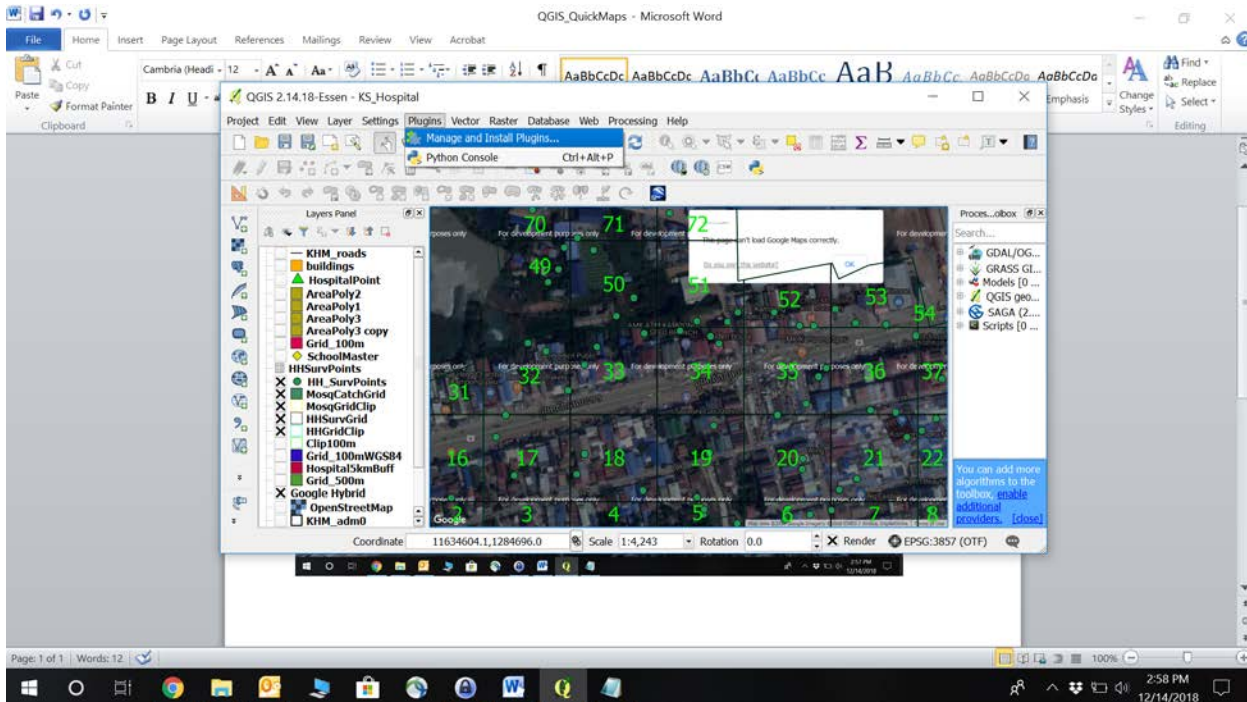
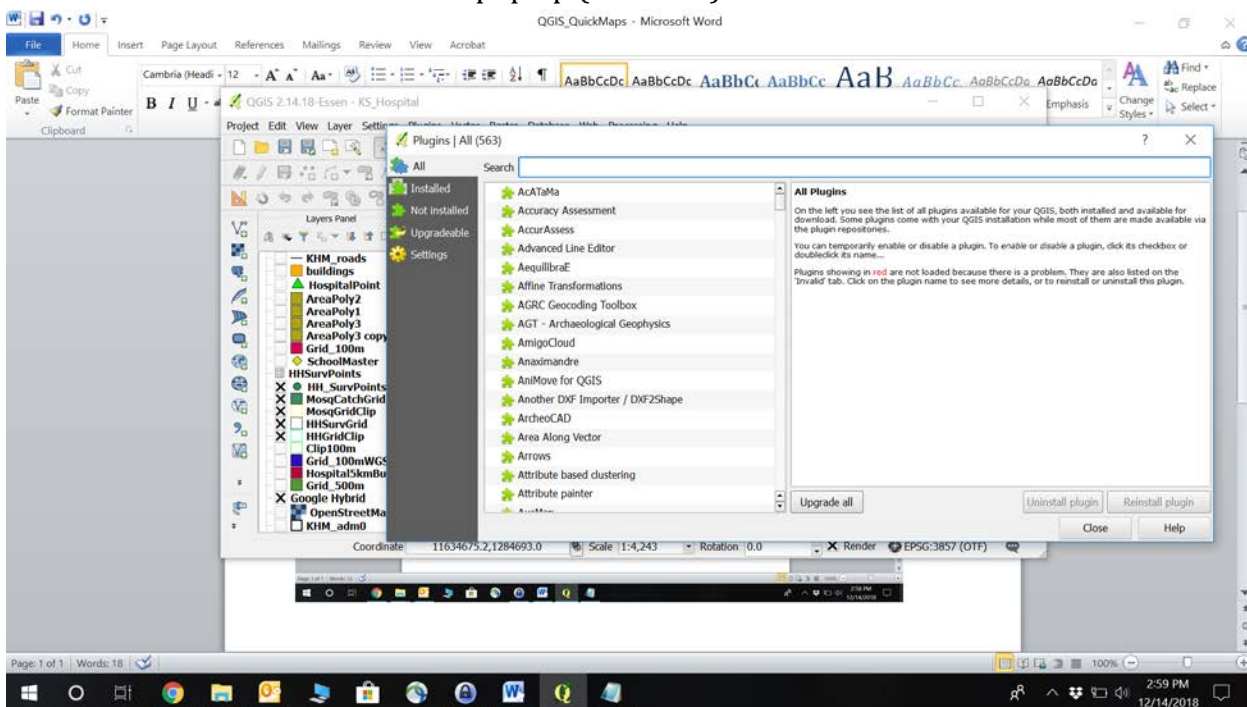


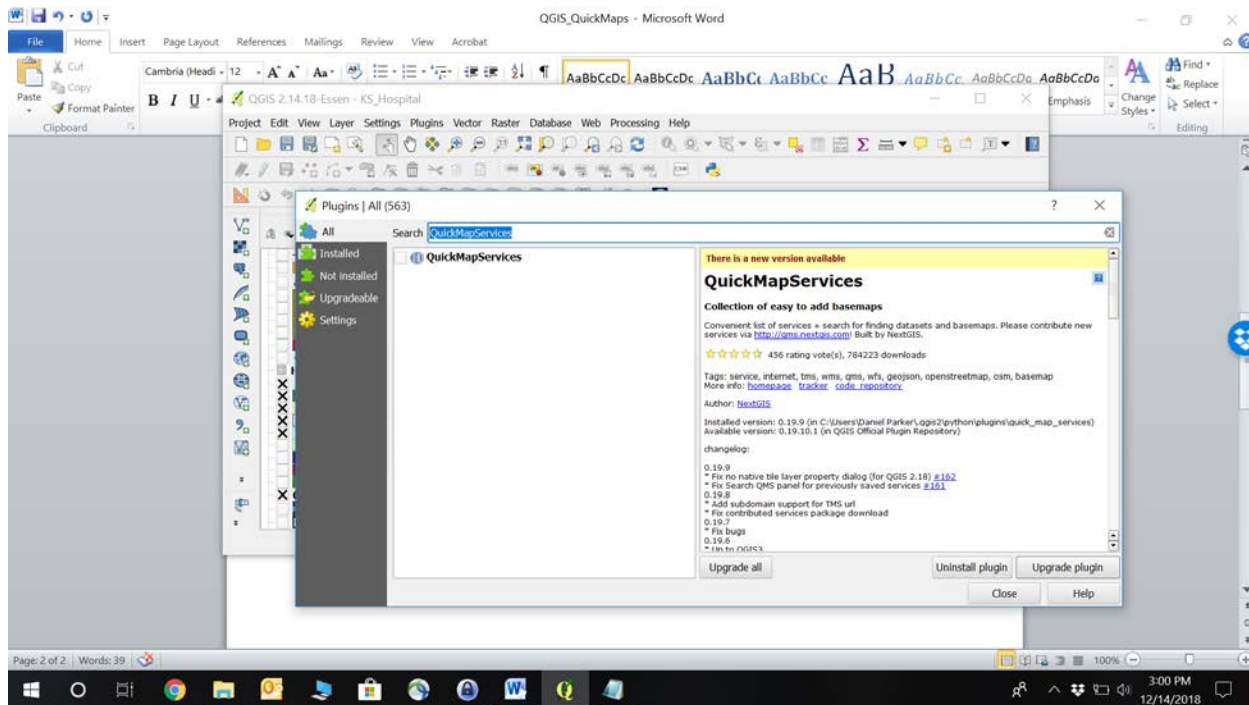
First, select the “Plugins” tab on the top of the QGIS screen. Then select “Manage and Install Plugins...”



You should soon see a new screen pop up (as below).

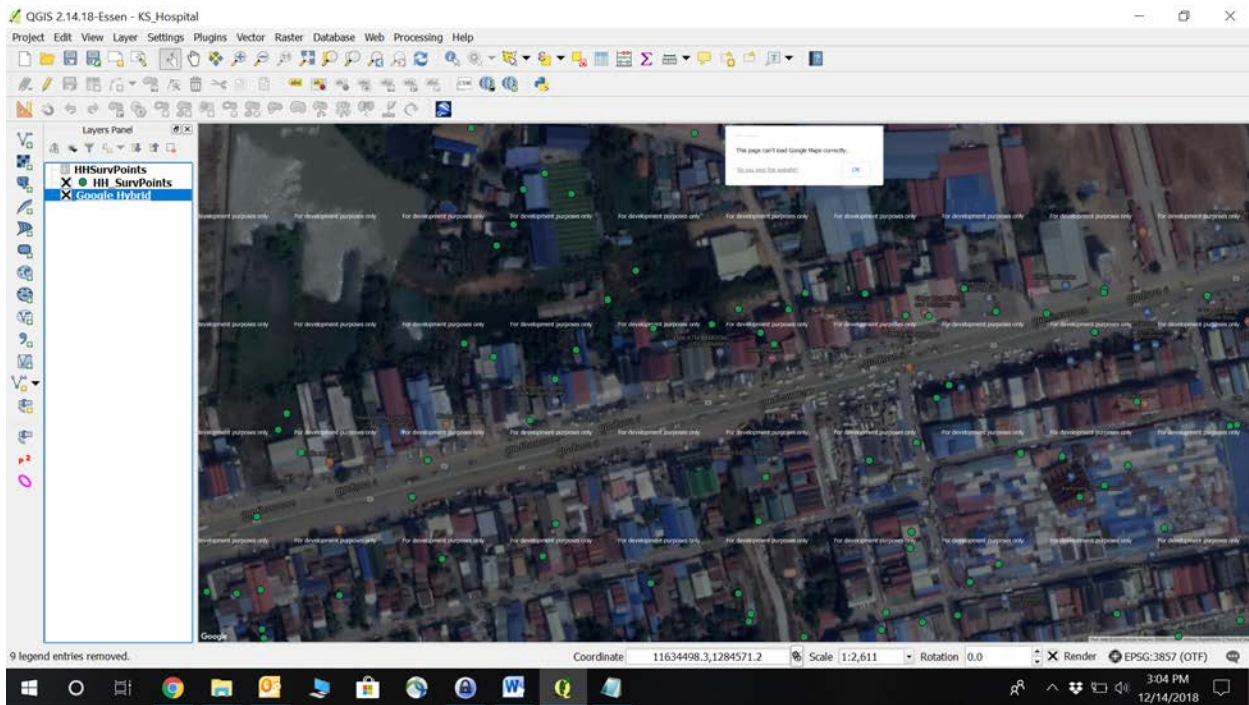


In the search bar at the top, type in “QuickMapServices”.

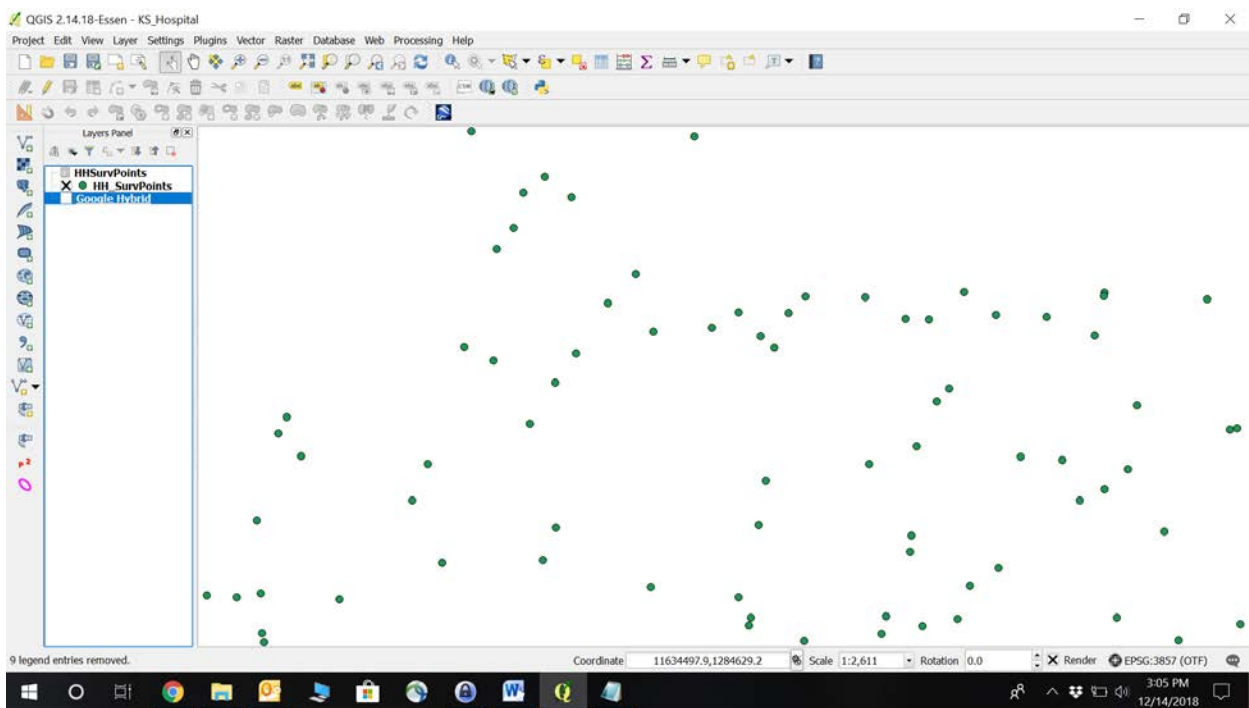


If you do not already have the plugin, you will see an option to “Install plugin” on the bottom right. In the screen above you can see that I already have the plugin and my option is to “Upgrade plugin” because there is a new updated version. After you have the plugin installed or updated, select “Close” on the bottom of the Plugins window.

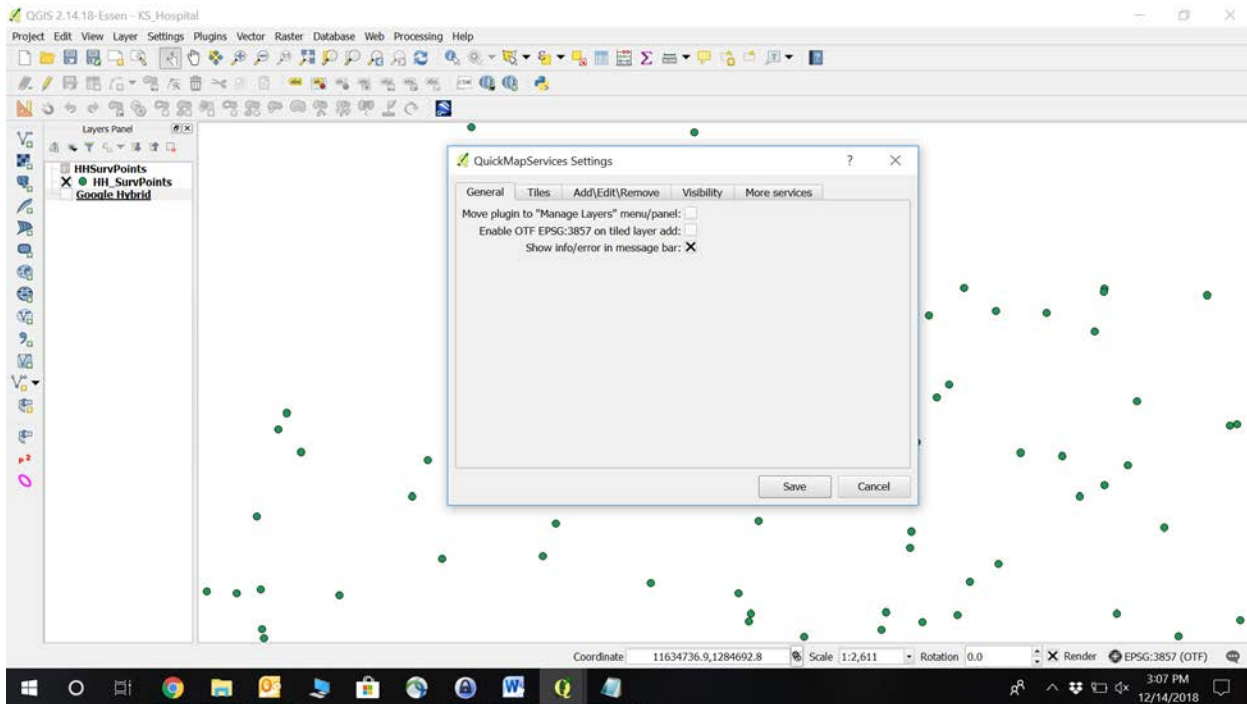
Previously we had a layer in the QGIS console named “Google Hybrid”. This layer is the one that no longer works. Uncheck this layer in the left hand side of the console and the satellite image should go away.



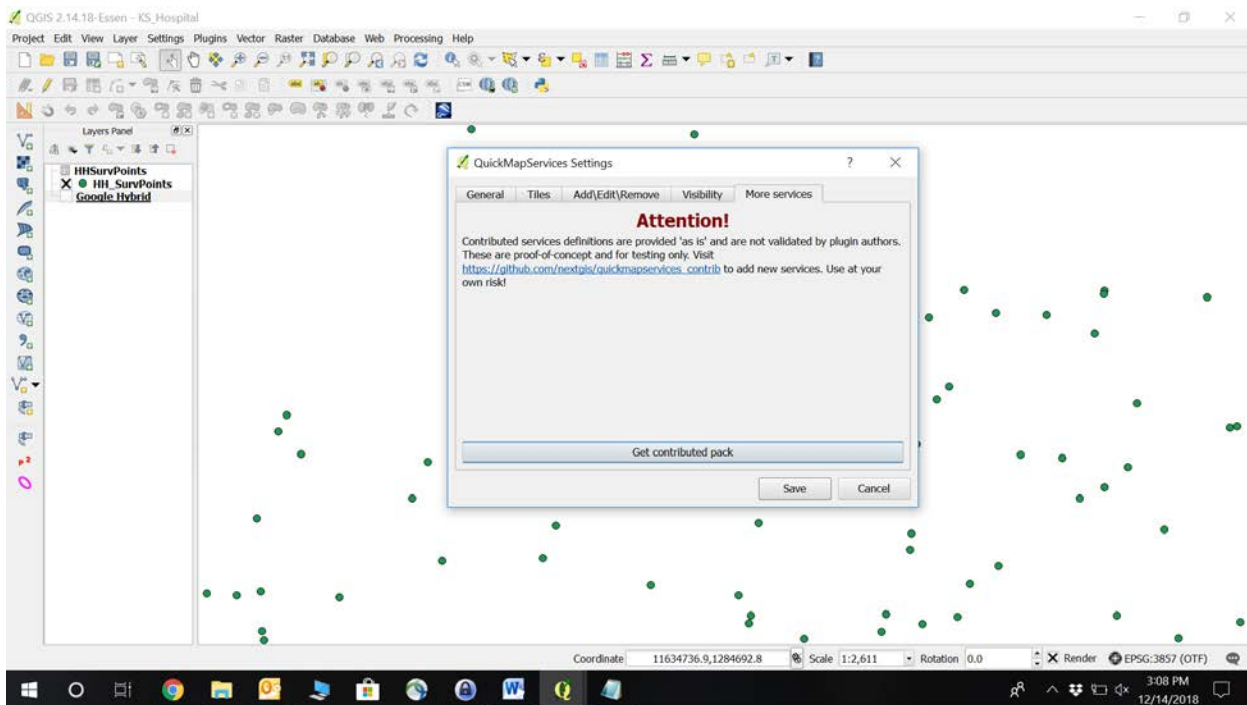
Now unchecked –



Now, from the top of the QGIS console select “Web” and “QuickMapServices”, and then “Settings”. You should see a window pop up as below.

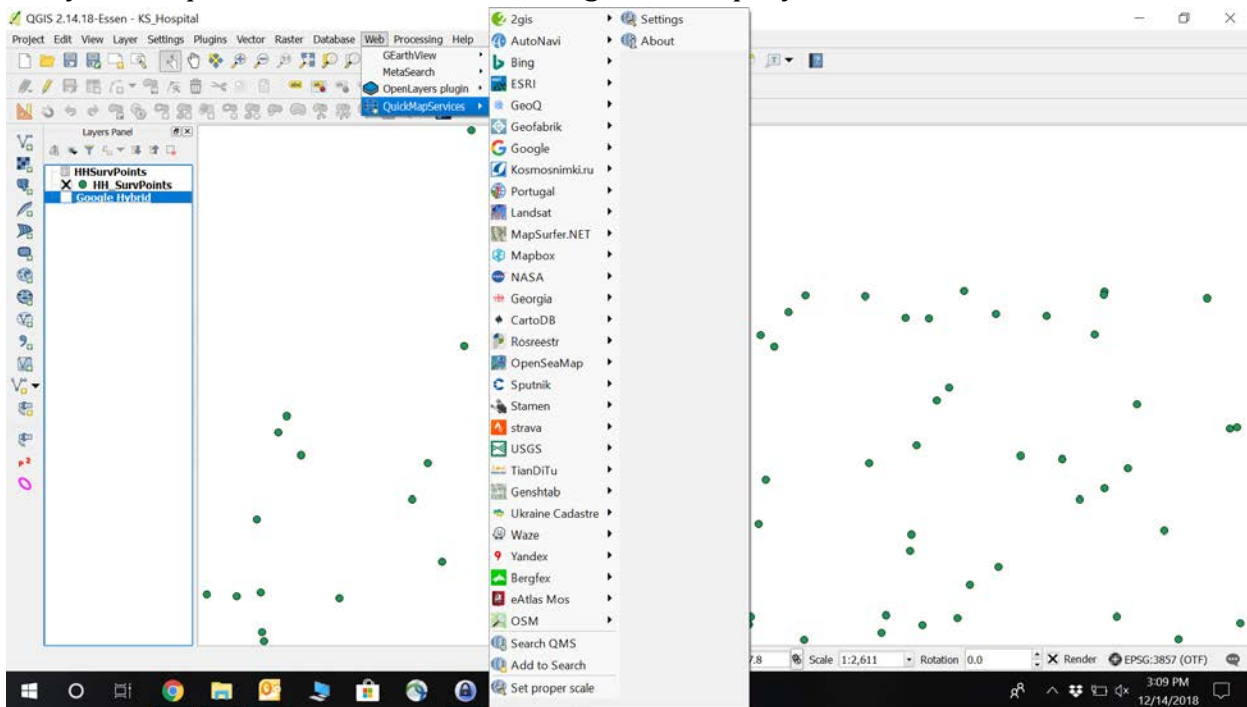


On this window, select the “More services” tab. Click on the button labelled “Get contributed pack”. When it is done, click “Save”.

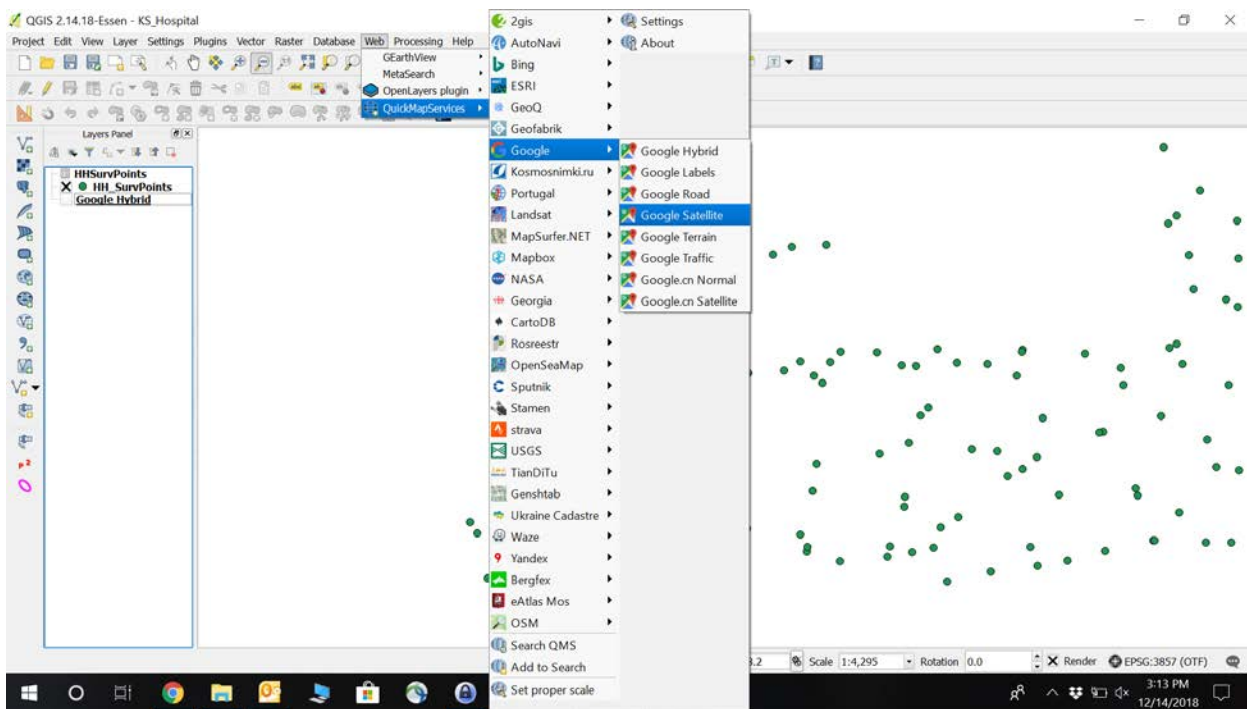




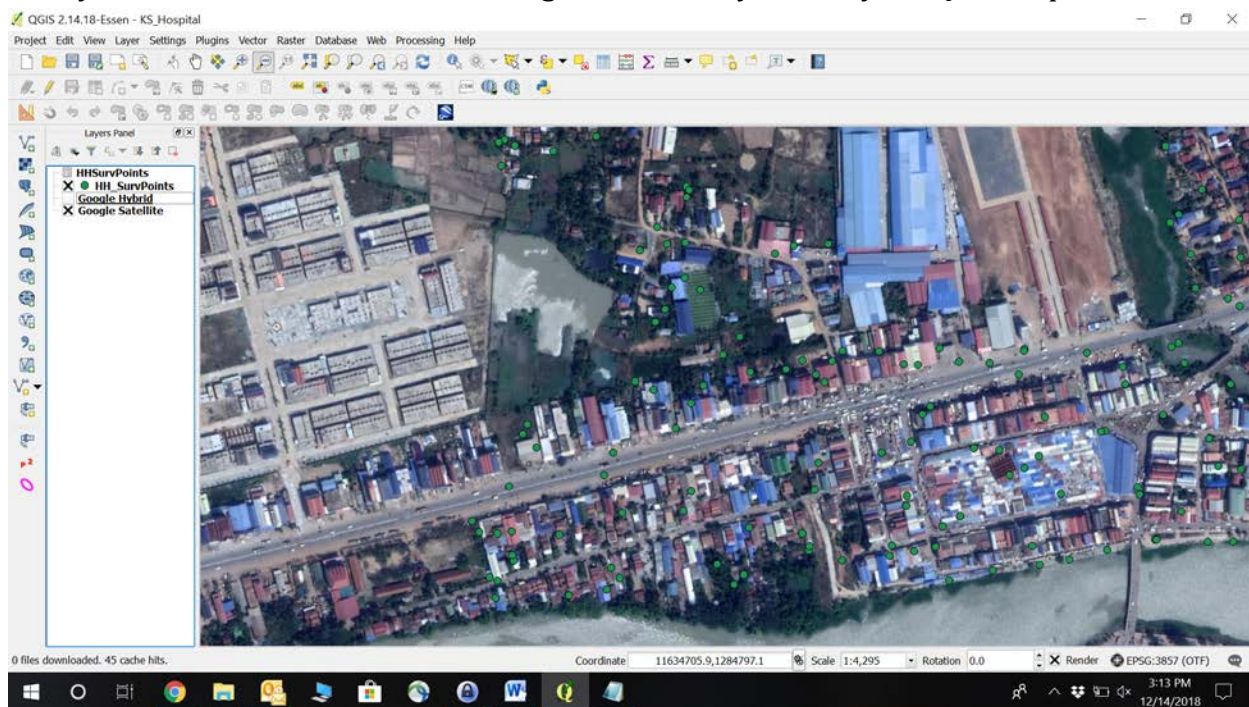
Now, go back to the “Web” tab on the top and re-select QuickMapServices. You should now have many more options to select from for background map layers.



One option is “Google” maps. Select “Google” and “Satellite” (as below).



Now you should see a nice satellite image for the study area in your QGIS map screen.



Another option from the same QuickMapServices plugin is to select "Bing" and "Satellite". You should see another satellite image now, though you might have to de-select the "Google Satellite" layer on the Layer Panel (left hand side). The Bing satellite image looks like it is much older than the Google version. However, now if the google satellite version does not work, you have several other options to try.

