

Project Group 3

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1 Introduction

In 2012 the National System of Risk Management (NSRM) was created in Colombia. The system includes public, private, and community entities that will work closely with the government to coordinate the different risk management procedures. The NSRM is comprised of 6 instances:

- The National Risk Management Council (Consejo Nacional para la Gestion de Riesgo): coordinates the national system. At the head is the President and his government.
- The National Risk of Disaster Management Unit UNGRD (Unidad Nacional para la Gestion del Riesgo de Desastres): it coordinates the national system and manages the risk management system.
- National Committee for Risk Awareness (Comité Nacional para el Conocimiento del Riesgo): advises and plans the constant implementation process of risk awareness
- National Committee for Risk Reduction (Comité Nacional para la Reducción del Riesgo): it advises and plans the implementation of the process to reduce the risk of disasters.
- National Committee for Risk Management (Comité Nacional para el Manejo de Desastres): it advises and plans the implementation of the process of disaster management
- City and Departmental Risk Management Council (Consejos departamentales distritales y municipales para la Gestión del Riesgo): they coordinate, advise, plan and control the processes of risk management in each territorial subdivision.

All six instances are responsible for preventing and managing possible disasters that occur in the country.

In April 2018, the National Planning Department (DNP) presented a report [2] that shows the national situation of the Risk Management in Colombia. The report presents a general overview of Disaster Risk in the world and the situation of Colombia in that matter.

Some of the information from that report is summarized as follows:

International Situation

- From 1980's the disasters have triplicate worldwide. 90% of disasters are hydrometeorological and generate 74% financial losses (e.g. Japan Tsunami, Katrina Hurricane, Japan Earthquake).

- The number of deaths due to disasters is higher in developing countries than in developed countries.
- Countries with high incomes are the ones that have more policy frameworks on risk management.

National Situation

- 88% of the disasters in Colombia are hydrometeorological (Inundaciones, movimientos de masa, flujo torrenciales, sequias e incendios, geologicos, otros).
- Infrastructure losses increase by Nina and Nino natural phenomena.
- Colombian departments with less incomes are the ones that have more people affected during the disasters.

Additionally, the report introduces the Risk Management Index of Colombia adjusted on the basis of capacities. The index measures the risk of a territorial subdivision under hydrometeorologic events and the capacity of that subdivision to manage the risk. The index takes into account two indexes: the risk index and the capacity index. The risk component analyzes the threat, exposition, and vulnerability to a risk. Additionally, the capacity to manage the risk is analyzed based on the economic point of view, socio-economic, and risk management.

The index was created based on the following information:

- 15% of deaths are due to slow flooding (generated by constant and heavy rain that increases the rivers levels) and 85% of the homes affected during a disaster are due to this phenomenon.
- Landslide: it causes 19% of death and 1% of affected homes.
- Torrential flow: it causes 66% of death and 14% of affected homes.
- 29% of the national territory has conditions of critical threat of hydrometeorological phenomena.
- 13% of the population are socially vulnerable and are highly exposed to the most critical hydrometeorological threats.
- Colombia territorial subdivisions have heterogeneous capacity of risk management.

Figure 1 describes the country situation on the basis of the 3 indexes: the capacity index (image on the left), the disaster risk index (image in the center), and the risk management index that combines both (image on the right).

2 Multiple Problem Versions

Version 1

The Municipal Capacities-Adjusted Disaster Risk Index is an innovative indicator for policymakers to make informed decisions about how to better preserve citizens' well-being in the presence of real and potential threats. However, to be actionable, information needs not only to be available

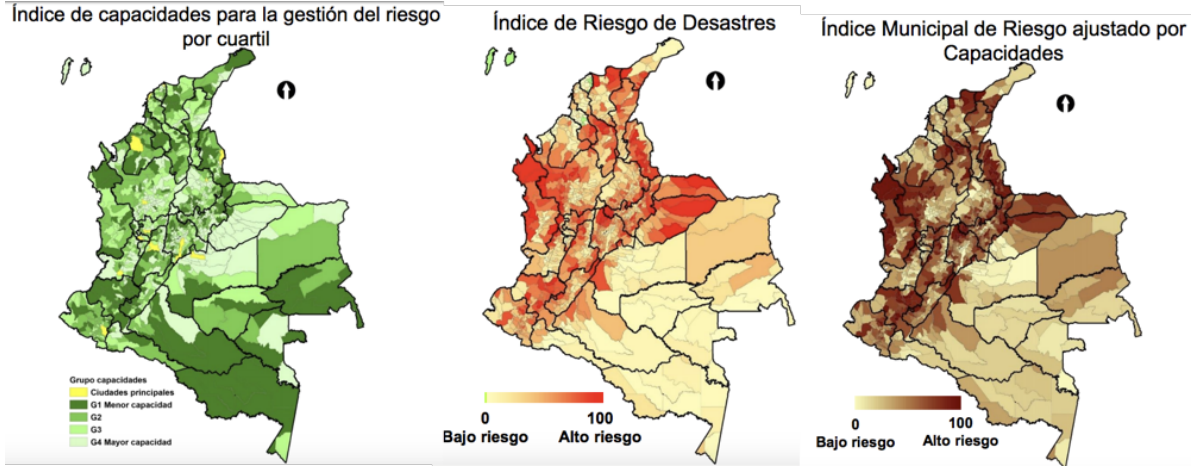


Figure 1: Risk Management Index of Colombia adjusted on the basis of capacities. The index which is illustrated on the right image combines the capacity of territorial subdivisions to manage the risk (image on the left), and their risk of a disaster (image in the center). Image taken from [?]

but efficiently delivered to communities, as a mean of protecting citizens' rights, foster economic growth, and make government officials accountable.

As per its current state, official risk management information lacks a delivery system that enables local communities to improve their risk awareness and disaster coping capabilities in different scenarios marked for global phenomena such as extreme temperatures and changing weather patterns. For instance, it is not apparent how similar events have impacted communities with different risk and vulnerability profiles, and there is no relevant information to assess the performance of risk management activities.

2.1 Question

Based on the previously presented information different questions have arisen.

1. In 2012, the National System of Risk Management was created in Colombia. Based on the available datasets is it possible to analyze and find patterns that show (**V3**),
 - how does the risk map of Colombia changed after the creation of this system?
2. There is a disproportionate impact of similar events among Colombia's municipalities, given by disparities in available infrastructure and first response resources (**V2**).
3. Is it possible to analyze a specific event (disaster) and show how does the same event affects different zones of the country? Based on that, we can analyze (**V1**):
 - Are there factors that make some zones more vulnerable than others?
 - How does the specific infrastructure affects the impact of the specific event?

3 Datasets sourced

The main dataset used in the project is from the Colombia Risk of Disaster Management Unit (Unidad de Gestión de Riesgos y Desastres) UNGRD [1]. The dataset contains information about

the risk management associated with natural phenomena, socio-natural, technologic, and human-based non-intentional incidents reported in Colombia in the last 10 years (38626 records). Some of the fields found in the dataset are: Date, Department, Municipality, Event Name, Code, Dead, Wounded, Disappeared, Affected People, Affected Families, Affected Houses, among others.

The team will also use a dataset from the National Administrative Department for Statistics DANE. It is a time series between 1985 to 2020 and contains information, per department code about [4] .

Both datasets contain “DIVIPOLA” codes, which is the codification of the Politica-Administrative Division of Colombia (Codification of the departments,). Figure 2 describes the meaning of the code. The first two numbers correspond to the department, followed by the Municipality Code and the Populated Center [[?]].

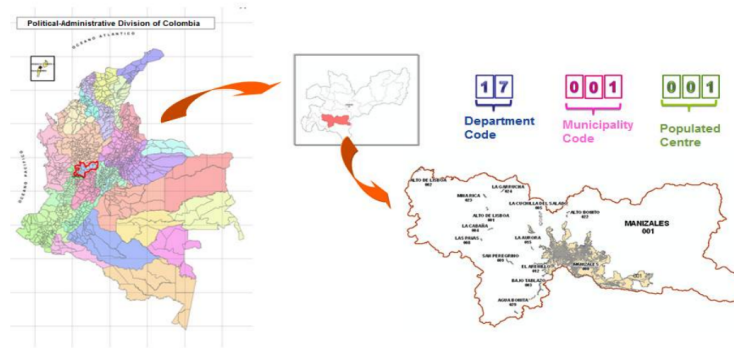


Figure 2: Explanation of “DIVIPOLA” code. The codes provide information of the Politica-Administrative Division of Colombia. Image taken from [?]

4 Project scoping plan/proposal written

4.1 Project scope

- The Government Officials (at all levels) are our main stakeholders
- Boundaries of the project:
 - We do not offer forecasts or modeling/ infer data.
 - We only show metrics of impact of disasters at municipal level (not pin point to specific disaster event)
 - We do not offer recommendations, only do support to decision making process for the stakeholders.
- Risks
 - Data quality issues in the datasets
 - The available data might be not enough to solve the proposed problem.

4.2 Project plan

- **Expected Deliverable:**

To cope with the challenges stated before, our approach includes a dynamic map of Colombia delivering:

1. The impact metric (or metrics) at the municipal level for a given category of events. Ability to display complementary metrics of interest for specific locations (utilities, healthcare facilities, first-responder facilities, etc).
2. Considering the established association between extreme temperatures and the frequency of hydro-meteorological events, a projected extreme-temperature indicator for the 100 most vulnerable municipalities with 3 data points: Indicator value at Time 0 (1998), Time 1 (2018) and Time 3 (projected 2040)
3. The indicator corresponds to the extreme temperature projection made by Climate Impact Lab for the number of days a year that register temperatures above 32 degrees Celsius.

- **How do we get there?:**

- Get datasets, clean, wrangled, and analyze them.
- Data modeling
- Load the data in the cloud (RDS on AWS) and the instance (EC2) for hosting the back and front ends. Install and review the environment.
- Make the back end: review databases, environment and set the code for running in the cloud
- Make the front end : Interactive Colombian Map in Dash and tested on AWS.
- Make the final presentation
- Make the final report

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