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What is an impact?

"In this exercise we will look at the products produced by an InaSAFE analysis – impact layers and reports."



Analysis question

In the event of a Tsunami, how many Structures might be affected?

General report

Estimated number of buildings affected per hazard zone

Hazard Zone	Count
Very high	131
High	5,700



An impact layer is a new GIS dataset that is produced as the result of carrying running an impact function. It will usually represent the exposure layer. For example, if you do your analysis on buildings, the output impact layer will be a buildings layer but each building will be classified according to whether it is dry, wet or flooded. InaSAFE will typically apply its own symbology to the output impact layer to make it clear which are the impacted buildings. This is illustrated in the image above. InaSAFE also creates different tables and reports that will help you to understand and communicate the impacts of the hazard.

You try:

Goal: Understand the purpose of impact maps.

Imagine there is a flood in your area. Form a small group of 4 people and communally mock up a report on one or more sheets of paper that you would write which shows the affect of the flood on the buildings in your areas. The report could include map elements and tables / charts etc. If you are in need of inspiration, look at the requirements table on the right for some ideas.

Check your results:

Listen as the other groups report back their ideas – did you miss anything. How many of your ideas are actually practical / feasible?

Requirements

level
building
hospital
cafe
police
access
house
condition



More about impact data

It should also be noted that the impact layer will only include features / cells that occur within the analysis extent. All others will be 'clipped away'. It is very important to remember this when interpreting the impact summary (see section below) because the summary is only relevant to the analysis area.

Whereas the impact layer represents spatial data, the impact summary is tabular and textual data. The impact summary details by means of a table (or series of tables) and other textual information the numbers of buildings, roads or people affected and includes other useful information such as minimum needs breakdowns, action checklists, summaries and so on. The impact summary presents the results of the impact function in an easy to digest form. Our expectation that the numbers show here would form part of your contingency planning process - typically as a launch point for discussion and planning on how to have sufficient resources in order to cater for the impacted people, buildings or roads should a similar event to the one on which the scenario is based occur. The table below summarises the various outputs produced by InaSAFE (where E, H, A are **Exposure, Hazard, Aggregation** Summaries respectively).

Impact Product	Type	E	H	A	Details
Exposure summary	QGIS Vector Layer	Y	Y	Y	One row for each original exposure feature encoded with the hazard and aggregation areas it lies in (if any since hazard could be empty).
Aggregate hazard impacted	QGIS Vector Layer	N	Y	Y	One row for each aggregate hazard area (that is hazards chopped up by aggregation area). A count column is given for each exposure type providing the sum of all exposure features in that area.
Aggregate summary	QGIS Vector Layer	N	N	Y	One row for each aggregation area. A count column is given for each exposure type providing the sum of all affected exposure features in that aggregation area.
Analysis impacted	QGIS Vector Layer	N	N	N	A single feature is provided in this layer. The attributes of this feature provide a count of affected exposure features per hazard class (regardless of exposure type).
Exposure summary table	QGIS Table	Y	N	N	This is a 'pivot table' where each row contains one exposure type and a column for each hazard class contains the count of exposure features.
Analysis log	QGIS Table	-	-	-	This provides technical details of the steps taken during the analysis.
Landscape report	PDF Map	-	-	-	This produces a printable PDF map of the analysis results in landscape A4 format.
Portrait report	PDF Map	-	-	-	This produces a printable PDF map of the analysis results in portrait A4 format.
Impact report	PDF Report	-	-	-	This provides a detailed summary of the analysis results including (aggregation) area by area breakdowns of demographics, minimum needs, features types etc. as needed.
Checklist report	PDF Report	-	-	-	This provides a list of notes and actions that a contingency planner should keep in mind whilst preparing their contingency plan, in the context of the impact report details.
Provenance report	Text Report	-	-	-	This provides details about the datasets used, parameters used, operating system environment etc. and is intended to be a way to ensure that an analysis is repeatable.



Check your knowledge:

1. Indicate which are correct:

- Impact data produced by InaSAFE is made available as GeoSpatial datasets, excel spreadsheets, and word documents.
- Report data can only be used in QGIS.
- InaSAFE reports can only be modified by developers.
- There is no way to see what steps were taken during the analysis.