

# MAPPING HUMAN HEALTH RISK FROM CONTAMINATION OF DRINKING WATER SOURCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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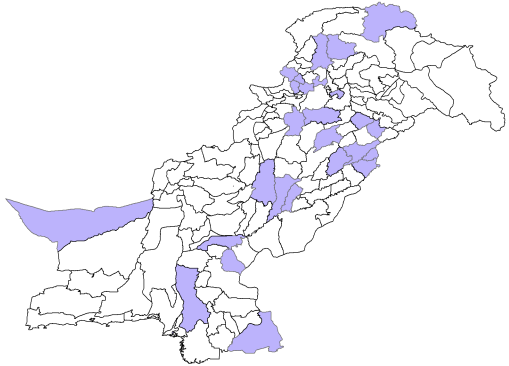
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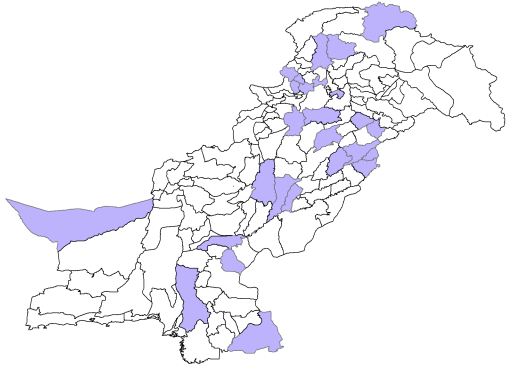


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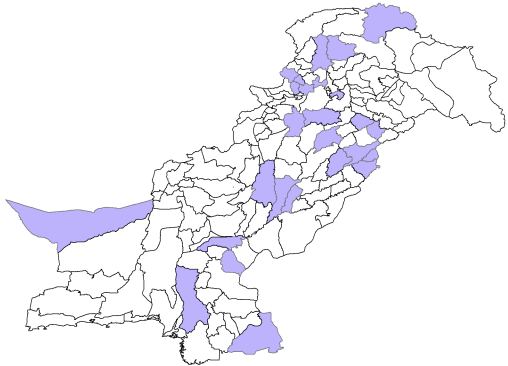
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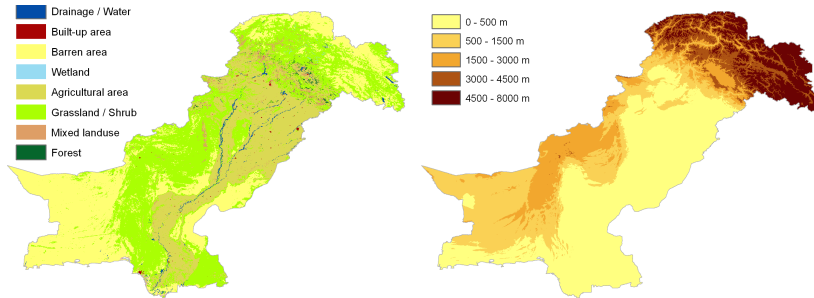
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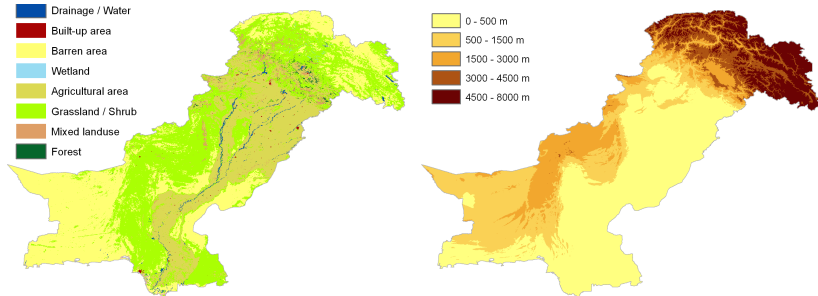
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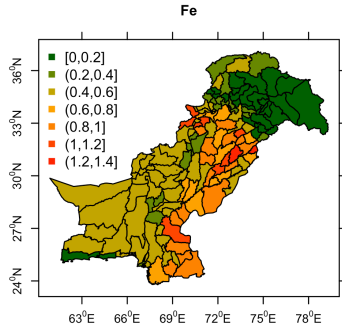
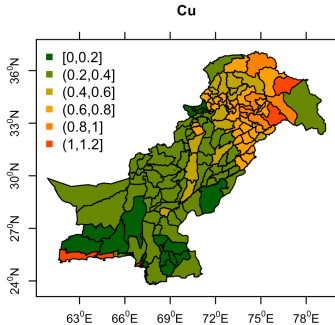
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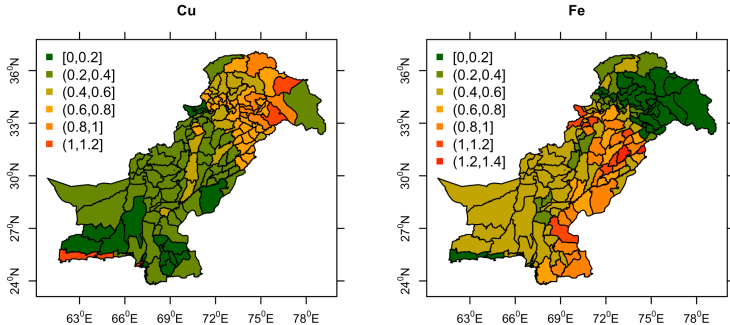
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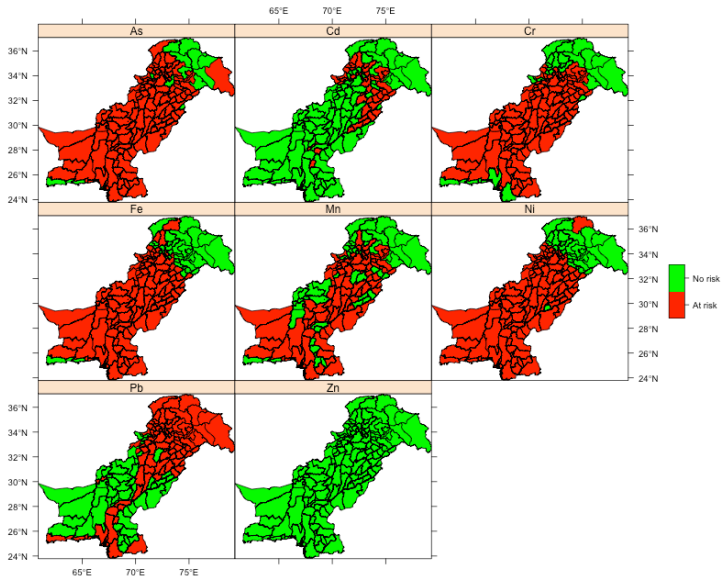
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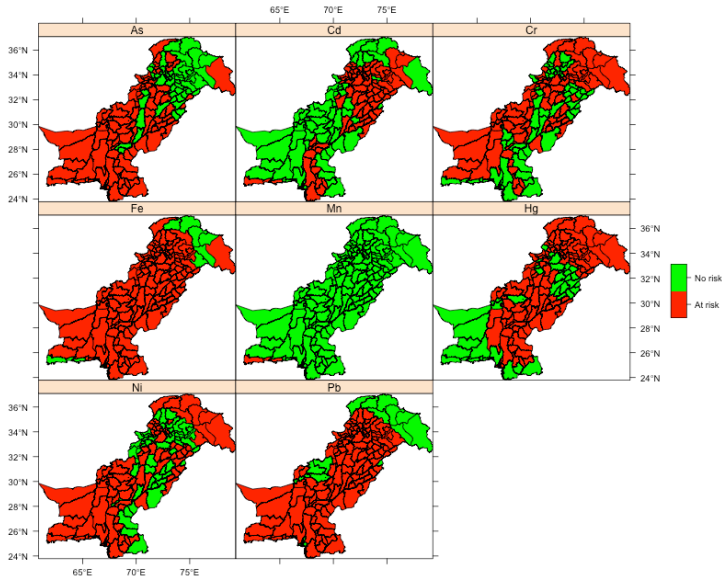
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- Calibrated spatial predictors are in agreement with the causes of trace metal contamination e.g.  $As_{SW} \sim SOC + pH$  (Husain et al. 2012)

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- May also indicate indirect effects e.g. via consumption of vegetables irrigated with contaminated water (Amin et al., 2012)

FOR MORE: BHOWMIK ET AL. 2015, SCI. TOT. ENV. *UNDER REVIEW*

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QUESTIONS?