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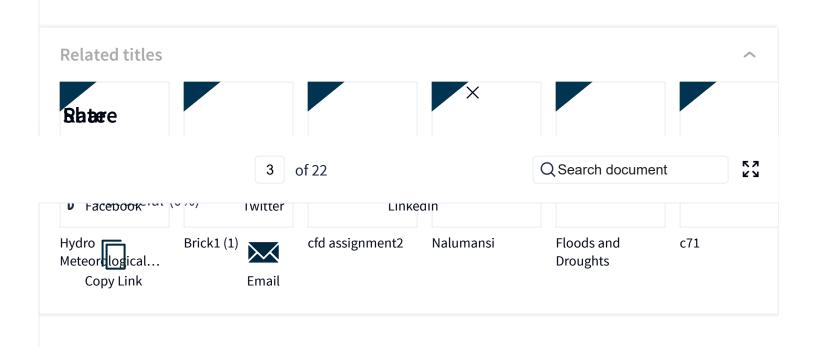
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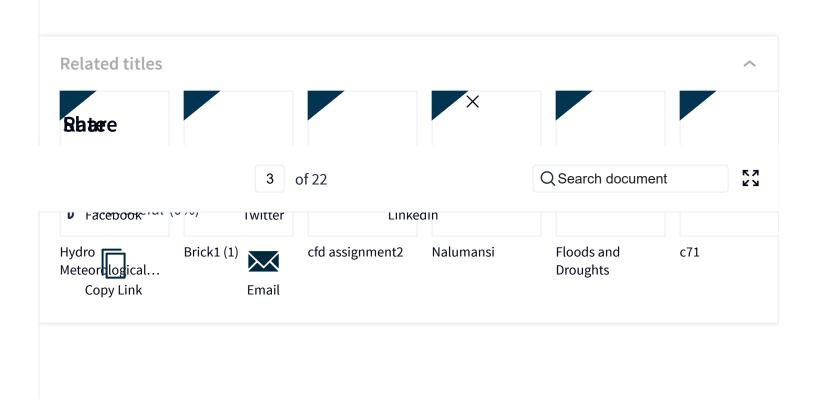








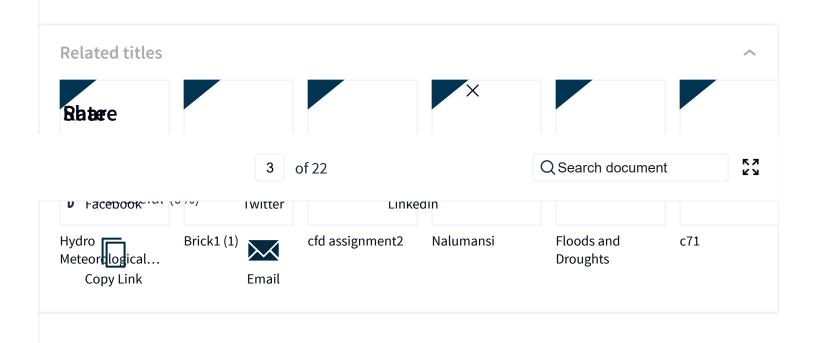






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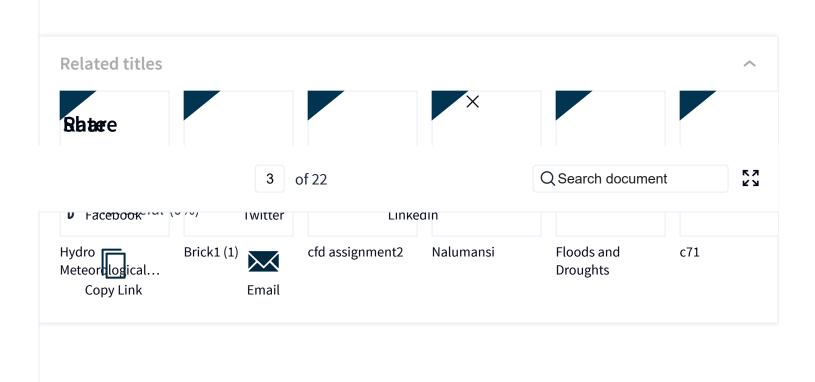














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Friendship Centre

Gaibandha, Bangladesh

I. Introduction

Friendship has done t region and the people who are trained here live in the floodplains of the river,

To build on this site with a conventional building, (earth-fill, foundations an 2.4 metres, the level necessary to prevent flooding) would have required three-q

In response to financial constraints, Chowdhury articulates an architecture of th fundamental are at the core of this design process and at the centre of the lives serves. So within the extreme limitations of means there is a search for what he



relationship of land to water is continuously negotiated, both in nature and in manis something that becomes very apparent when you are there, especially in the rule.

The people of this region, in the flood plains of the mighty Brahmaputra-Jamuna



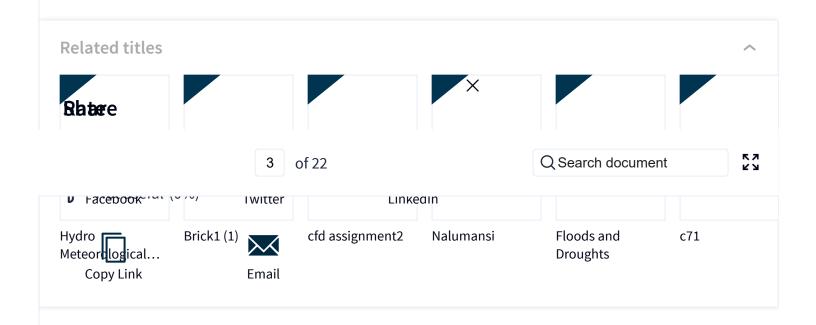
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and isolated from the world except when the river is shallow enough that they carried ship has worked with them since its inception, initially to give them hea floating hospital.

Friendship was founded in 2002 by Runa Khan, who is the Executive Director. Regoal of enabling these communities to improve their living conditions and garequires more than healthcare support alone, Friendship has progressively buil



Analytic Framework for the Planning of Integrated Water Resources Management, Centre for Environme Services, Dec 2003.



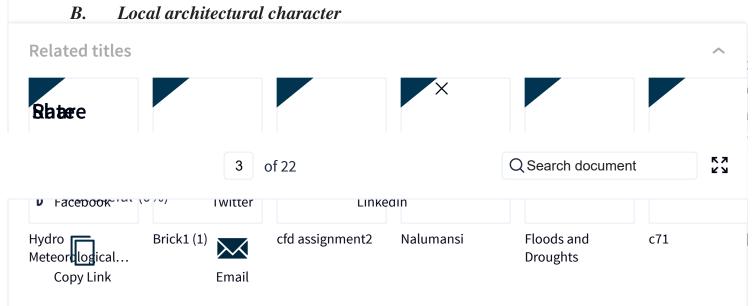
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community-development model, which includes: health; nutrition; education; c infrastructure development; good governance; and sustainable economic development

I visited two of their sites, one on a *char*, where all structures could be dismantled – bamboo and thatch, but now also of corrugated galvanised-iron sheets. Friendship had started a school, and with funding had helped them raise cattle and goats. In the field organisation had started a small centre with looms, and was teaching the women (approximation) to weave. The health centre was a small examination room and a group of outside, participating in a session on personal hygiene. The young woman leading the Friendship at the Centre. I later learnt that the char will have to be evacuated before the it had shown signs of cracking, and will be destroyed by the river.

The second site was the floating hospital, a converted riverboat with operating theat were post-operation facilities on the riverbank, again built with materials that are e hospital was staffed by local people except for two doctors – a surgeon and anaesthetis had come for two weeks from France. After two weeks, different doctors would come move downstream to provide healthcare to another group of villages.



The most prominent building material in Bangladesh, in fact in all of Bengal, is terra in terracotta, as the clay in the delta is exceptional. Also, there is very little stone avail so all construction of low-rise structures is in brick, usually loadbearing, or reinforce brick infill. There are thousands of brick kilns dotted across the country, as this is a lar economy.



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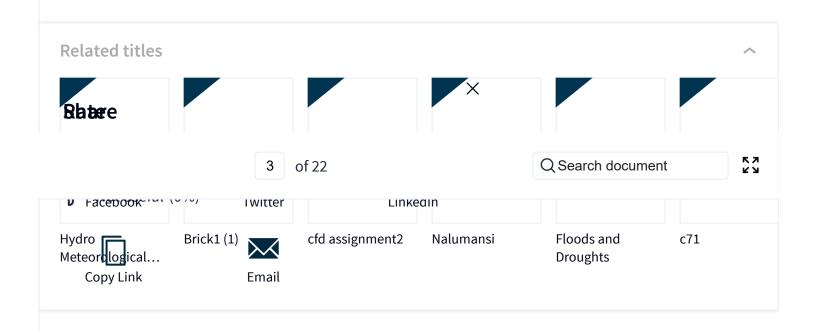
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Situated just north of the Tropic of Cancer, Gaibandha is hot and humid for most of the temperature around 25.2°C. The temperatures are highest in August, at 28.6°C, and k an average temperature of 18.2°C, which gives the average temperatures a variance of monsoon is long – again almost five months of the year, from May/June through Sej annual rainfall around 208 cm.

From Friendship's mission statement, handout.

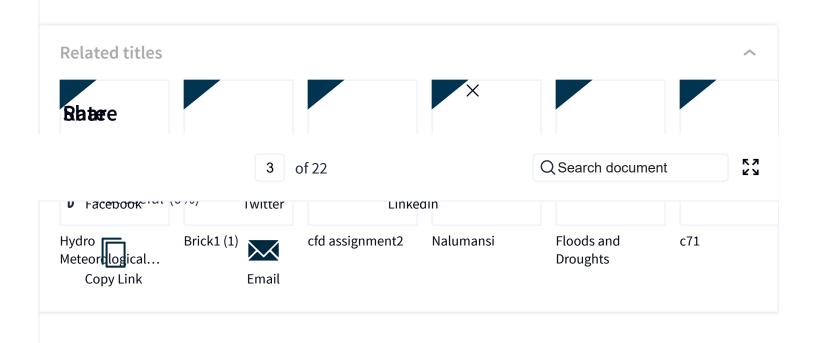
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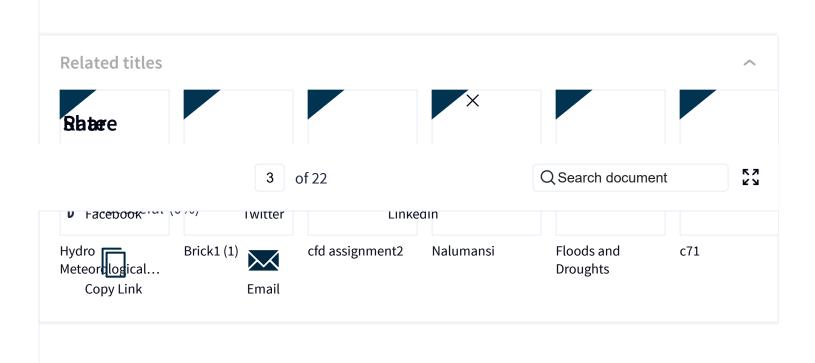








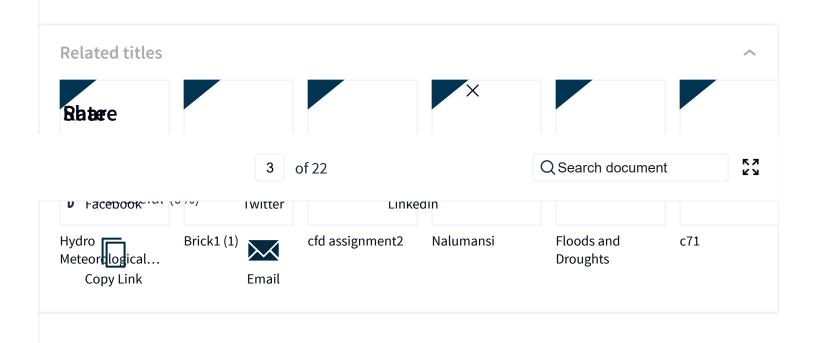








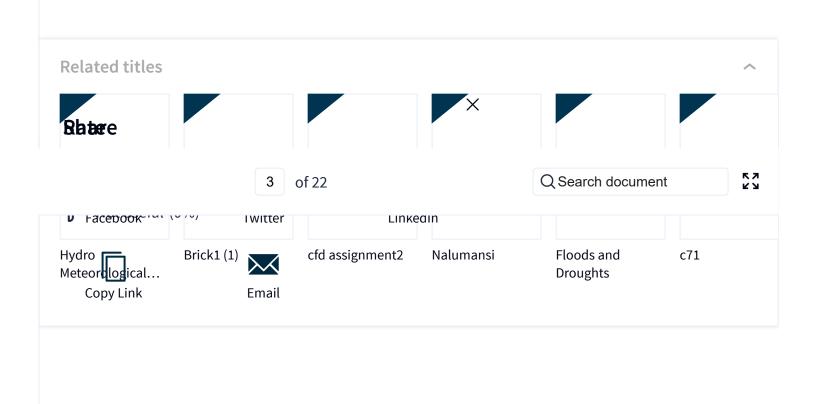








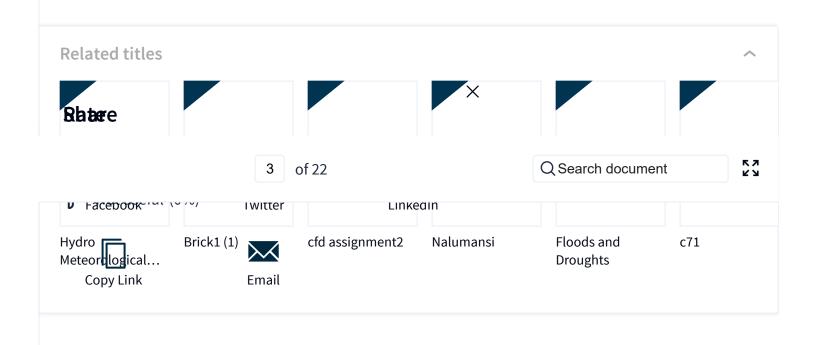








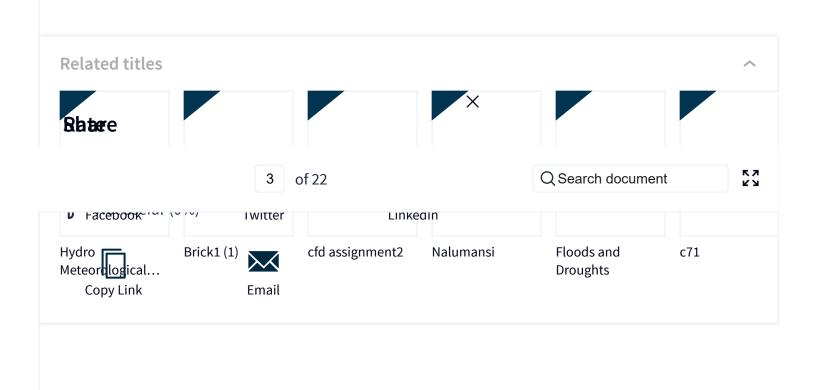








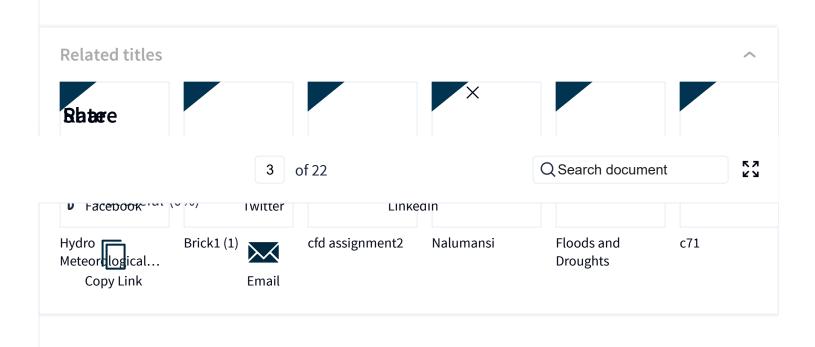








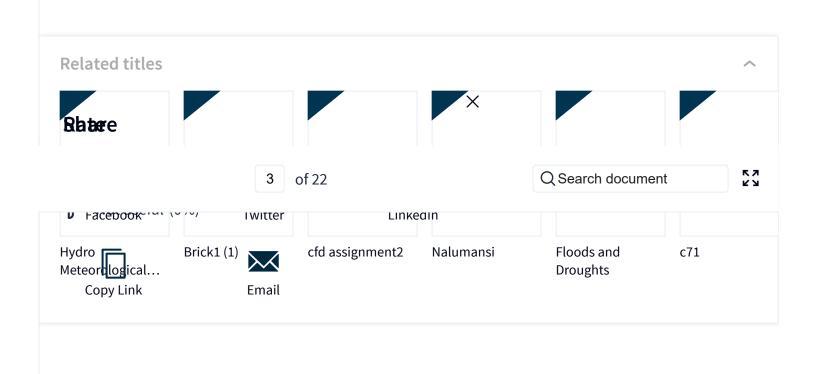








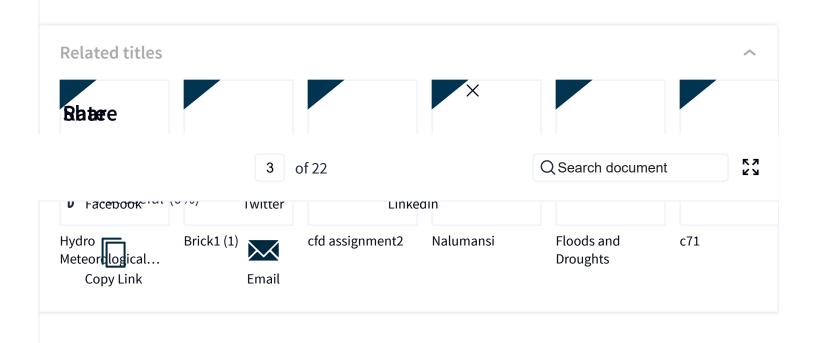






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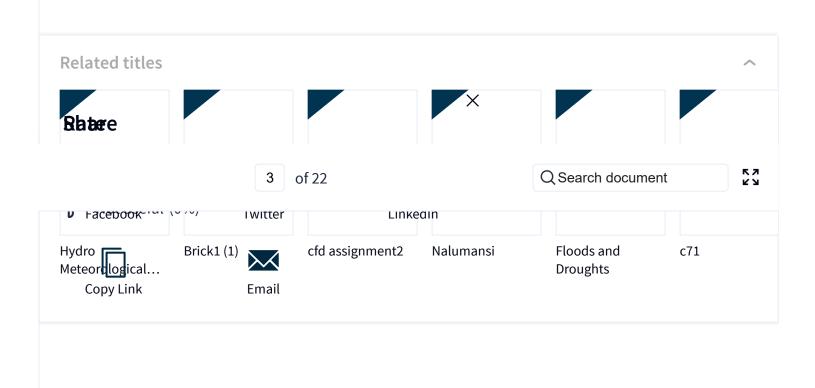








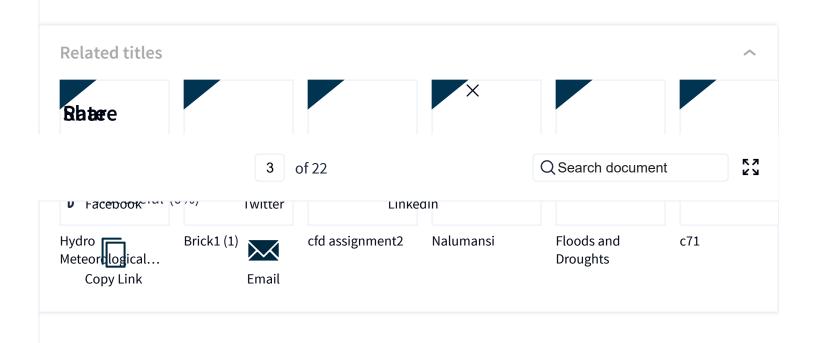






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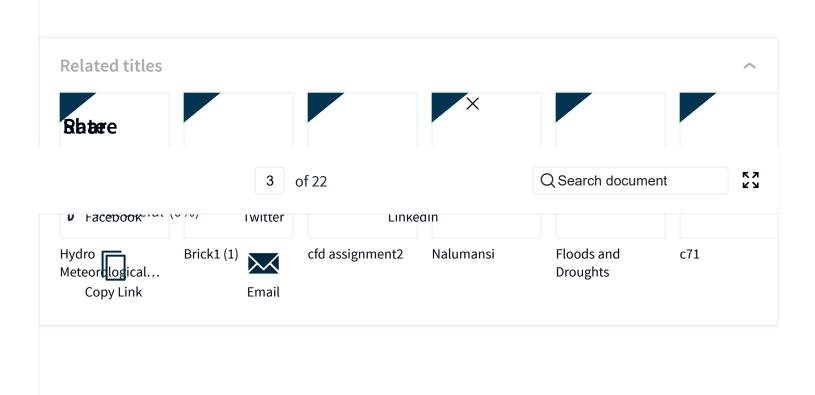








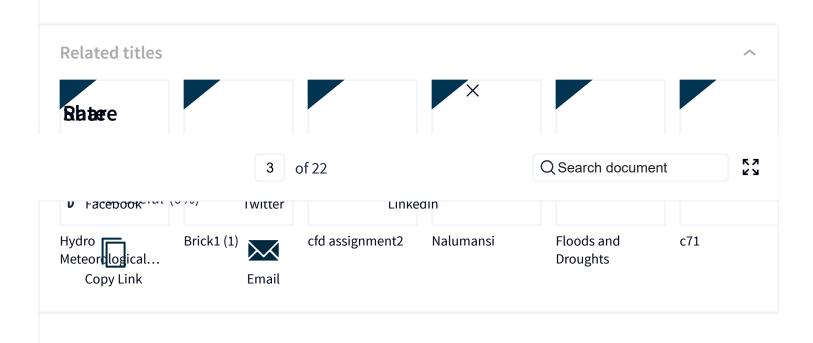








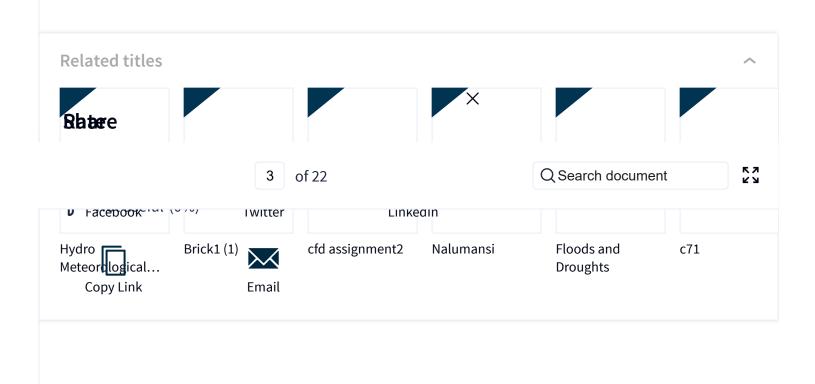








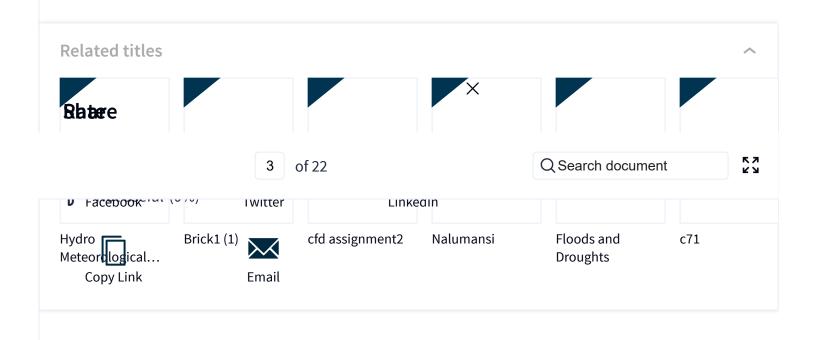








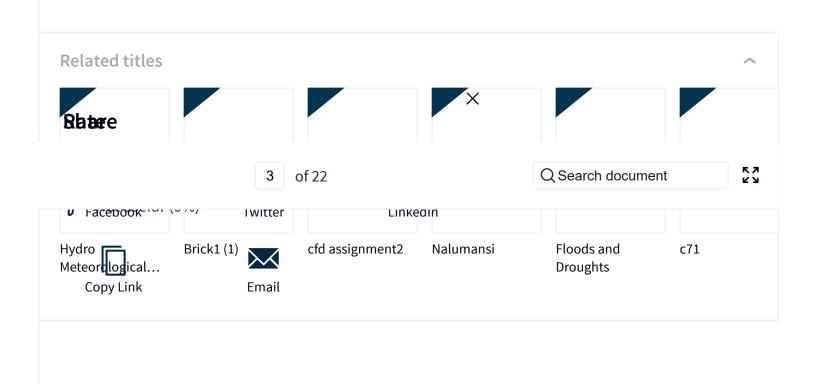








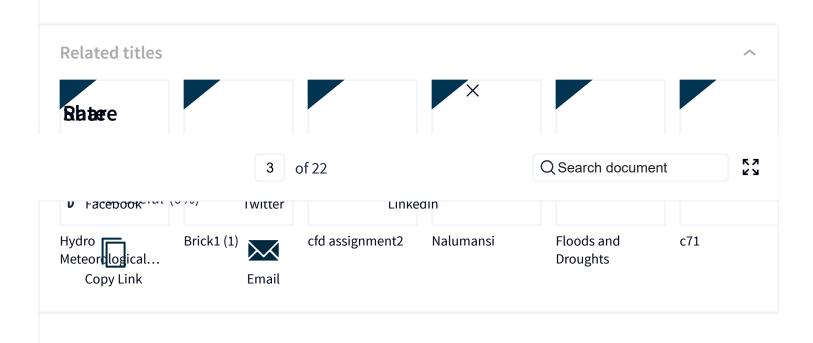








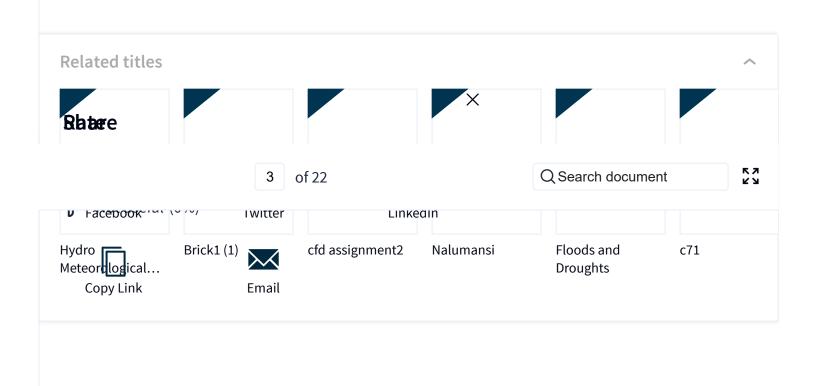








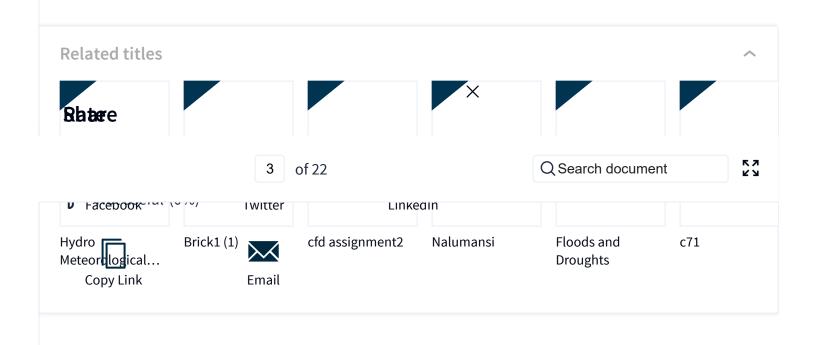








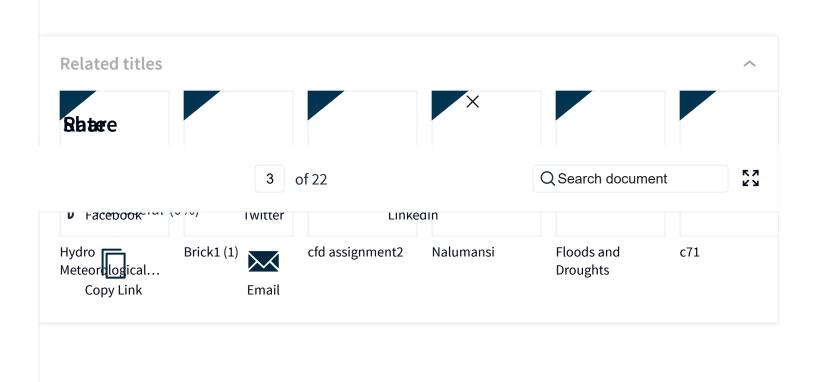








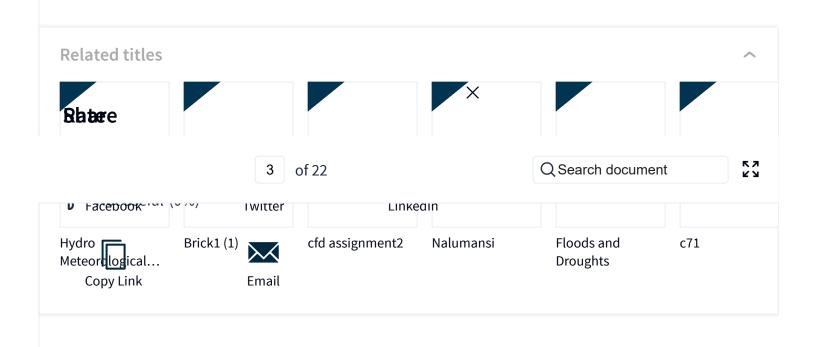








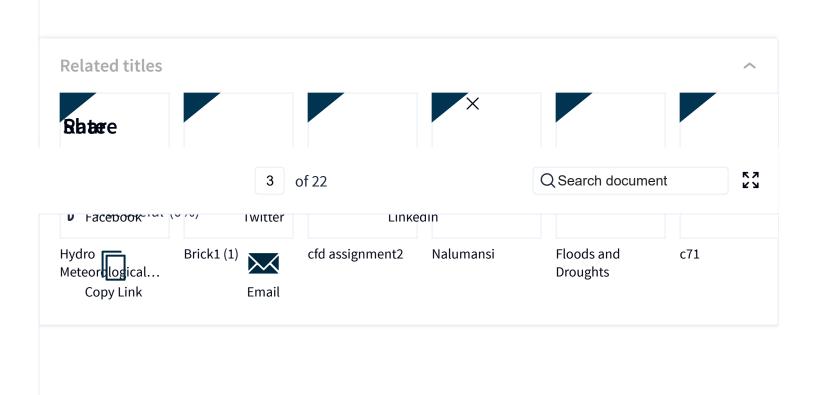








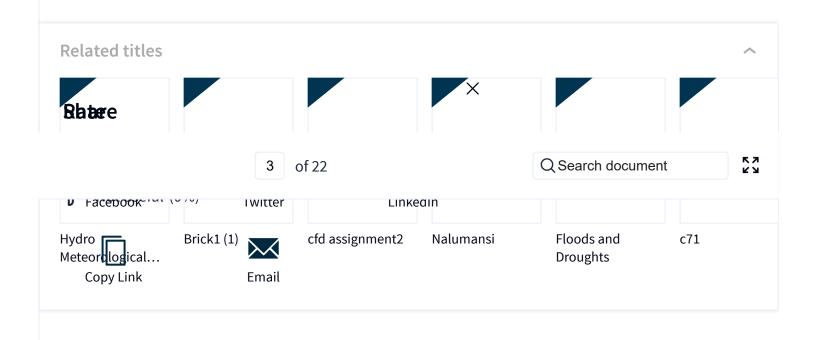








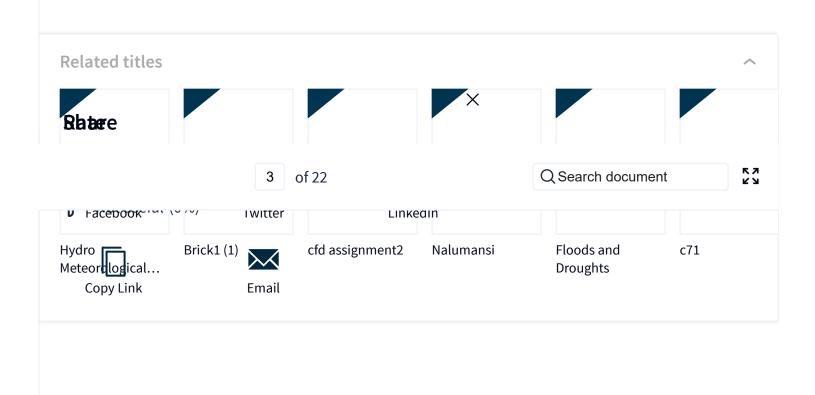








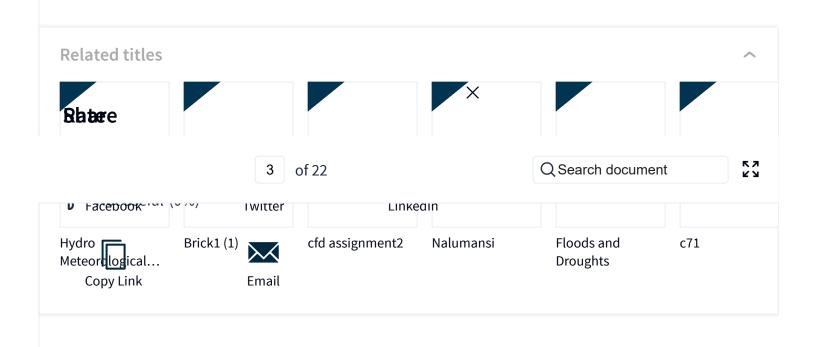








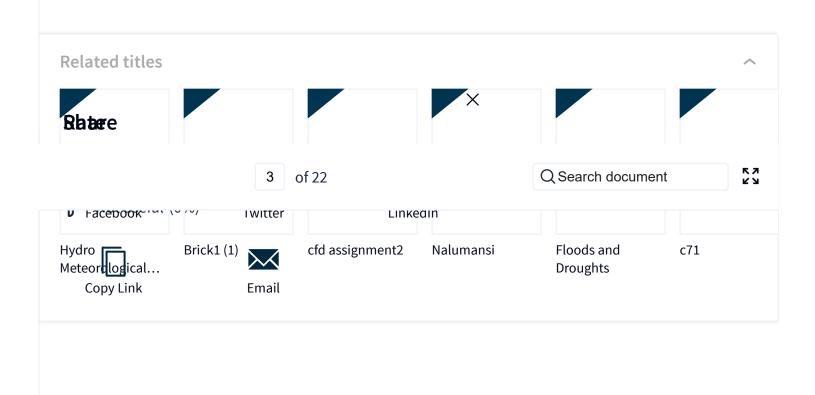








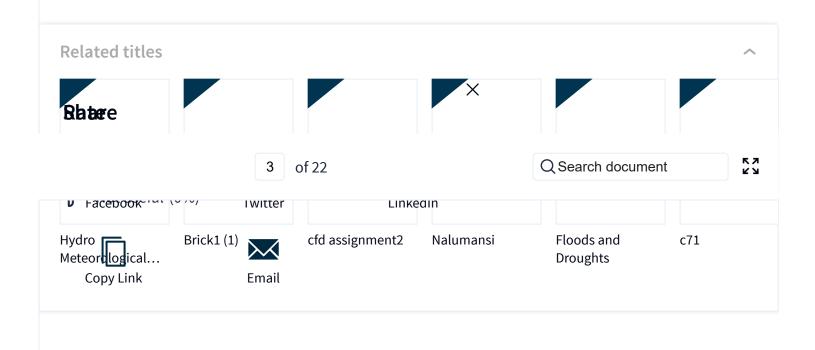








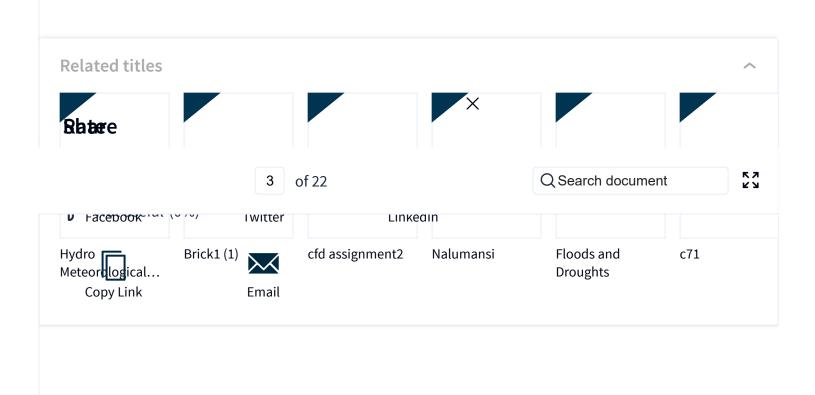








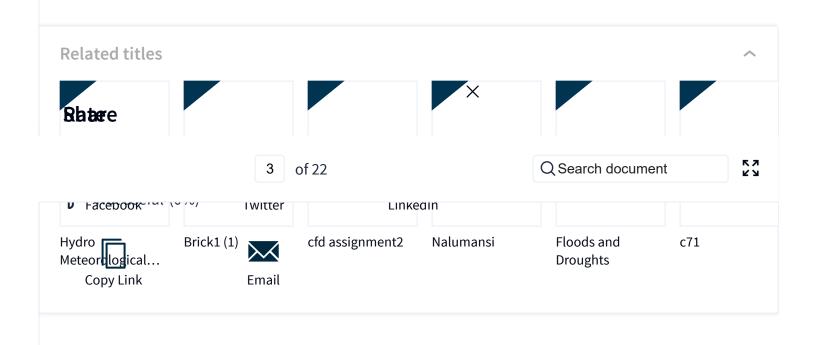








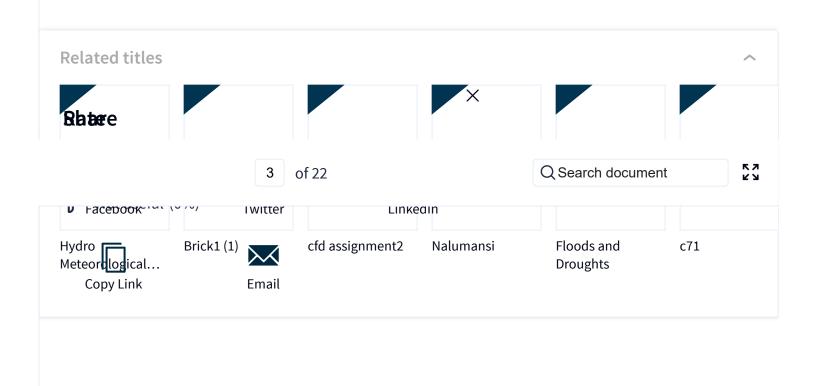








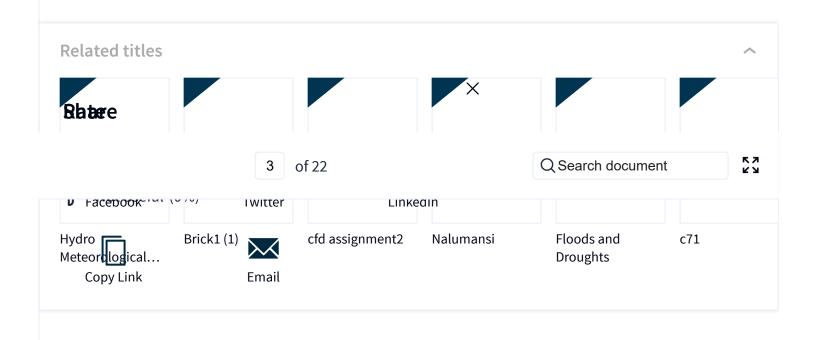








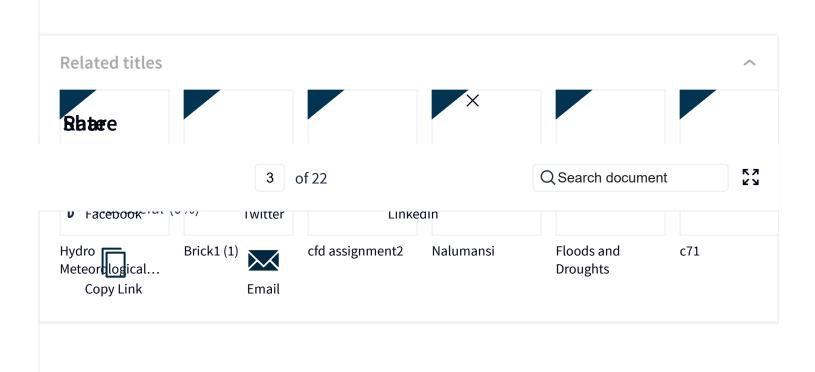






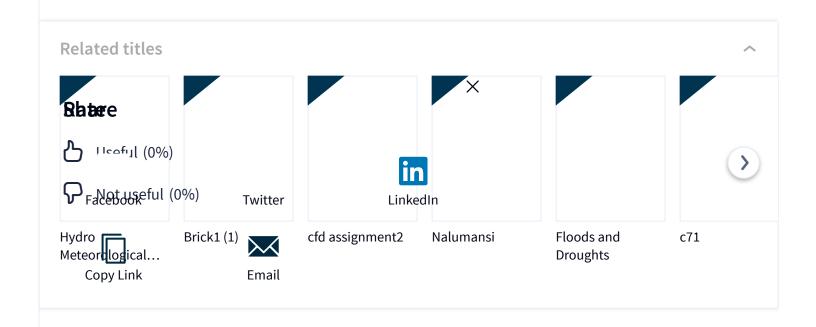








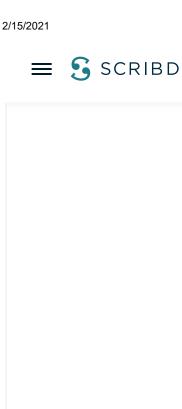




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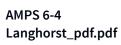
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