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Week 3

W3 Lesson 1:

How text data can help guide
disaster response



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**Welcome to
Week 3**

Project scenario



UNITED NATIONS



Text message analysis

Please we need help, food
and toiletries.

2010-01-18

What to do if you have
influenza?

2010-03-16

Are schools closed?

2010-05-16

Fire at the Perpetuel
Secours Church.

2010-01-20

I need information about
Port-au-Prince.

2010-04-03




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Mission 4636 Report

The full report about Mission 4636 is "[Crowdsourcing and the crisis-affected community](#)", published by the *Journal of Information Retrieval*. It is the only comprehensive report on the crowdsourced response to Haiti that has passed blind peer review, and the only to focus on the role of the Haitian population, both in and outside of Haiti. It is considered the canonical account, now taught in Disaster Management schools.

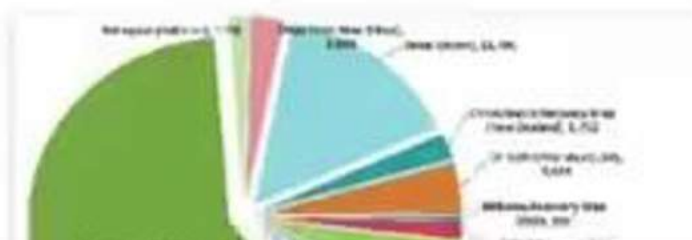
Update, 2013: More than two years since we wrote the article, it has gone into print! It was worth the wait: it is right that the first blind peer-reviewed journal article about humanitarian crowdsourcing, in any context, takes the perspective of the crisis-affected population. We are also grateful that the first major journal to have a special issue on crowdsourcing thought it appropriate to review and accept a paper on technology for good. The paper is:

Munro, Robert. 2013. [Crowdsourcing and the Crisis-Affected Community: lessons learned and looking forward from Mission 4636](#). *Journal of Information Retrieval*. Volume 16, Issue 2, pp 210-266

This page is to accompany this first full report about Mission 4636. It was the first time that crowdsourcing had been used for disaster response, and is still the largest deployment of its kind to date.

Just over two years ago, Haiti was hit by one of the worst natural disasters in living memory. Despite the scale of the earthquake, most of the communication infrastructure remained intact. The Haitian community came together via radio and sms to share information about the quickly changing conditions: the locations of operational clinics and hospitals, information about missing people, the status of the international relief efforts that were arriving in the country.

Most of the international relief workers arriving in the country did not speak Haitian Kreyol or know the geography of Haiti. I had the privilege to support an effort to bridge the gap between the Haitian community and the international



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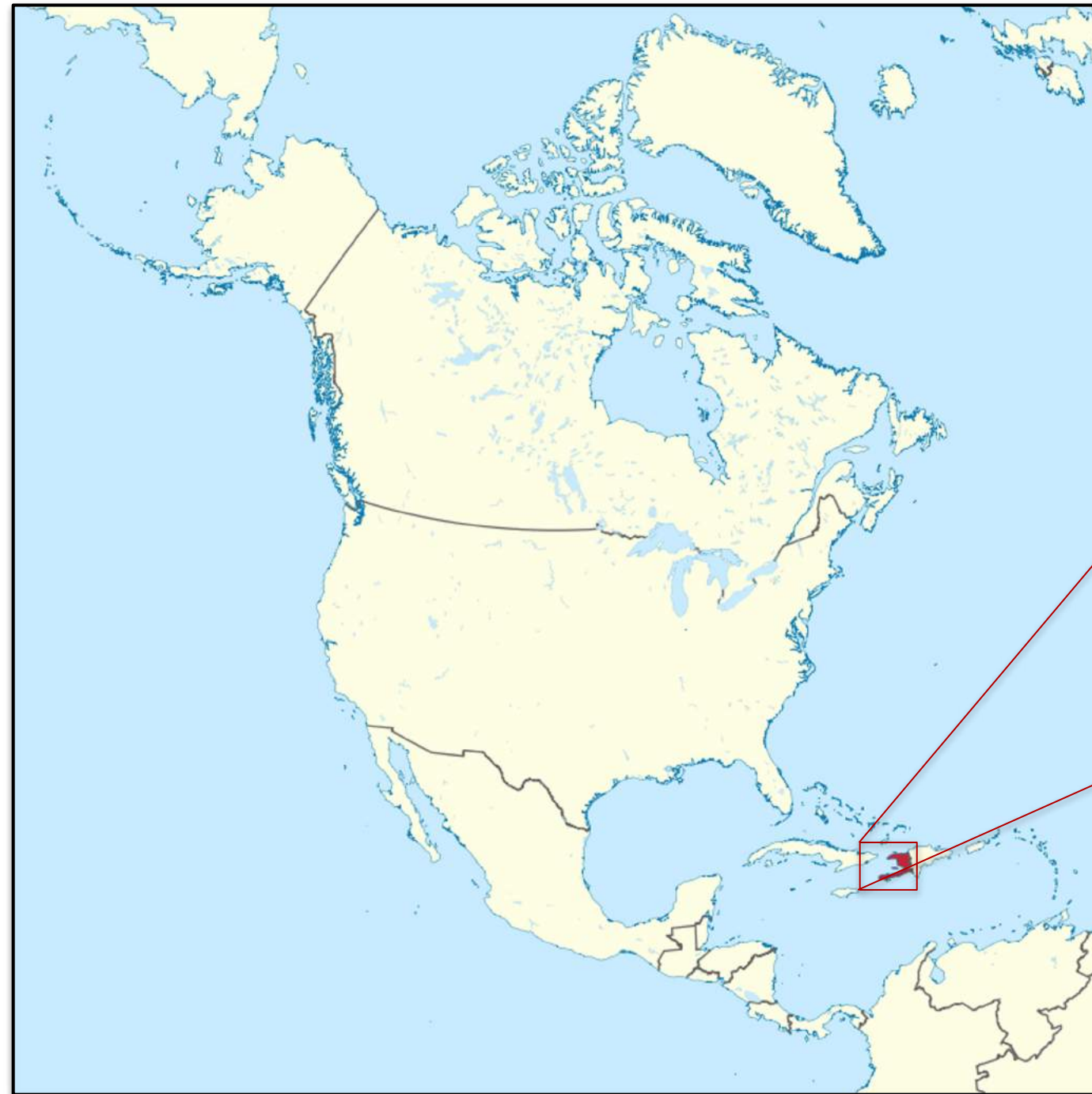


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Haiti Earthquake (2010)

The Haiti earthquake



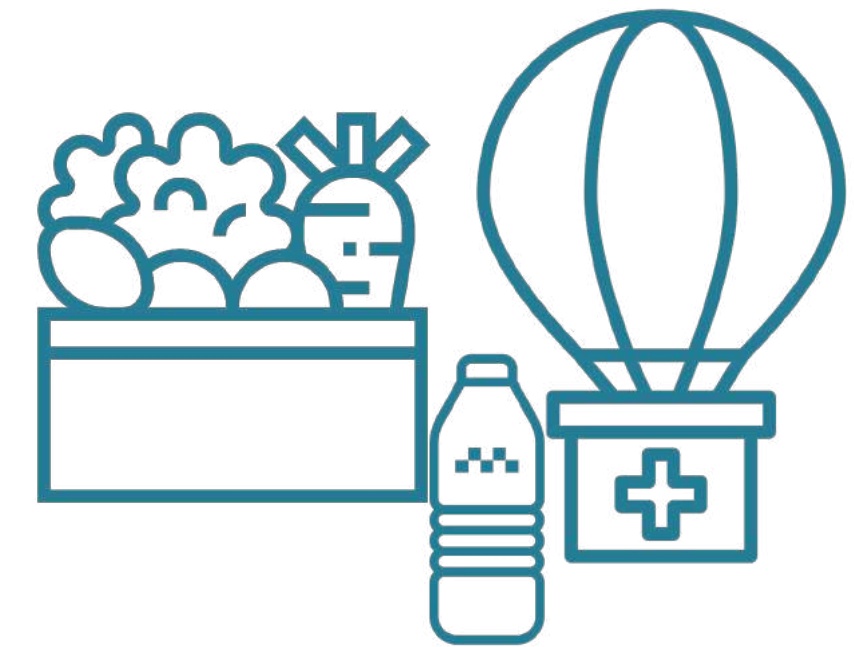
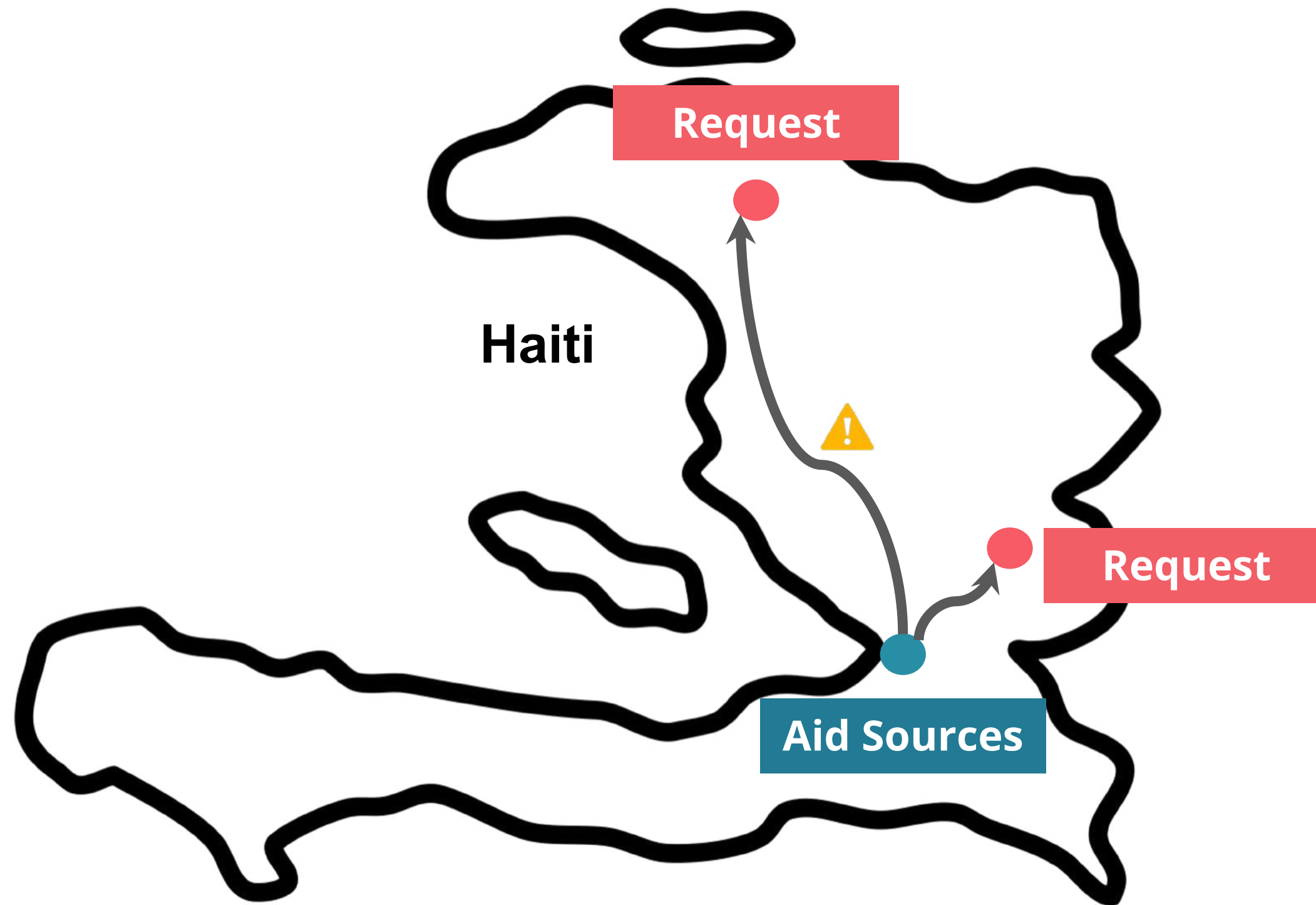
January 12, 2010

7.0
Magnitude

100,000+
deaths

Location map of North America by Uwe Dederig, and Haiti map adapted from CIA. Both distributed under CC BY-SA 3.0

Massive Logistics Problem



Coordinate response
teams and aid

Infrastructure



Most **cell towers remained functional**, while most local services failed

Mission 4636

Input

Output

Messages in Haitian Kreyol

Fanm gen tranche pou fè yon
pitit nan Delmas 31

Comment nou ka jwen dlo ak
manje nan font 43 cite tinante

ESKE apre midi a tranbleman
ap pase f vre yo di se satelit ki
bay yon ti limye svp

Translation

Woman in labor having a
child at Delmas 31

How can we get water and
food in Fontamara 43 cite
Tinante?

Will there be another
earthquake this afternoon?

Category

Medical
Emergency

Aid Related

Information

Location

18.561, -72.305

18.525, -72.371

None

Requests mainly in Haitian Kreyol

Original

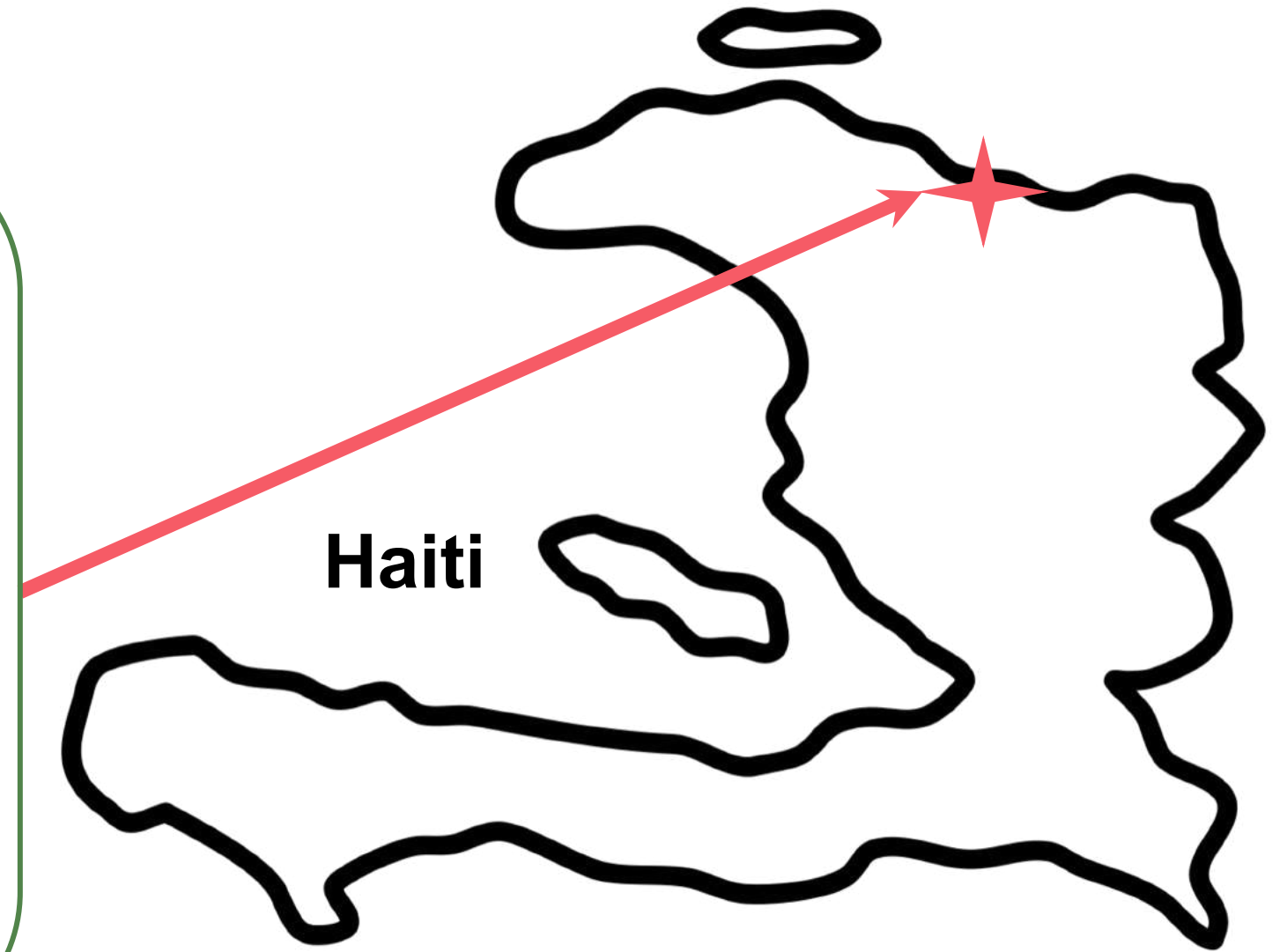


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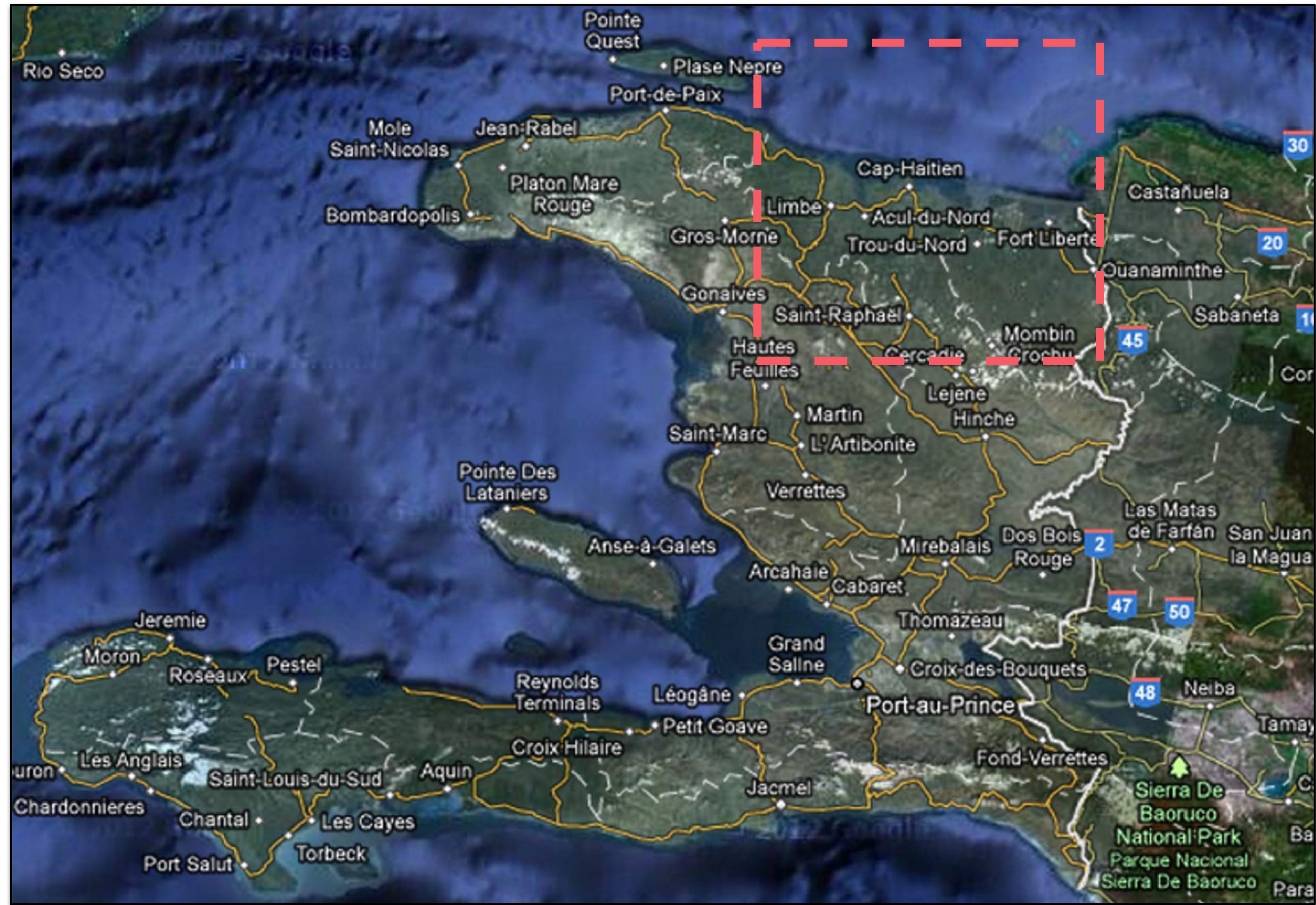
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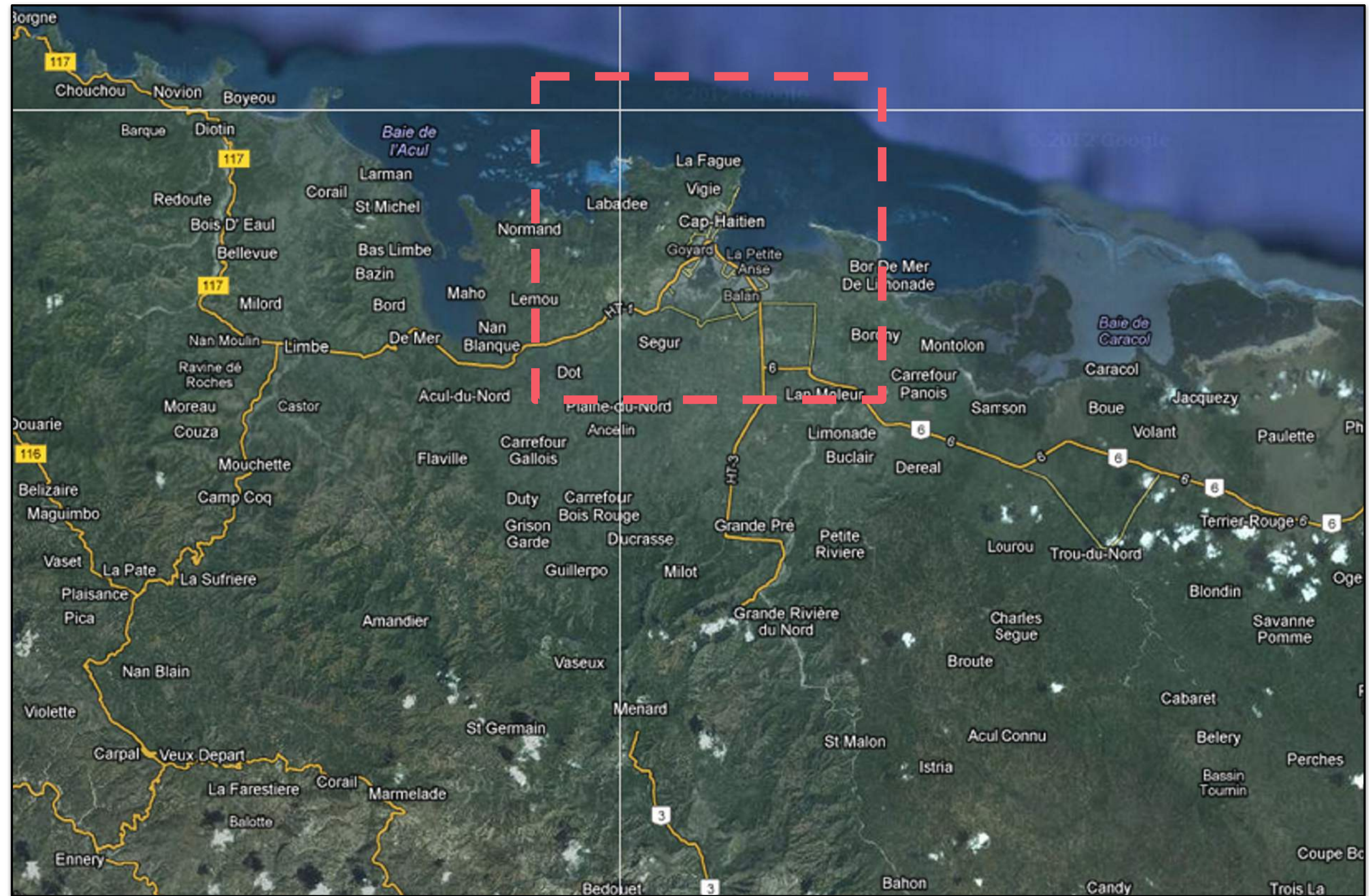
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Haiti 4636
volunteers



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Disaster Response Messages

Summary

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This dataset is released under creative commons attribution license (see below). Please cite:

Robert Munro. 2012. [Processing short message communications in low-resource languages](#). [PhD dissertation, Stanford University]. *Stanford Digital Repository*. Retrieved from <https://purl.stanford.edu/cg721hb0673>

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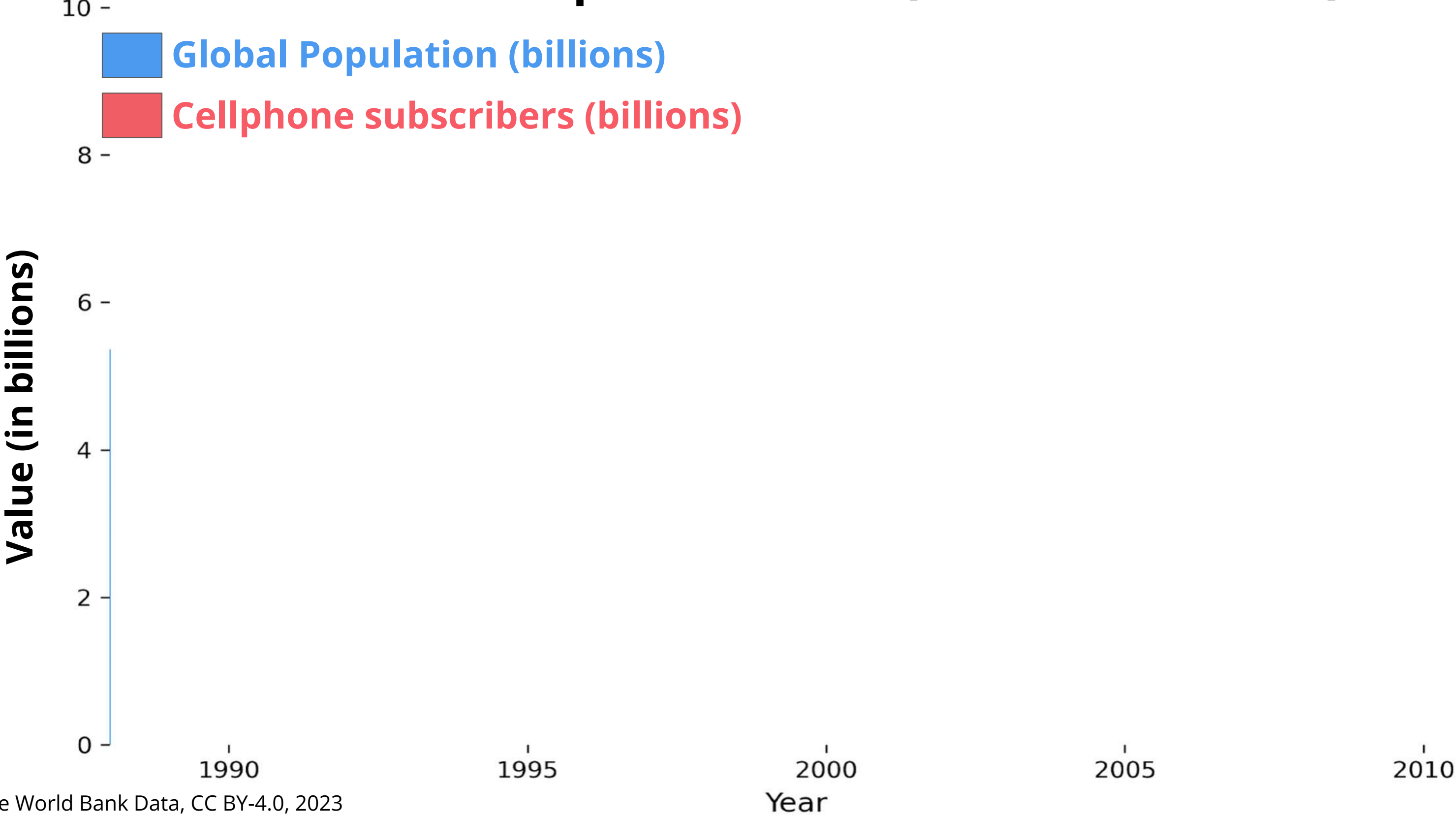


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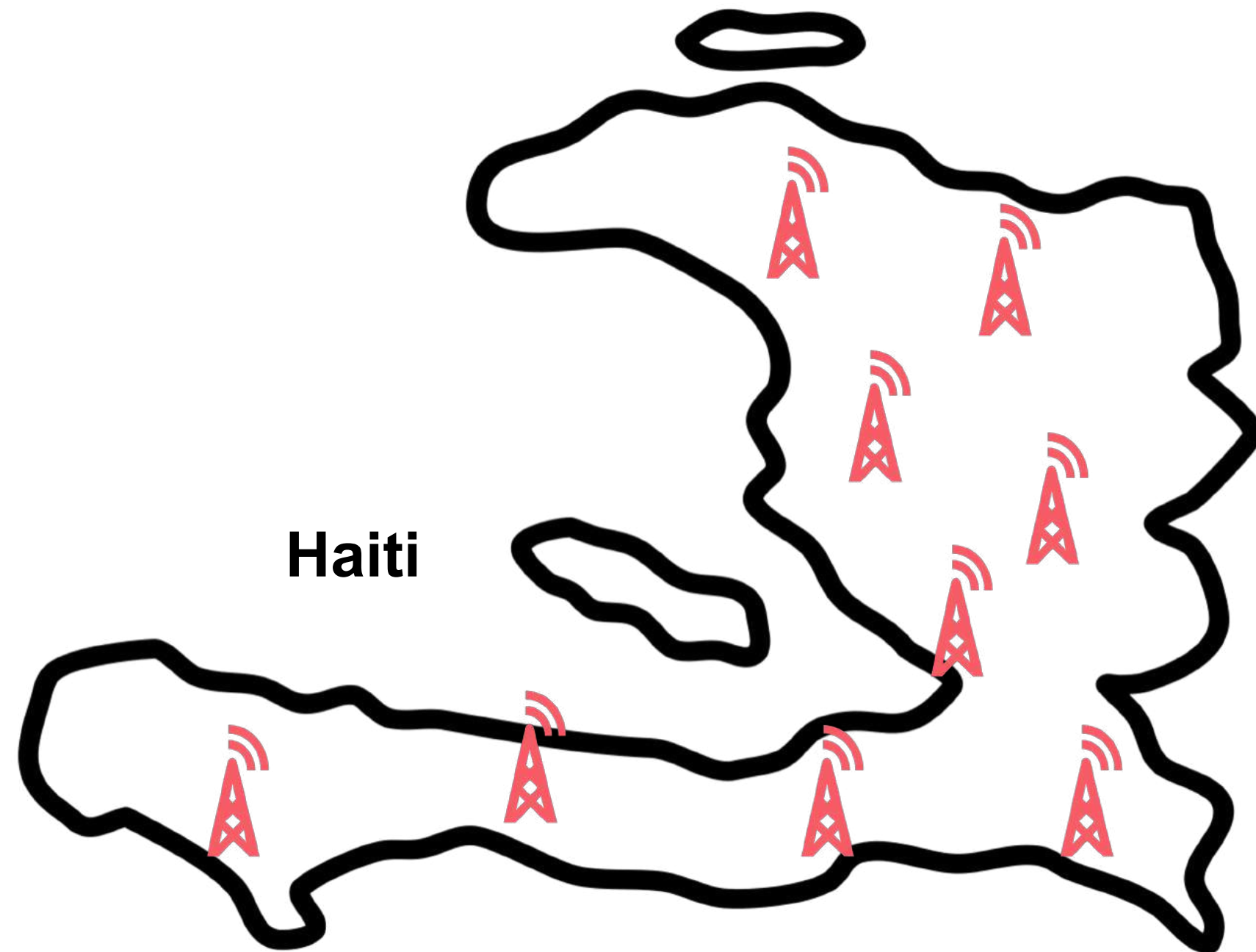
Topic Modeling Explore Phase

Evolution of cell phones (worldwide)

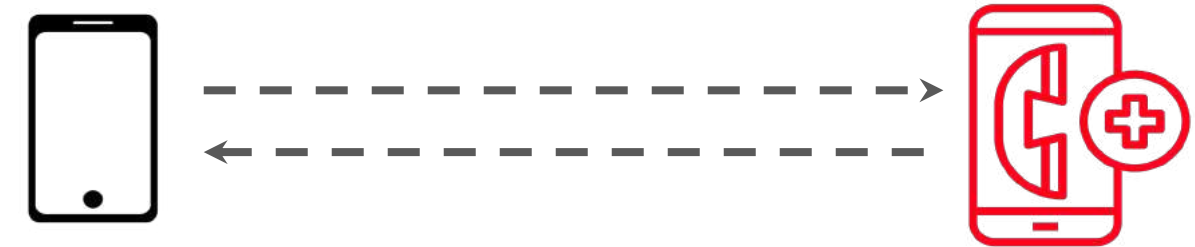


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Digital Communications



Cell towers remained functional



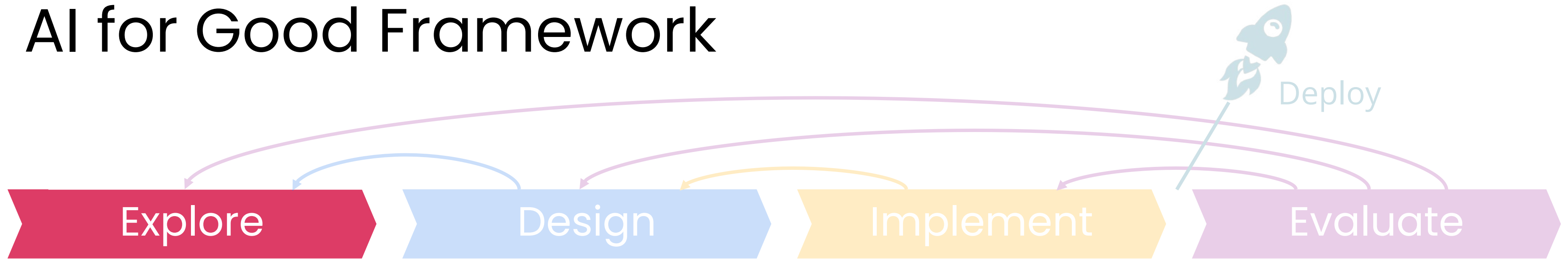
Digital communications would be primary source of communication

AI for Good Framework



1. Engage stakeholders
2. Define the problem
3. Determine if AI could help

AI for Good Framework



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- 2. Define the problem
- 3. Determine if AI could add value



 Text

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 Documents

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Community



**Other Involved
Parties**

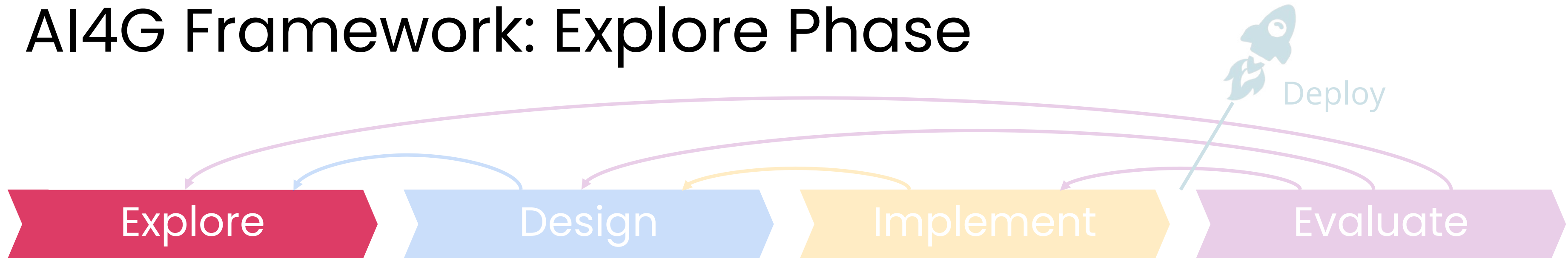


**Relief
Organizations**



**Communications
Companies**

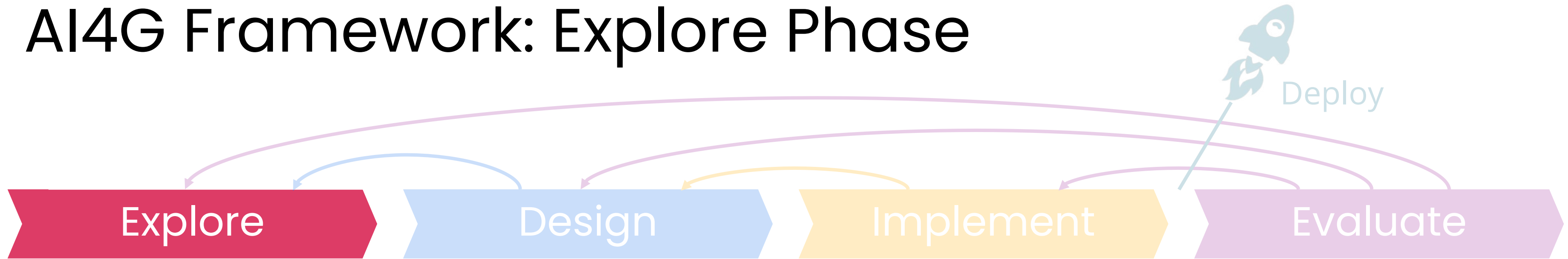
AI4G Framework: Explore Phase



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2. Define the problem
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Topic Modeling Explore the Data



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Topic Modeling
Visualize the Data



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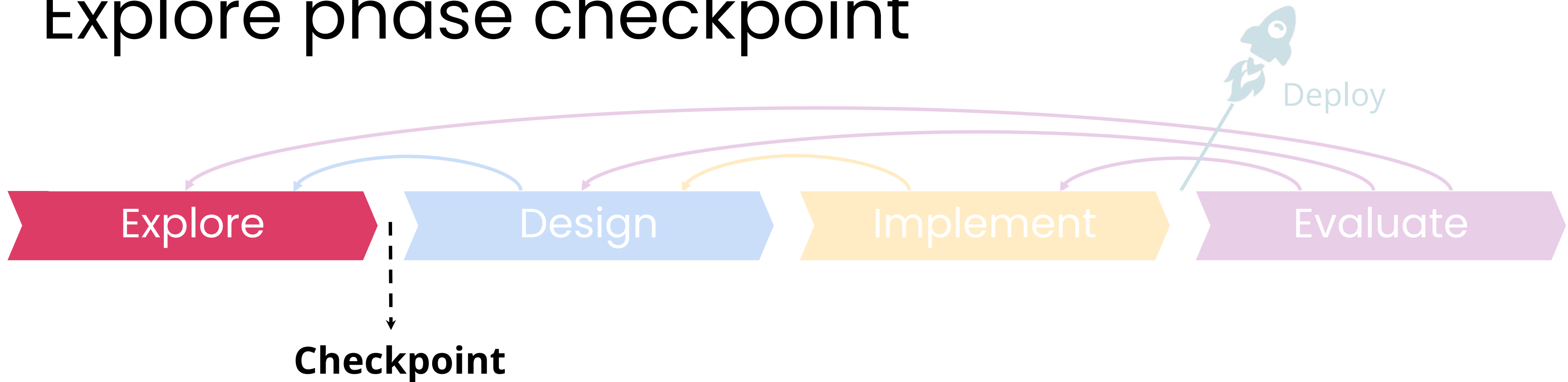
Topic Modeling Explore Phase Checkpoint

AI for Good Framework



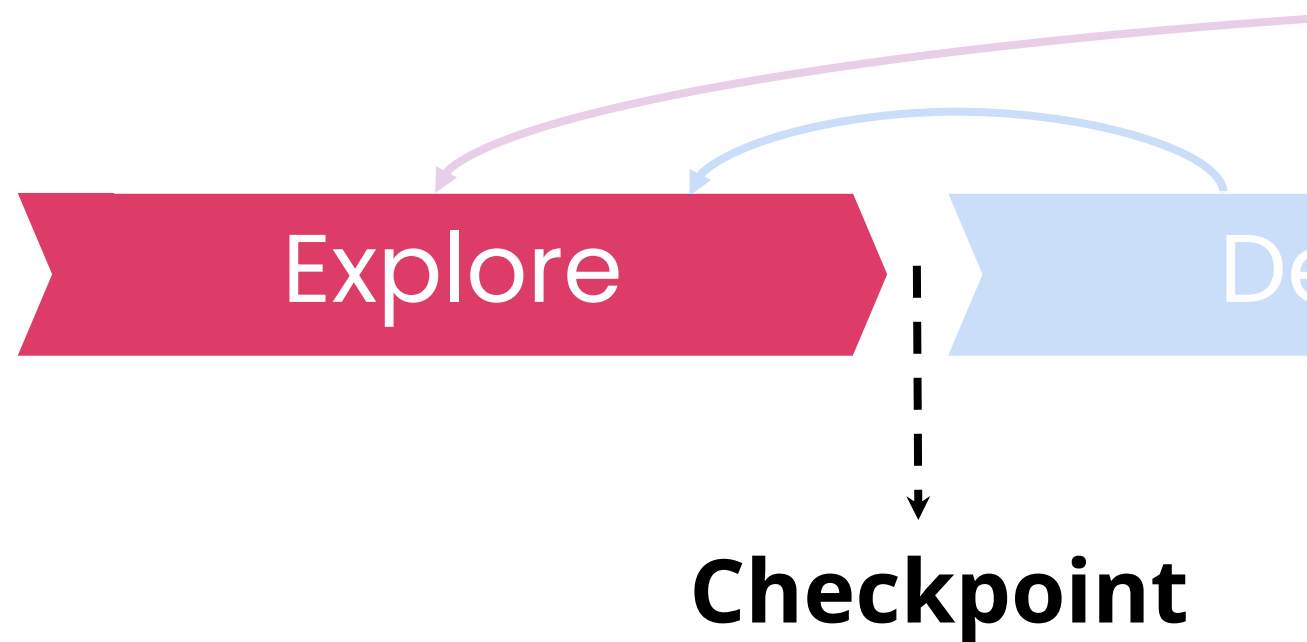
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Explore phase checkpoint



- What is the specific problem you are addressing?
- Who are the stakeholders?
- Do you have access to or can you collect the necessary data?
- Could AI add value? Where and how specifically?
- How does the “do no harm” principle come into play?

Explore phase checkpoint



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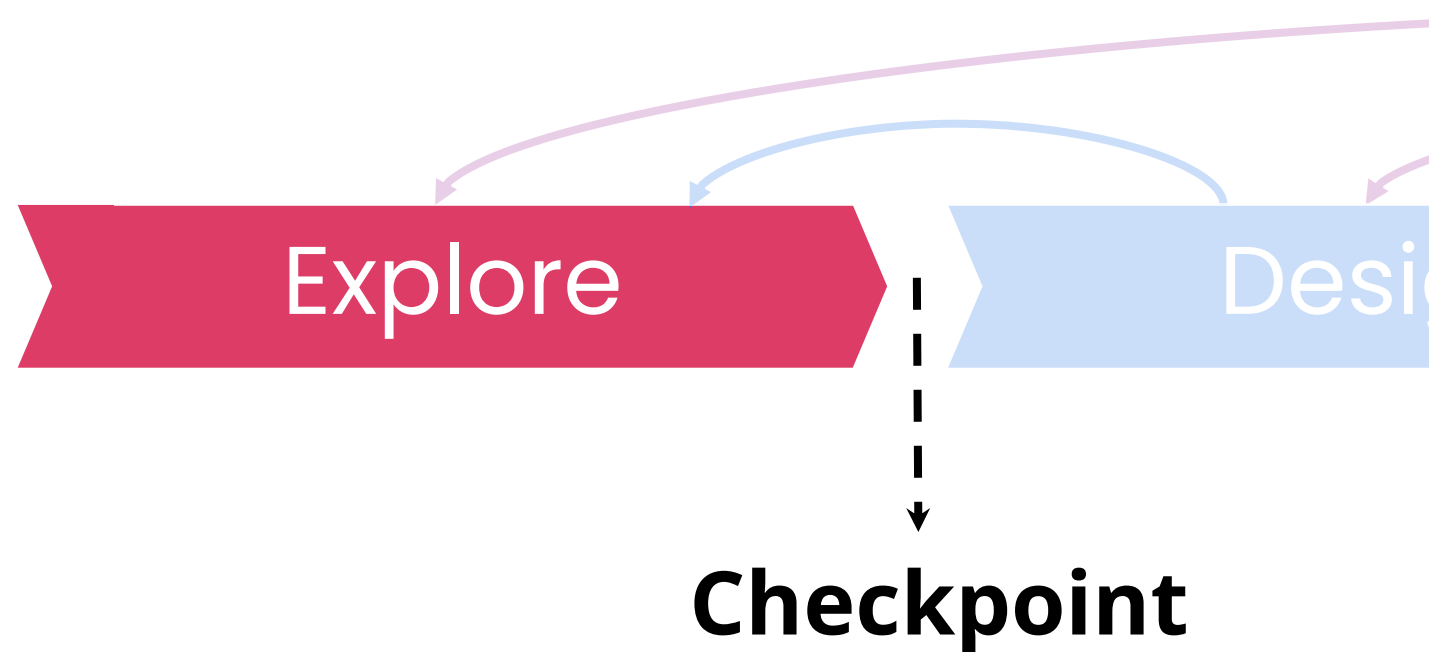
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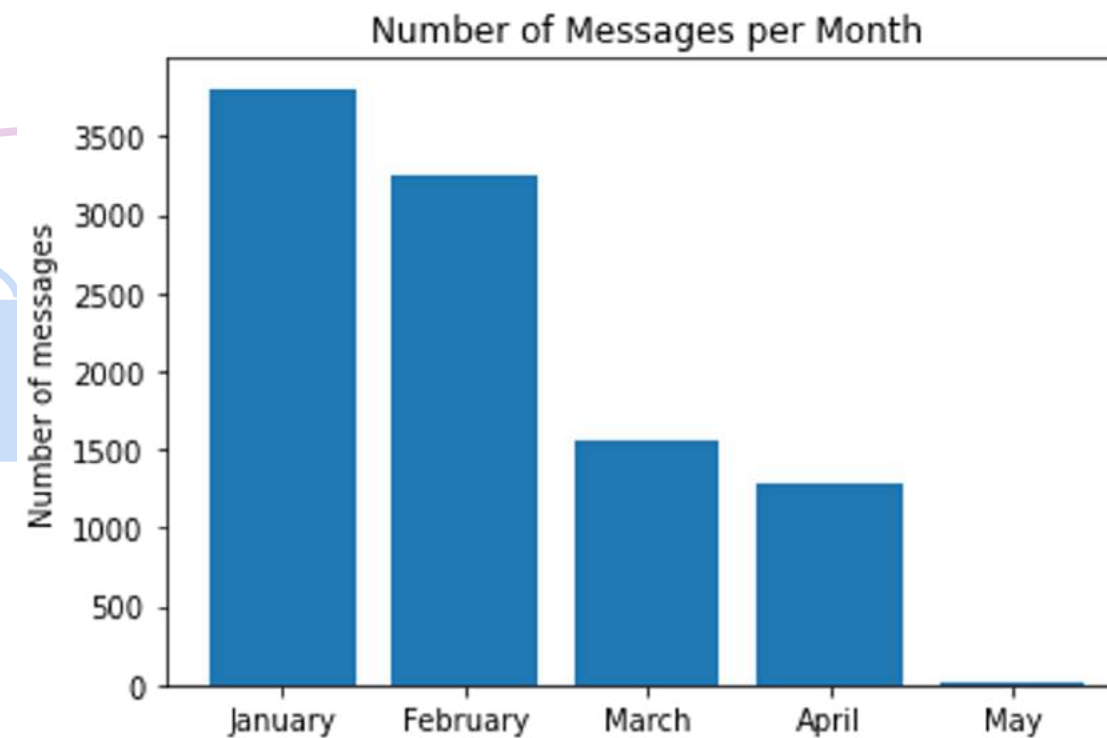
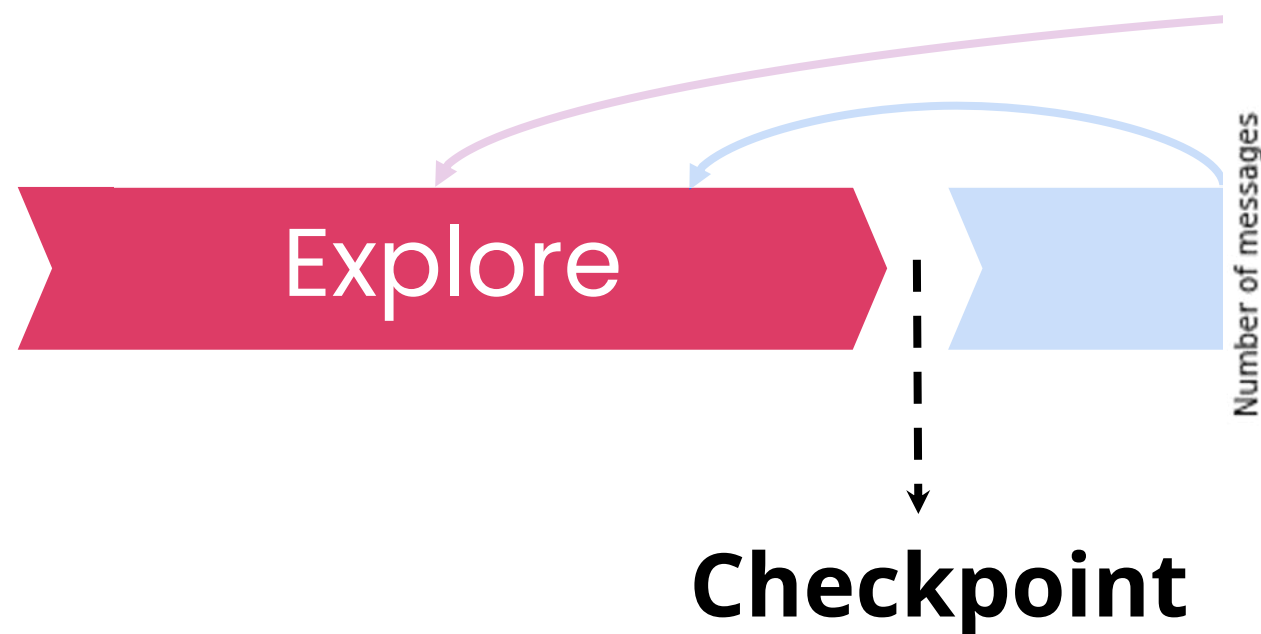
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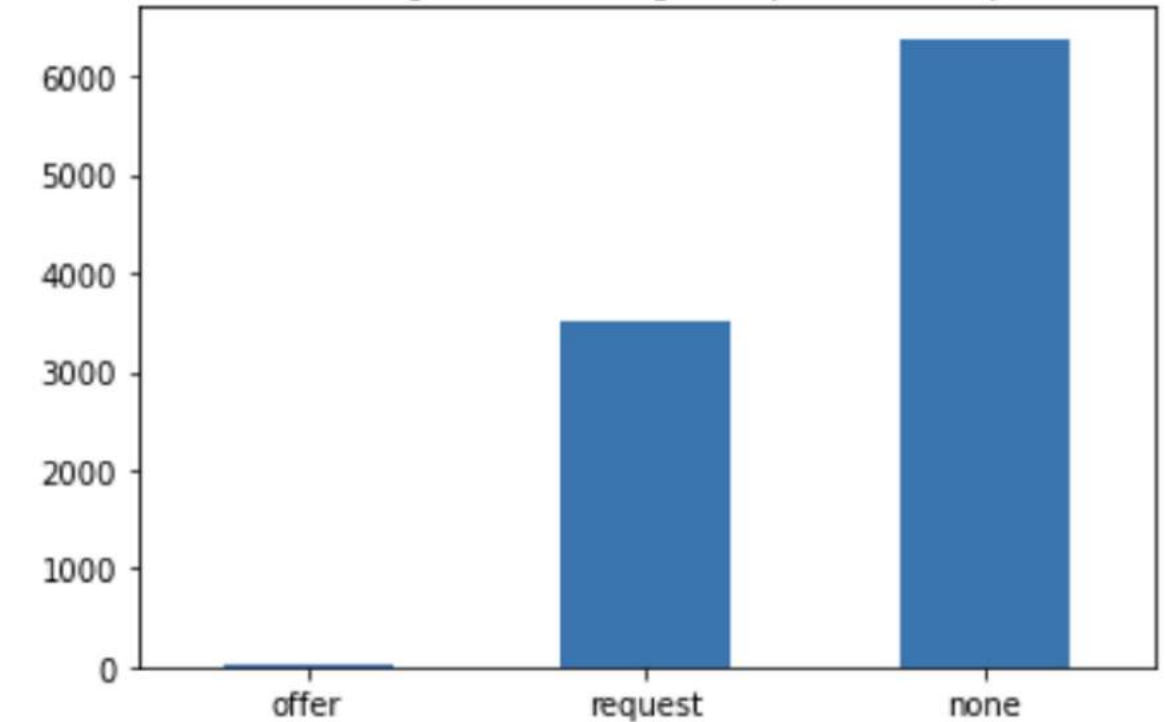
id	split	message
2	train	Weather update - a cold front from Cuba that could pass over Haiti
7	train	Is the Hurricane over or is it not over
12	train	says: west side of Haiti, rest of the country today and tonight
14	train	Information about the National Palace-
15	train	Storm at sacred heart of jesus
16	train	Please, we need tents and water. We are in Silo, Thank you!
17	train	I would like to receive the messages, thank you
20	train	There's nothing to eat and water, we starving and thirsty.
21	train	I am in Petionville. I need more information regarding 4636
22	train	I am in Thomassin number 22, in the area named Bures. I would like to have some water. Thank God we are fine, but we desperately need wat

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Explore phase checkpoint

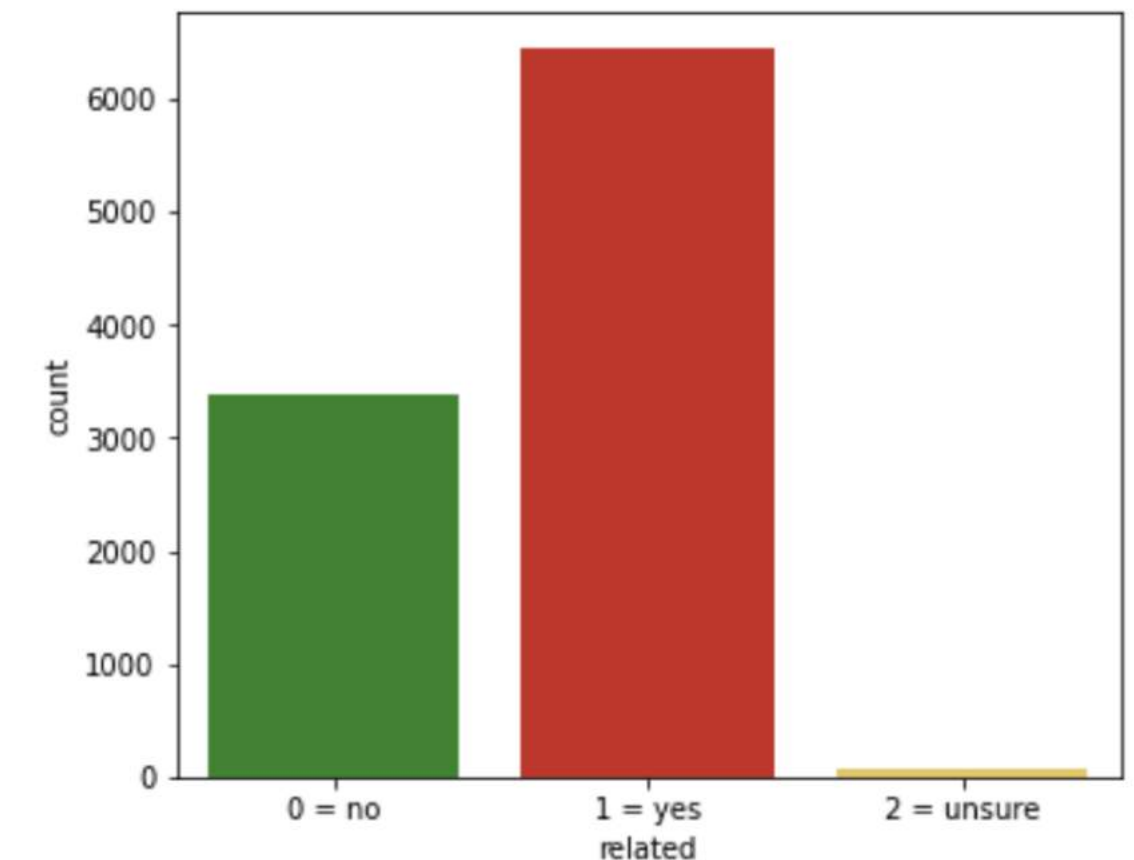


Total number of messages containing a request for help or offering help

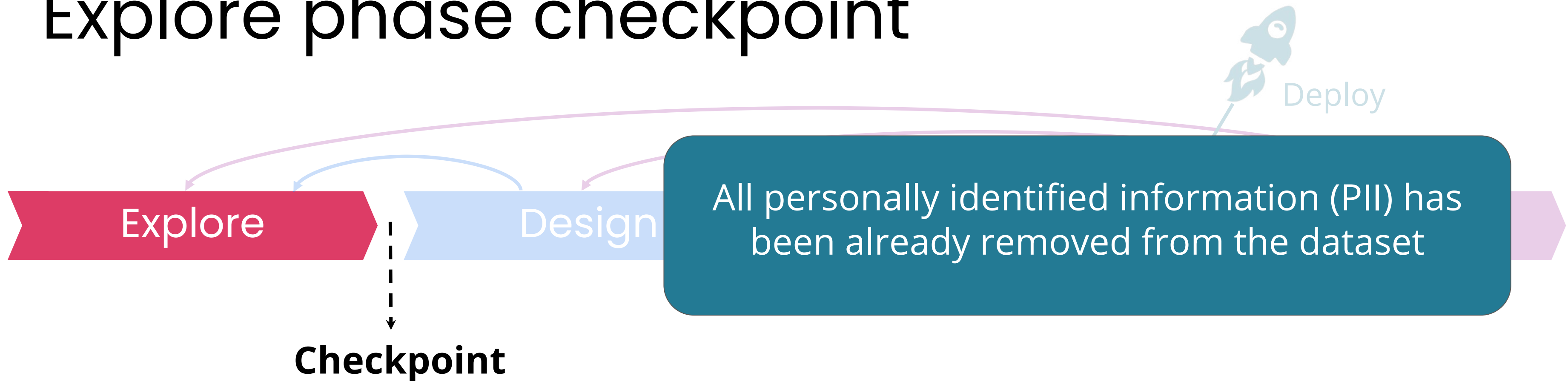


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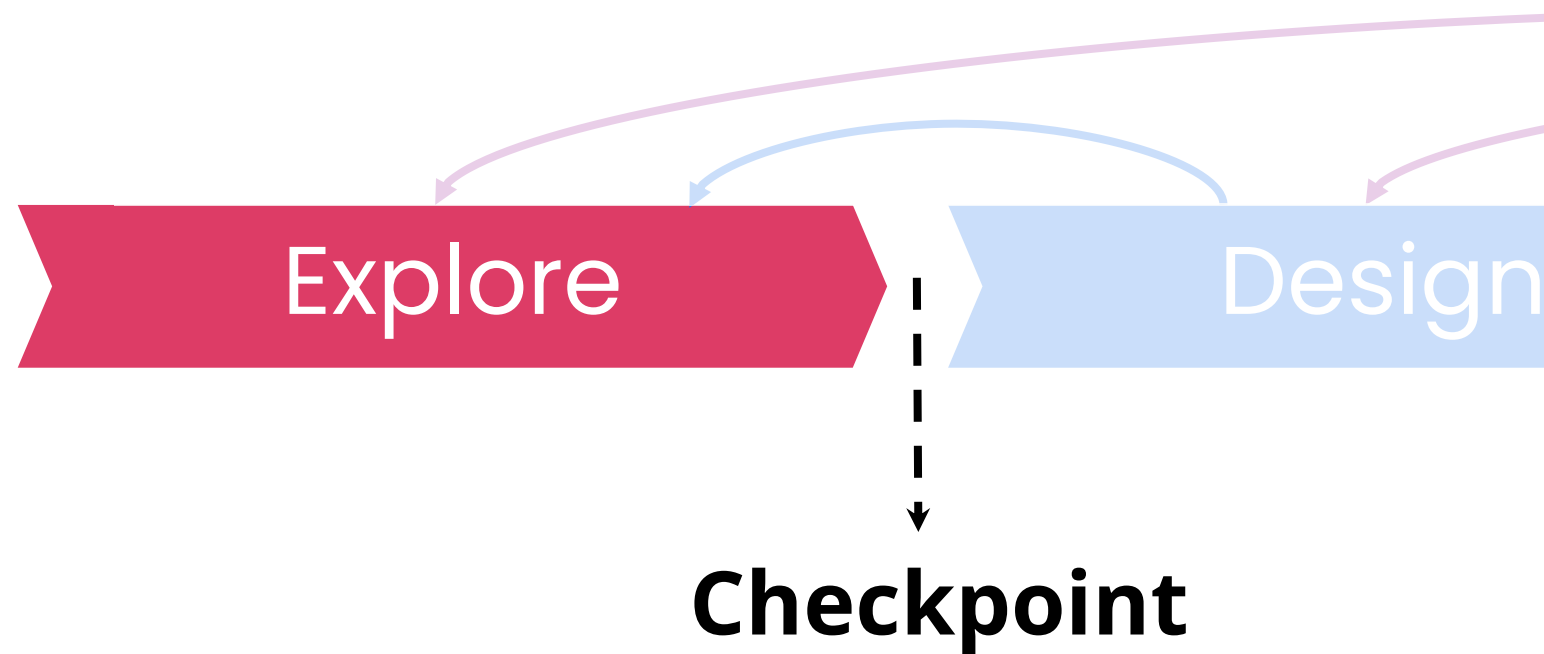


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Consider **unique elements and challenges** related to Haiti and this specific disaster in 2010 and how they might fail to address or even exacerbate problems in new disaster scenarios

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W2 Lesson 2:

Processing text data

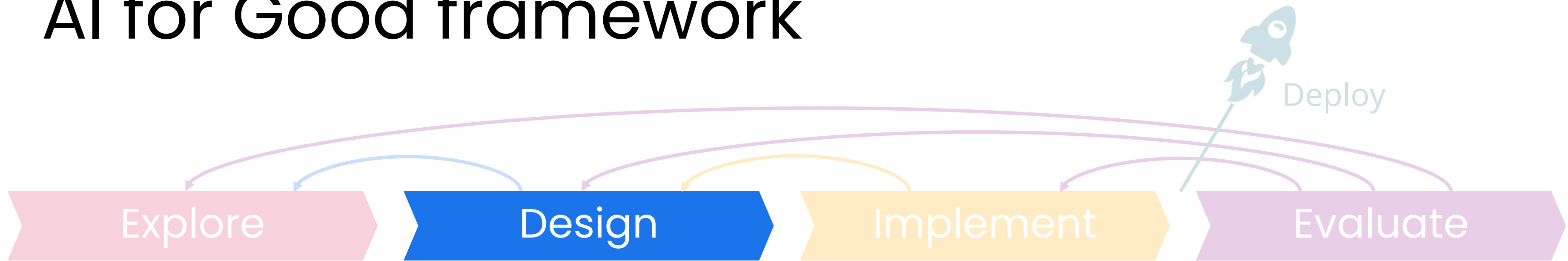


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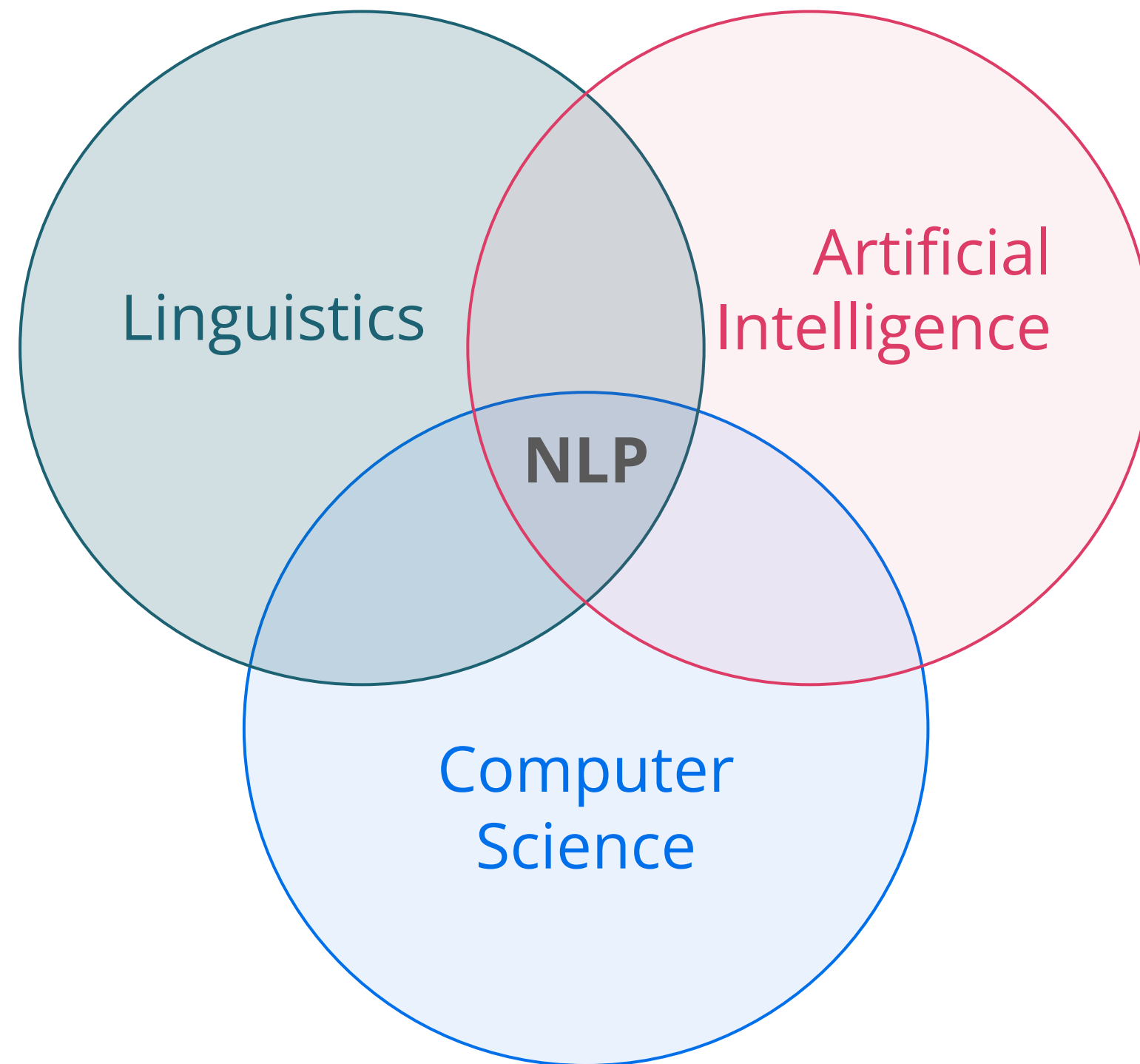
Processing Text Data

AI for Good framework



1. Prototype your solution
2. Ensure data privacy
3. Design the user experience

Natural Language Processing (NLP)



Text data
with NLP

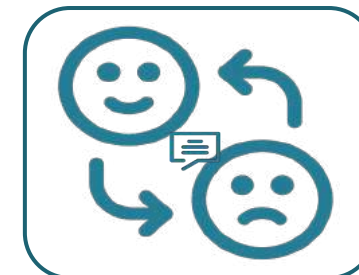
Combines **linguistics** with **artificial intelligence** and **computer science**



Machine
Translation



Generation

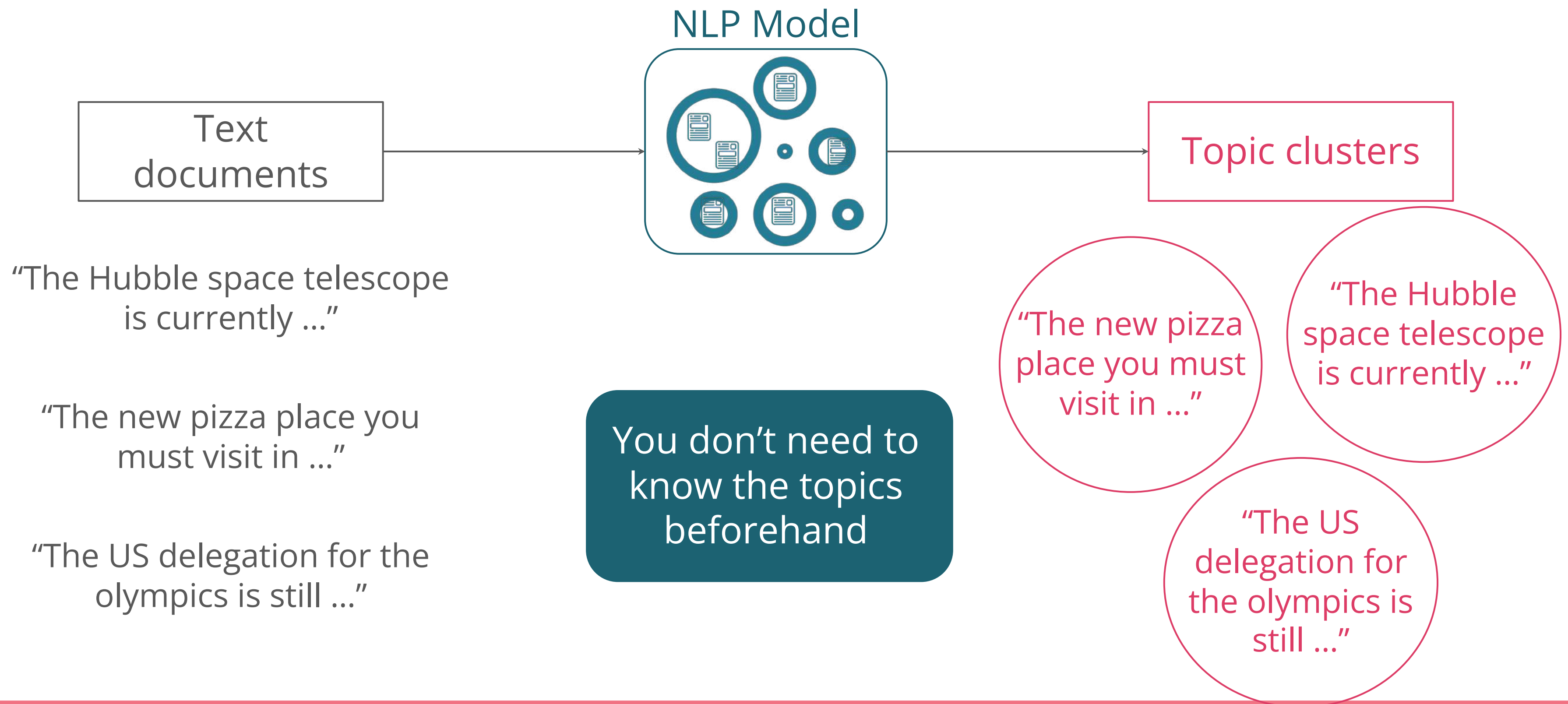


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Analysis

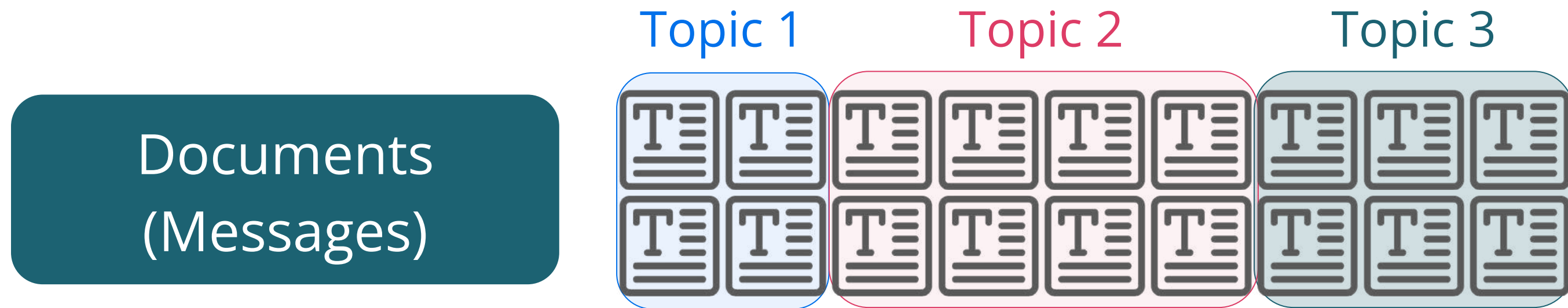


Summarization

Topic modeling



Topic modeling



"Please bring everything. We do not have any food, clothes, water"

"THE LOCAL INHABITANTS NEEDING FOOD AND SHELTER"

"we need help please. Food, medicine and water."

Separate words

Input sentences

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["THE", "LOCAL", "INHABITANTS", "NEEDING", "FOOD", "AND", "SHELTER"]

["we", "need", "help", "please", ".", "Food", ",", "medicine", "and", "water"]

**Separate
Words**

Remove punctuation

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**Remove
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Lowercase

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Lemmatization

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Lemmatize

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Topic Modeling Process Text Messages



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Topic Modeling Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)



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Topic Modeling
Analyze Top Trends

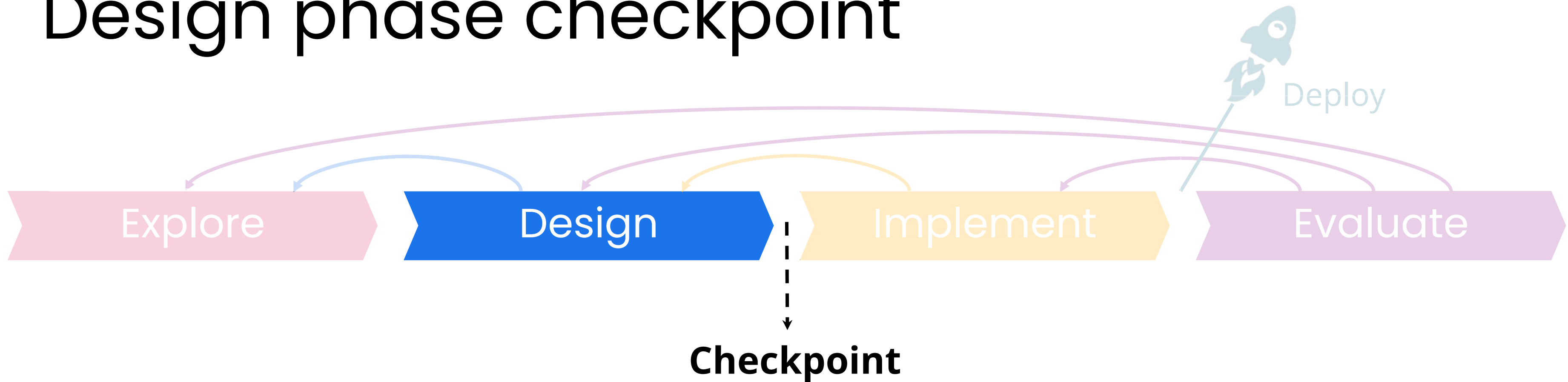


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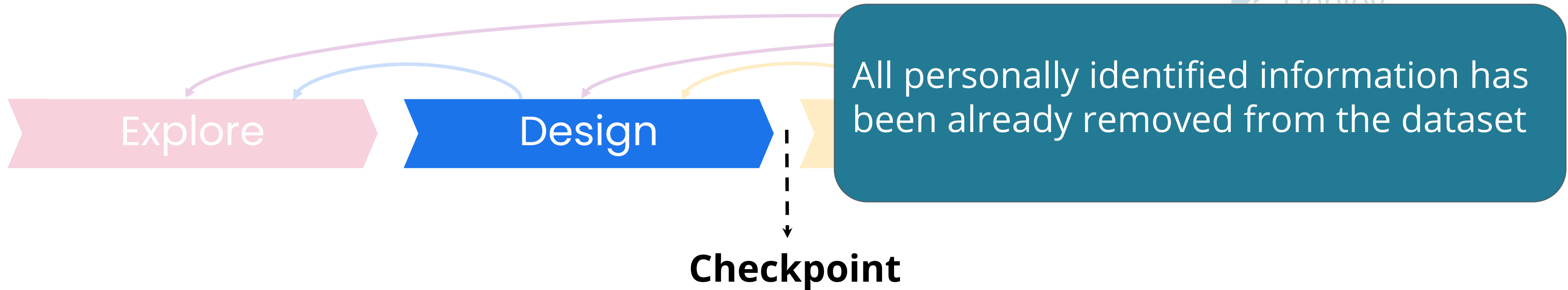
Topic Modeling Project Wrap Up

Design phase checkpoint



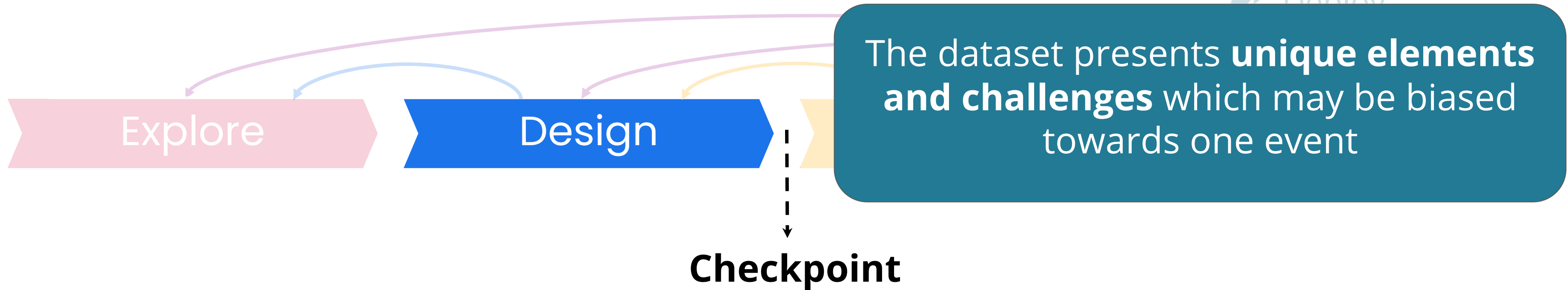
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Design phase checkpoint



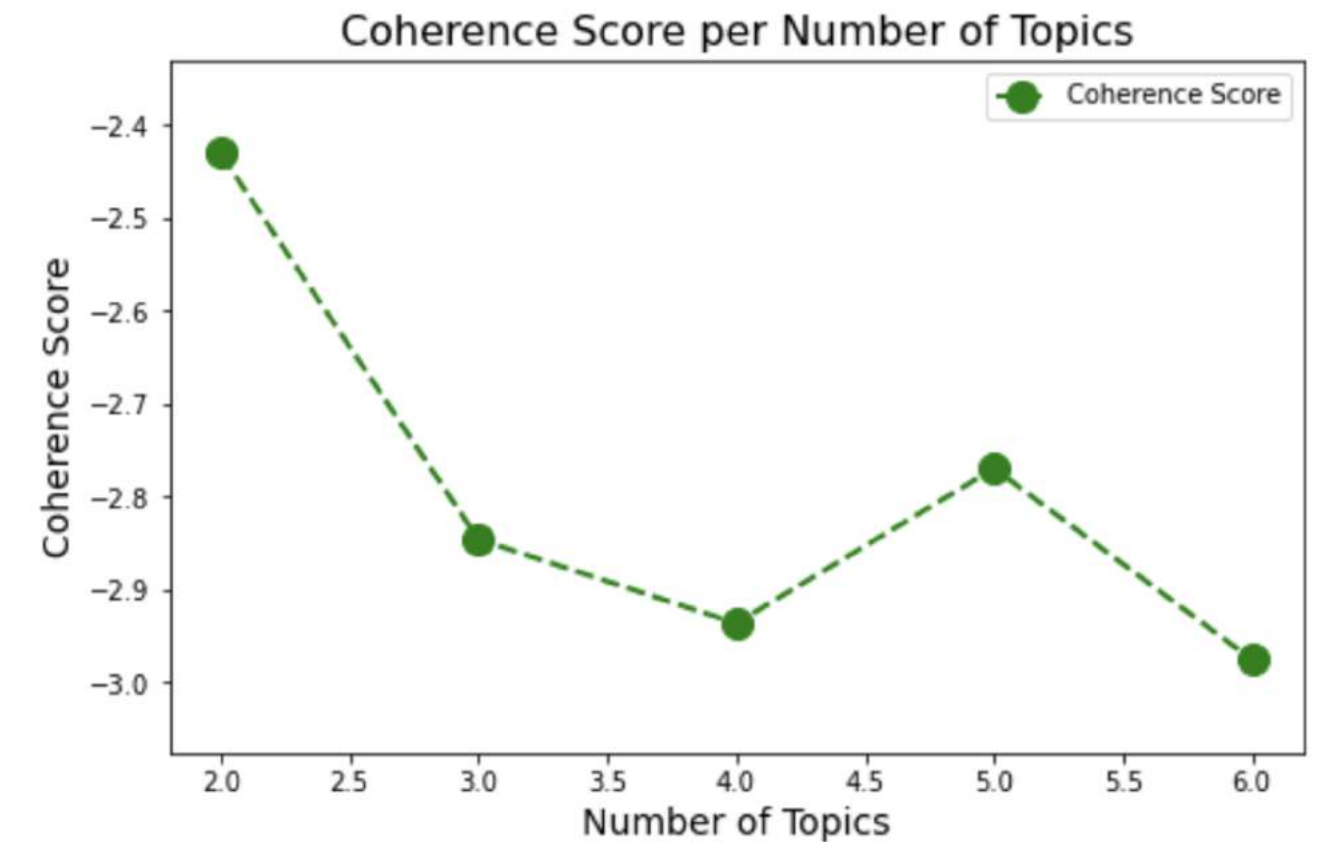
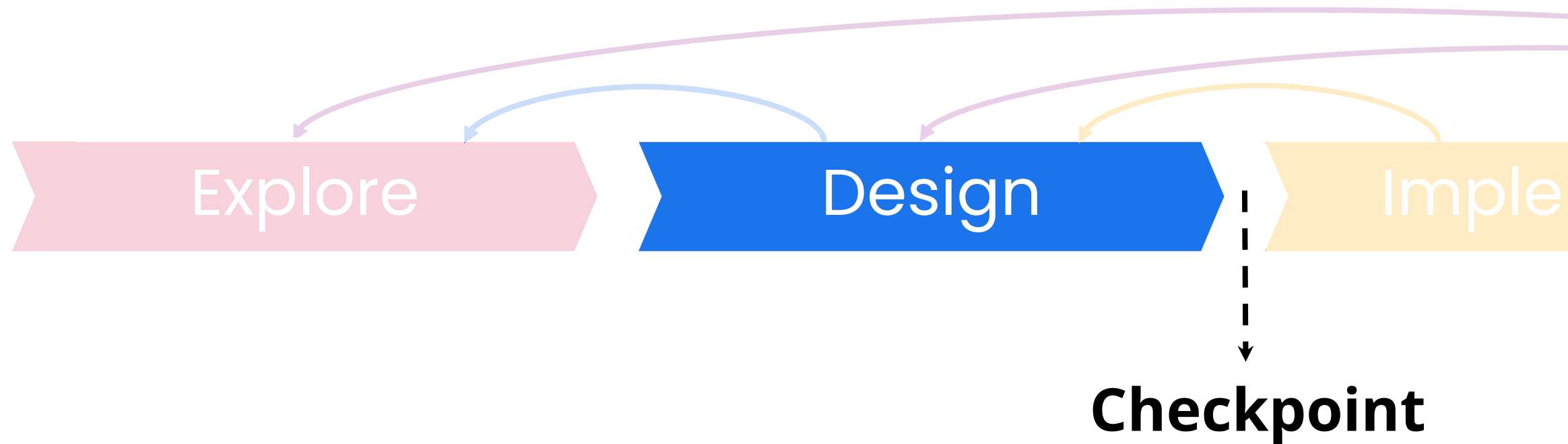
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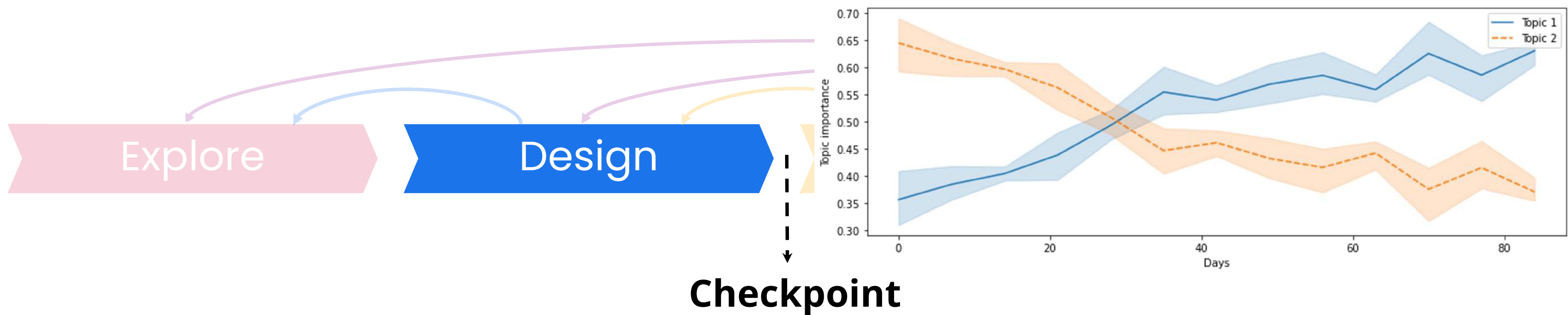
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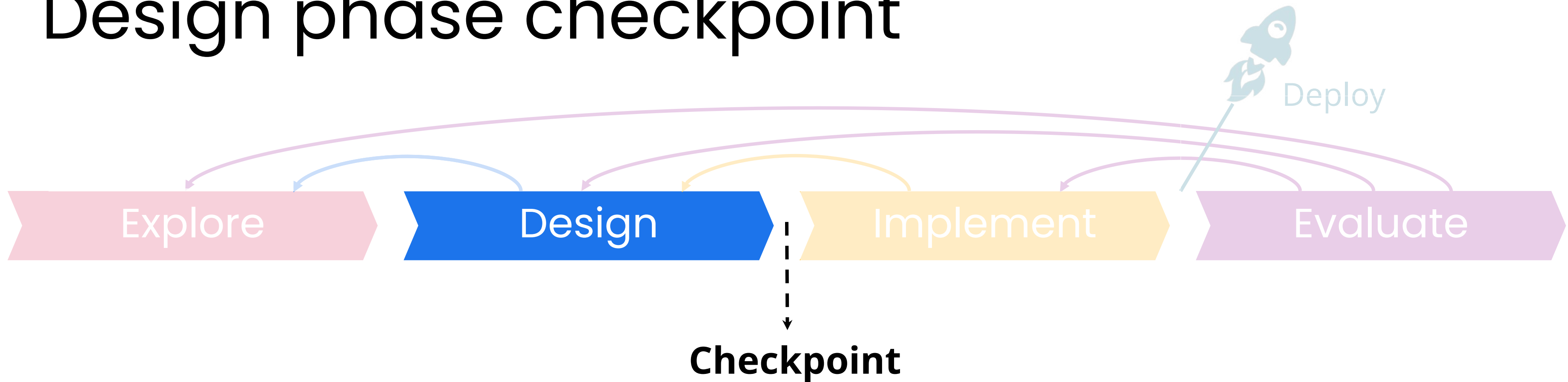
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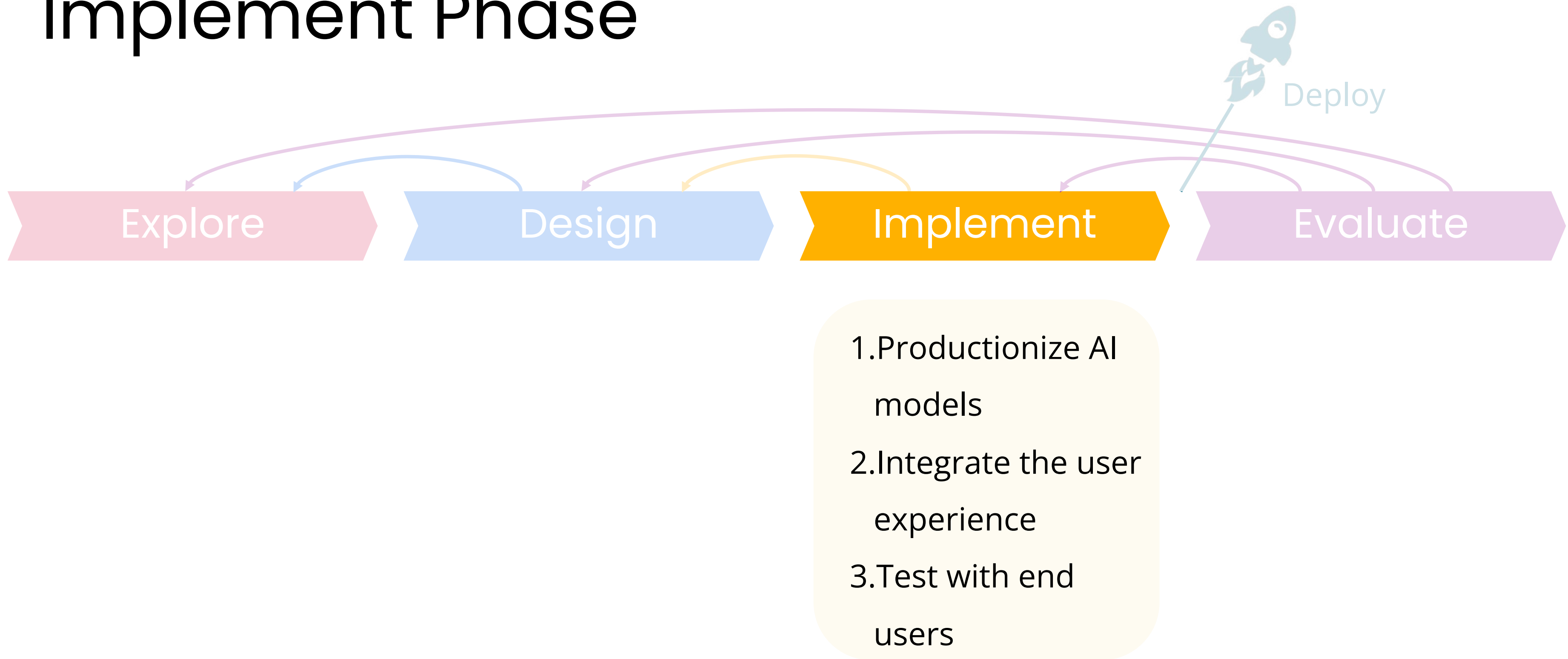
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Implement Phase



Evaluate phase



1. Measure project impact
2. Communicate results
3. Determine next steps

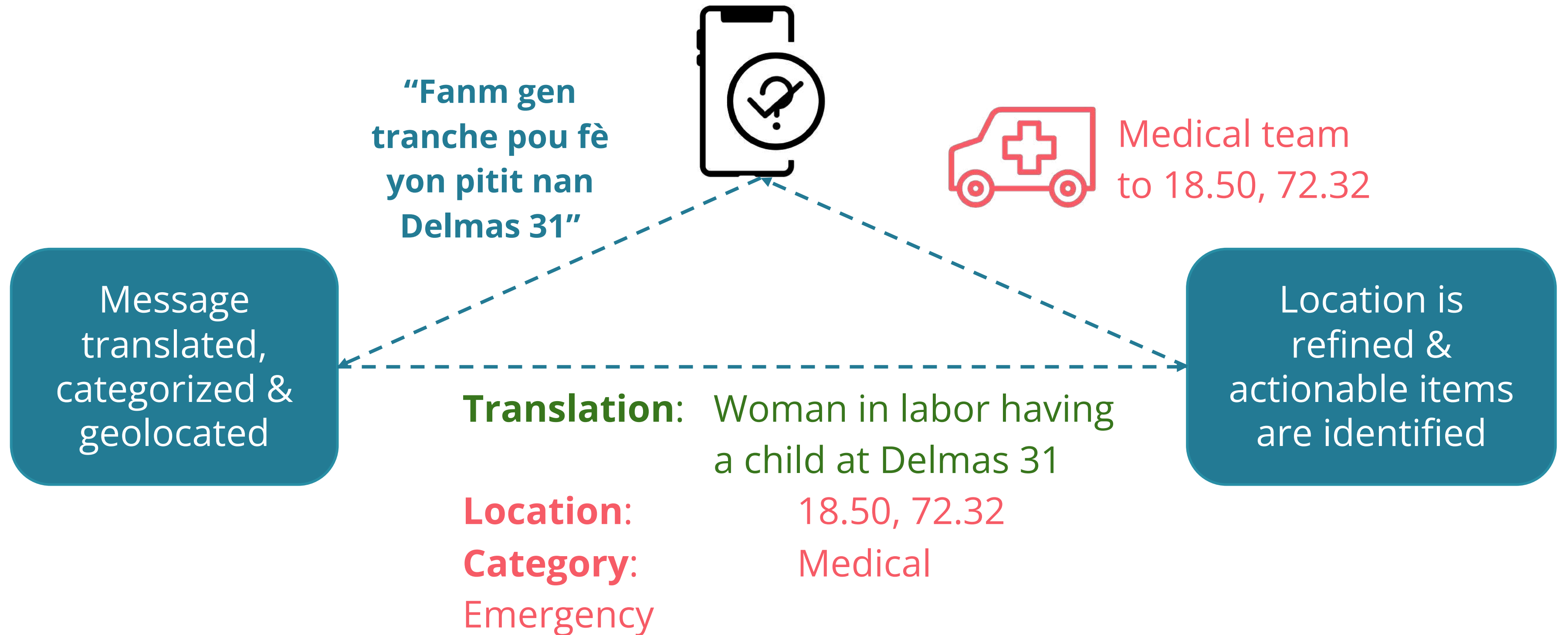


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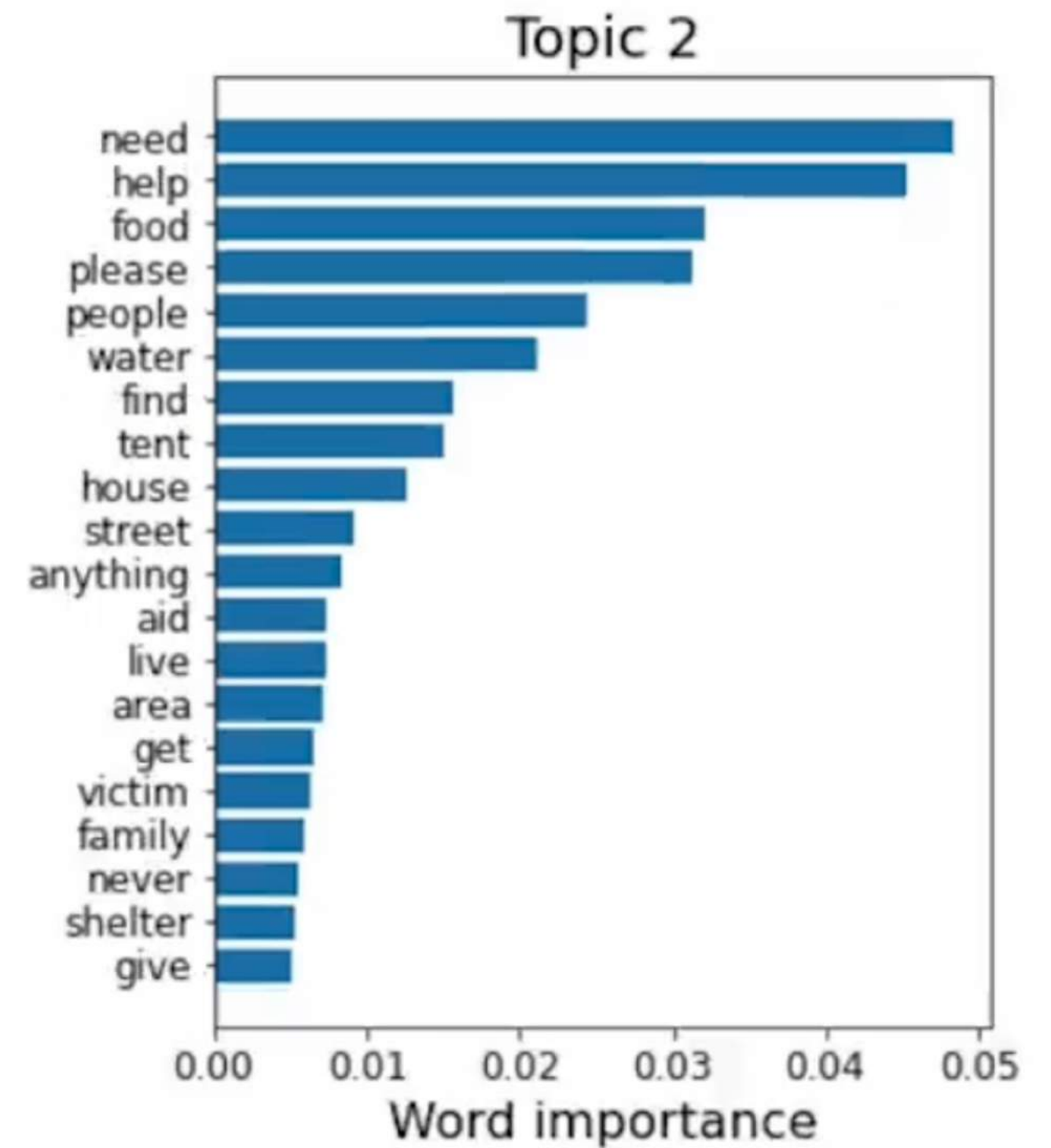
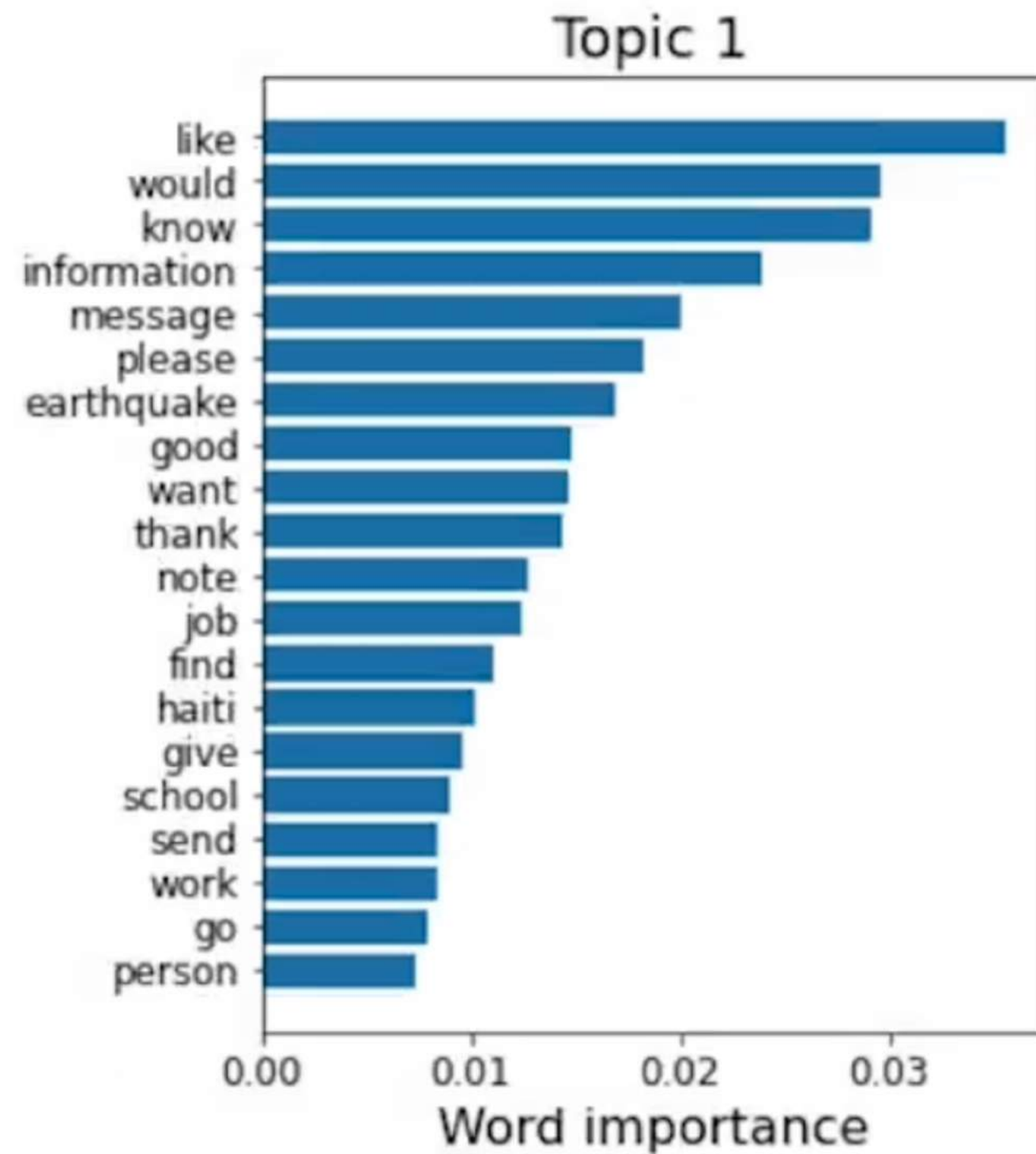
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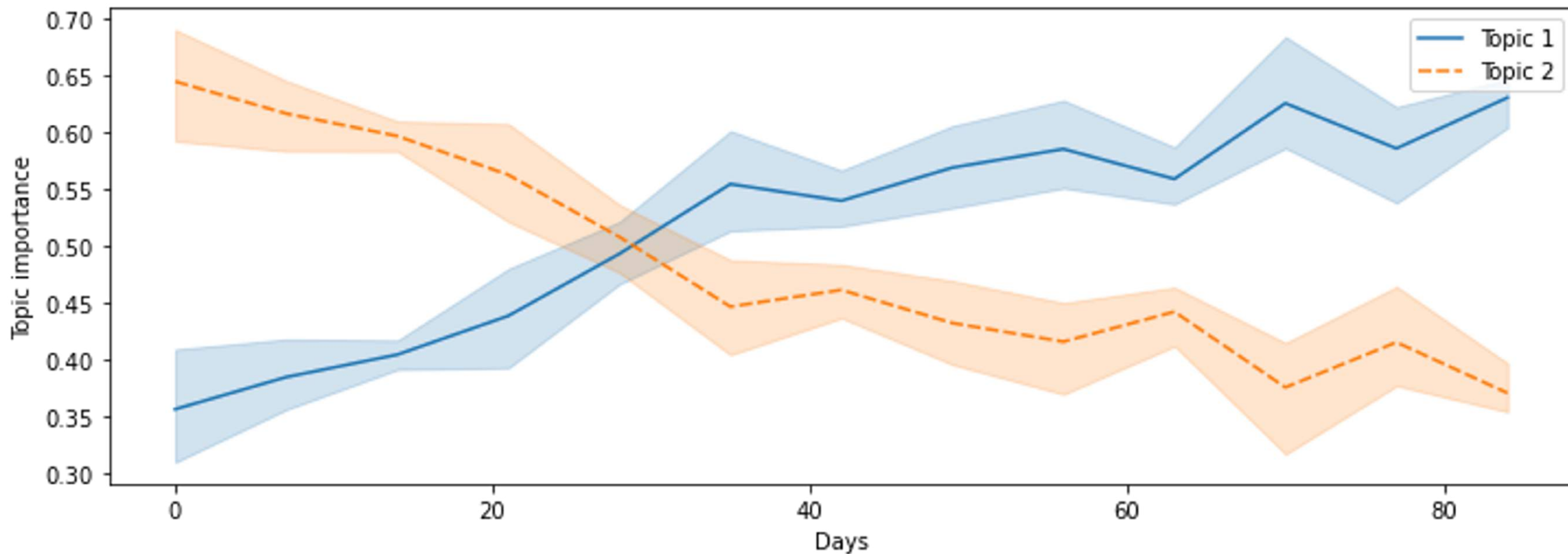


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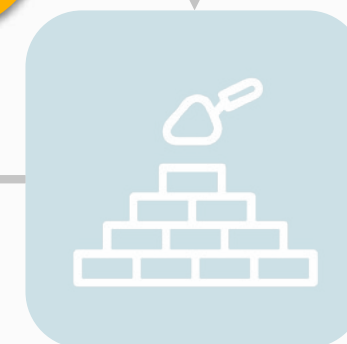
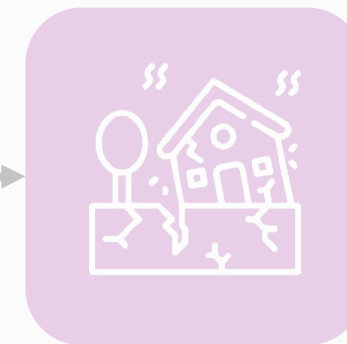
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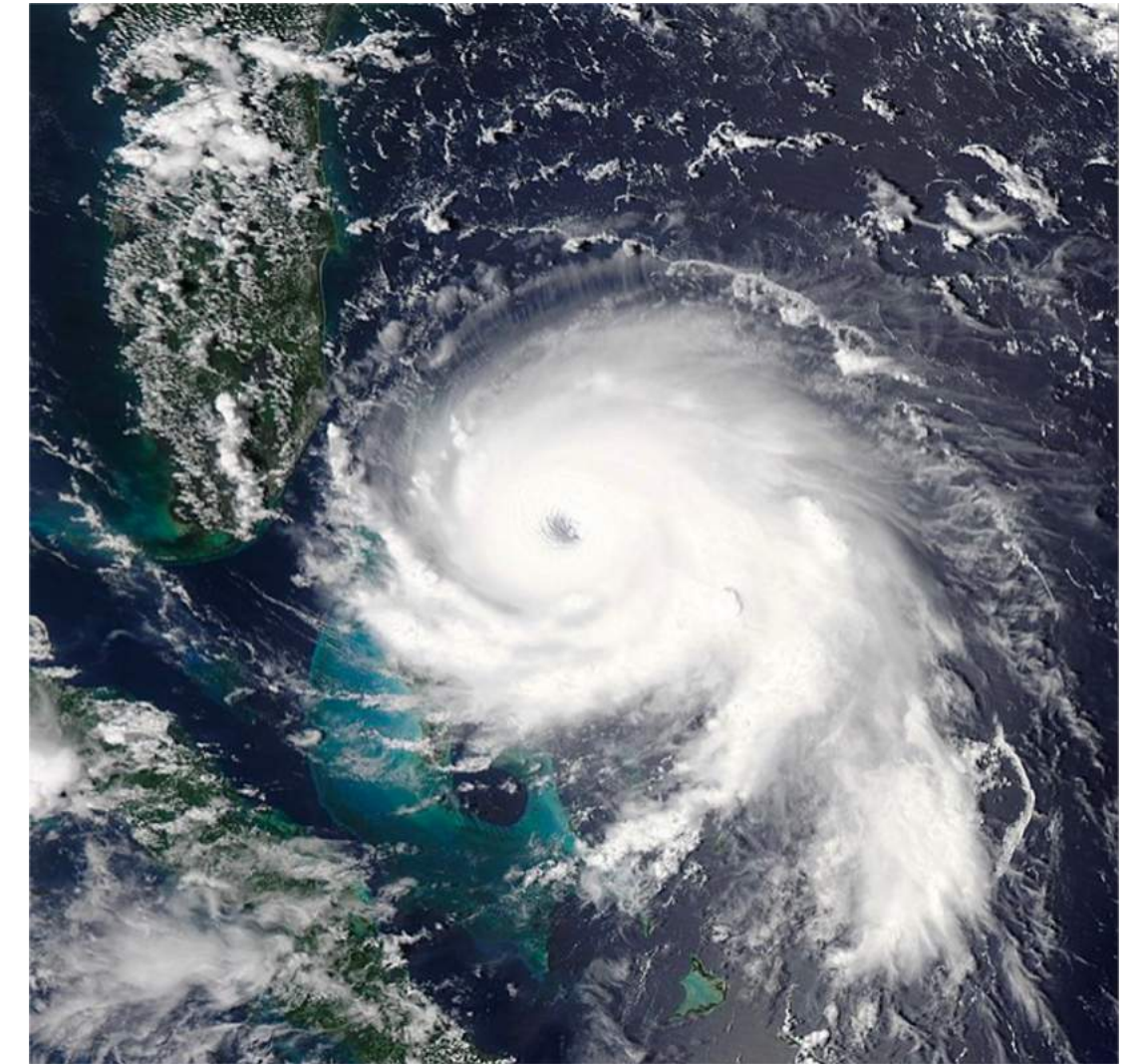
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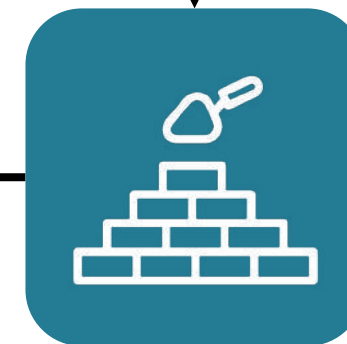
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