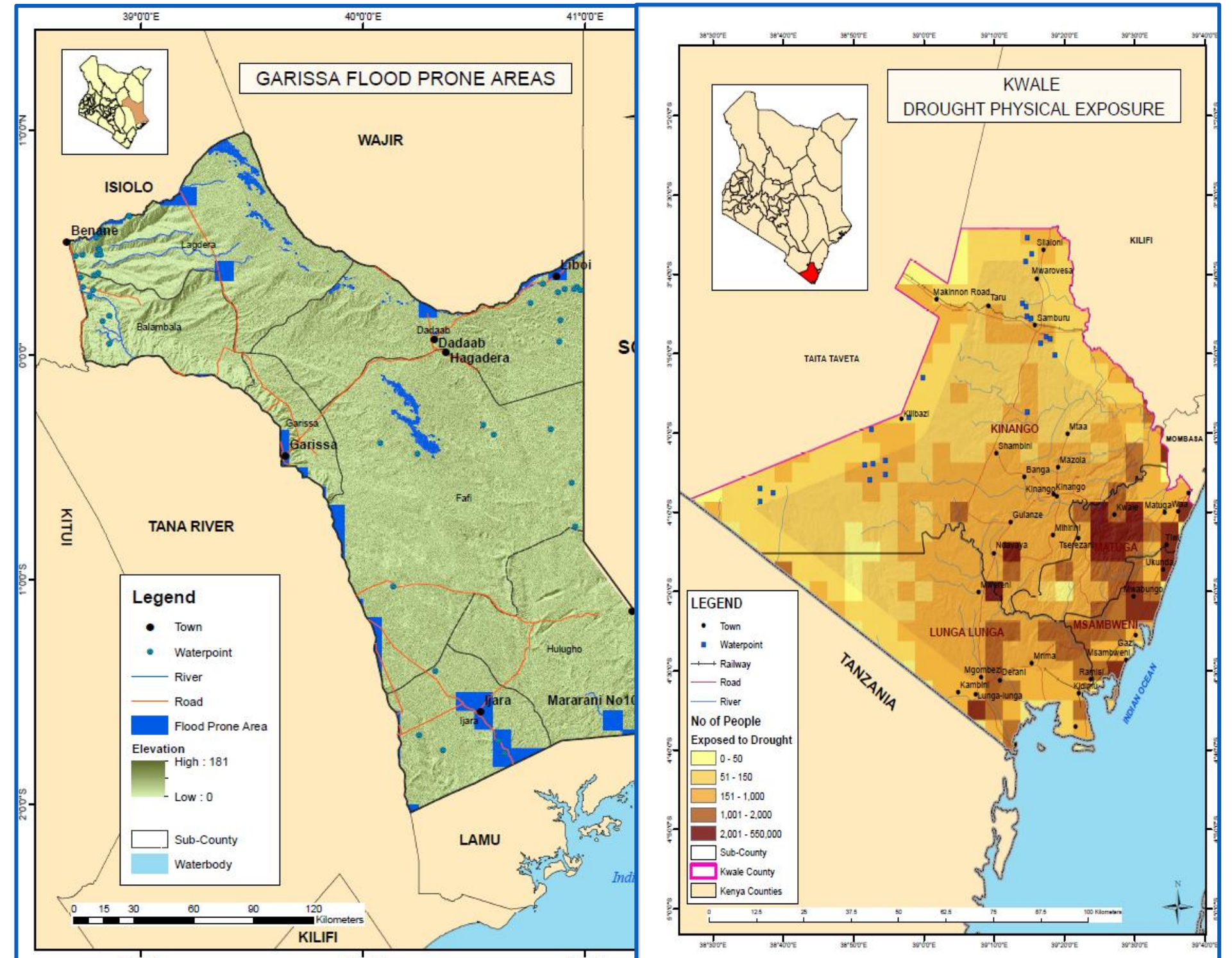
National Meteorological data

- Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD), provides meteorological and climatological services to sectors including water resource management, agriculture, forestry, civil aviation and the private sector, research institutes etc.
- National meteorological data include systematic observations of temperature, precipitation, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind patterns over time.
- The data is used for climate monitoring and analyses, climate impact assessments, and climate modelling and forecasts.
- The data is openly available to everyone online in a climate data library, accessible via:
<http://kmddl.meteo.go.ke:8081/maproom/>



Climate-related data in Kenya

- **Hazard atlases** are produced by the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)
- They provide maps of potential climate hazards and their associated risks, which help to communicate complex climate-related information to policymakers, emergency responders, and communities
- Hazard maps can inform land use planning and development (zoning regulations, building codes, and infrastructure planning) by identifying areas prone to natural hazards such as floods, earthquakes, landslides, and droughts etc.
- Hazard related datasets are openly available via: <https://opendata.rcmrd.org/pages/atlases>



Source: Regional Centre For Mapping Of Resources For Development

Accessing climate-related data in Kenya

Government agencies

Agency	Type of climate-related data
Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD)	Data on temperature, rainfall, humidity, wind speed, and other atmospheric parameters.
National Drought Management Authority (NDMA)	Drought information including satellite imagery, remote sensing, and data on rainfall, temperature, soil moisture, and other indicators.
Kenya Forest Services (KFS)	Data on forest cover, deforestation rates, and forest health, forest carbon stocks data.
Water Resources Authority (WRA)	Hydrological data including river/water flow, lake levels, ground water, water quality, evapotranspiration, precipitation and flood data
National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA)	Data on air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate change impacts.

Accessing climate-related data in Kenya

Regional intergovernmental organizations

Agency	Type of climate-related data
Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)	• Satellite data for monitoring land cover changes, vegetation health, and surface temperatures • Weather and climate models for future climate scenarios simulations • Remote sensing data for monitoring parameters such as rainfall, temperature, soil moisture, and vegetation dynamics • Climate datasets e.g. historical climate records, projections, and climate indices • Hydrological data such as river discharge, water quality, and groundwater levels • Hazard maps on floods, droughts, and landslides vulnerability (county level maps)
IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC)	• Historical and real-time observations of weather parameters e.g. temperature, rainfall, humidity, wind speed and direction, atmospheric pressure, and solar radiation. • Climate models & forecasts • Drought monitoring & early warning data • Seasonal climate outlook & forecasts • Flood risk maps • Historical climate data

Accessing climate-related data in Kenya

Research institutes

Agency	Type of climate-related data
Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) hosts the Kenya National Oceanographic Data Centre	Spatial and temporal datasets on marine and aquatic biodiversity including sea surface temperatures, fish stocks, and coral health
International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) Kenya	Data on livestock health, productivity, and grazing patterns and related climate impacts
International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF)	Data on tree cover, soil health, and climate-smart agricultural practices.
University of Nairobi Institute for Climate Change and Adaptation (ICCA)	Data on climate impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation strategies
Kenya Red Cross	Data on climate-related disasters, vulnerabilities, and community responses.

Accessing climate-related data in Kenya

Multilateral organizations

Agency	Type of climate-related data
World Bank	Data on climate impacts, economic assessments, and adaptation strategies.
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Data on greenhouse gas emissions, environmental health, and climate impacts.
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Climate risk assessments to identify vulnerabilities and prioritize adaptation measures in agricultural systems. Agroclimatic data e.g. temperature, rainfall, humidity, solar radiation, and wind patterns to support climate smart agriculture.
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Data on community vulnerability, resilience building, and project impacts.
United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)	Dashboard for identifying risks associated with climate and environmental shocks and stresses: the Kenya Subnational Children Climate Risk Index-Disaster Risk Model (CCRI-DRM).

CRA Expertise in Kenya



Kenya Meteorological Department: analyses historical and current climate data, including temperature, rainfall, humidity, and extreme weather events, to identify trends, patterns, and potential risks associated with climate variability and change at macro-level (national and county)



Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development generates county hazard maps constituting spatial data on risk and vulnerability at national and county level



Universities and Research institutes: some of the climate experts from these intuitions have been relied upon by counties to guide CRAs



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Challenges in undertaking CRAs in Kenya



Data limitations: inadequate availability, accuracy and accessibility of reliable climate data, including historical weather observations, climate projections, and socio-economic data especially at city/municipal level



Capacity constraints: insufficient technical expertise, resources, and institutional capacity at the national and county levels to undertake CRAs effectively and interpret complex climate science and modelling outputs



Interagency & interdisciplinary coordination: Ineffective communication and collaboration among diverse stakeholders

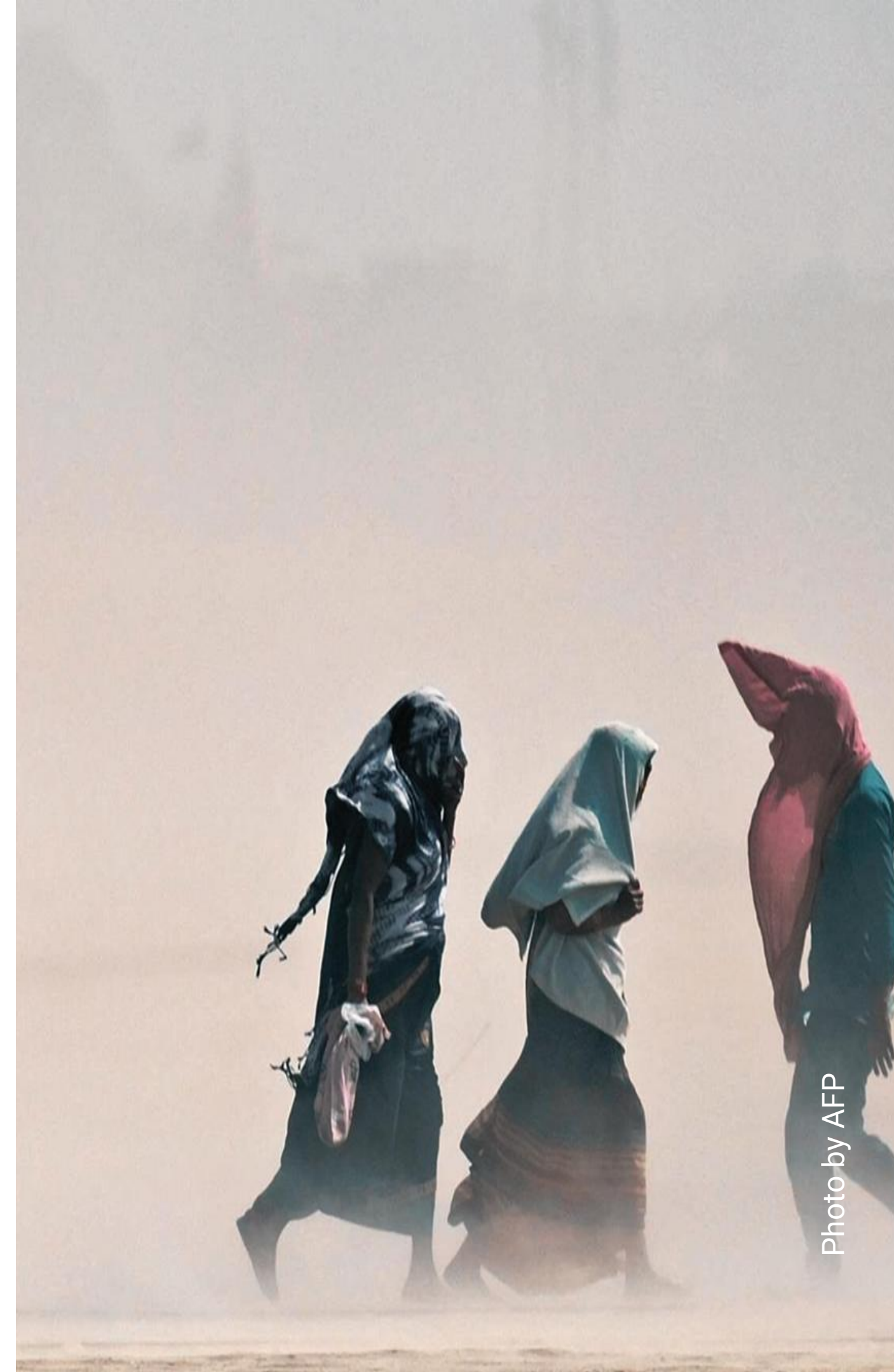


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Challenges in undertaking CRAs in Kenya



Integration into planning processes: institutional inertia and competing priorities has hindered embedding climate risk into existing planning frameworks and decision-making processes at county, city and municipal levels, for example in development plans, land use planning, and infrastructure investments.



Funding constraints: limited financial resources and funding mechanisms for conducting CRAs, implementing adaptation measures, and building climate resilience.



Community engagement: engaging local communities in the CRA process to understand their vulnerabilities, priorities, and adaptation needs requires time, resources, and culturally appropriate approaches.





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