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Scenario-Based Multi-Objective Location-Routing Model for Pre-Disaster Planning: A Philippine Case Study

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Abstract: The demand for humanitarian supply chains grows daily as the incidence of calamities rises. Typhoons cause thousands of casualties each year. As a result, policymakers and governmental authorities must develop effective readiness and response measures as part of pre-disaster plans. This paper proposed a stochastic model for multi-objective location-routing for creating a humanitarian network for pre-disaster response. The model aims to minimize the overall costs of the network's setup, the time required to travel through it, and the number of vehicles necessary for transferring affected individuals to evacuation centers. The model concentrates on pre-disaster scenarios in uncertainty. The provided model was implemented in an actual scenario in one of the Philippines' provinces and solved using Multi-Objective Particle Swarm Optimization (MOPSO), which is also contrasted with Multi-Objective Simulated Annealing (MOSA) and the ε -constraint approach. According to empirical findings, the model can be used to identify distribution hubs and evacuation centers and choose the best routes in unexpected and actual disaster scenarios. Given that the ideal number, location, and capacity of DCs and ECs are known in advance, government decision-makers can solve any potential shortages and problems during the disaster.

Keywords: multi-objective optimization; humanitarian supply chain; MOPSO; pre-disaster planning; scenario



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1. Introduction

Every year, people worldwide are impacted by disasters such as floods, earthquakes, storms, droughts, wars, and more. These natural disasters seriously harm nations all over the world. Each year, there are over 599 disasters that affect more or less 200 million people and result in the deaths of close to 75,000 individuals. [1]. Unfortunately, it is predicted that in the coming years, ecological and human-made disasters will increase five times [2]. Due to the increasing incidence of accidents, many scholars have set their sights on disaster management (DM). Disaster management is the art of efficiently planning for and acting in response to disasters [3]. Resources must be systematically arranged in order to lessen the harm caused by disasters. The management of the duties associated with disaster prevention, readiness, response, and recovery also entails a systematic approach. DM intends to assist at-risk individuals in mitigating or recovering from disaster consequences [4]. The

four stages of DM are mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Humanitarian logistics is one of the operations responsible for implementing the three stages of disaster management: preparation, response, and recovery. In the context of disaster prevention, humanitarian logistics refers to the process of transporting individuals from crisis-affected areas to secure locations. Emergency response planning has advanced significantly over time to lessen the effects of these catastrophes. Planning for safe shelters should begin before the crisis arises to protect the public from harm [5,6].

The Philippines ranks third among countries which are most susceptible to disasters because of its geographical location. The country usually experiences typhoons, earthquakes, floods, volcanic eruptions, landslides, and fires, to name just a few. Between 1900 and 2012, it experienced 531 catastrophes, affecting more than 160 million people and resulting in losses of USD 10.5 billion. In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), which affected 26 million people and killed at least 8000 people, struck the Philippines and caused the most devastation. Typically, 20 tropical cyclones hit the waters of the Philippines yearly; typhoons are often the most devastating natural catastrophes to hit the nation [7].

Over the past few years, the Philippines has paid close attention to and made advancements in disaster risk reduction. Numerous organizations and stakeholders have spearheaded projects and activities to strengthen the initiatives. To reduce the socio-economic and ecological effects of disasters, especially those caused by climate change, Republic Act 10121, passed in May 2010, recognizes the need to implement a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is general, inclusive, cohesive, and practical. It also encourages the involvement and participation of all districts and stakeholders concerned at all tiers, particularly the residents [8]. After the onslaught of Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in the Philippines in 2013, the government and aid organizations have concentrated on disaster risk reduction and preparedness.

With the frequency of typhoons in the country, the use of schools as evacuation shelters is prevalent in the Philippines. However, this is no longer advisable in light of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 122 series of 2018 [9]. It urges each local government unit (LGU) to prioritize the construction of robust, secure, and appropriately designed evacuation facilities. It must meet the nation's building safety standards and be receptive to potential users' needs. In response to this DILG Memorandum Circular, each LGU shall assign an evacuation center in each barangay in their municipality. However, most barangays allocated either the barangay hall or covered court as the designated evacuation center, which does not fulfill the national building safety regulations and needs to be more responsive to their potential users' needs.

Despite the availability of many research studies related to humanitarian supply chains and humanitarian network designs, topics on facility location, network design, and evacuation planning are each dealt with separately, when in fact they should be treated with high degree of inclusivity. Also, the majority of models created to quantify decisions made in relation to evacuation travel take place in developed nations, where decision-making factors such as culture, capacity, and resources are different from those in developing nations [10]. Furthermore, very limited studies have been conducted in the Philippines on these topics. The majority of the literature on humanitarian logistics in the Philippines is concerned with the sustainability of the humanitarian supply chain, in general, as well as the study of evacuation travel behavior [10–13]. Gutierrez and Mutuc [14] proposed a model for humanitarian supply chain in Marikina City using linear programming, employing the Center of Gravity Method. Though the Center of Gravity Method locates the facilities where it displays similarity between volume and distance of demand throughout a network of consumer locations. Its application is limited to regions with no bodies of water. Further, it only considers the location of distribution hubs, not the location of evacuation centers or temporary shelters. This investigation was conducted under this framework. The number and location of local distribution centers must be decided upon before the start of the disaster. This pre-positioning action is a component of disaster preparedness [15]. At the same time, evacuation centers (or temporary shelters) and their locations need to be taken

into account because they act as places where evacuees can get food, medical attention, and lodging [16]. These two facilities should be taken into account during the pre-disaster phase. In order to assist in pre-disaster preparation, the study establishes the number of distribution and evacuation centers as well as their locations depending on the context in the Philippine conditions.

This study suggested the utilization of the model in response to the need for practical mathematical modeling and how it might contribute to the sustainability of government initiatives for disaster response in the Philippines. Initially, the number of DCs and ECs to be constructed to reduce the infrastructure cost is determined. Should the government make a significant investment, it is crucial to ascertain how many of these facilities are needed at the location. Furthermore, the facility's site must be secured and free from hazards. Second, the evacuation route must be planned to place the facilities in areas requiring the fewest response vehicles and have the shortest travel distances. Finally, various scenarios must be taken into account to consider the worst-case and most likely outcomes. The scenarios were developed based on the survey conducted [12], which showed that risk perception directly impacted preparedness intentions and actions. Similarly, this study considered the scenarios used by [17] where the scenarios reflect the various levels of disaster intensity. Hence, the scenarios were created based on the time and severity of the typhoon.

The metaheuristics technique is employed to achieve these objectives. The creation of heuristic optimization algorithms can be guided by a set of rules or strategies provided by a metaheuristic, an advanced, algorithmic framework independent of constraints. It applies a heuristic optimization technique to a particular problem in accordance with the rules of a metaheuristic framework [18]. Numerous other metaheuristics exist, but some noteworthy to mention are ant colony optimization, tabu search, simulated annealing, variable neighborhood search, and genetic/evolutionary algorithms. The most popular metaheuristics, according to Santana Robles [19], are simulated annealing (SA), particle swarm optimization (PSO), and genetic algorithm (GA). The goal of this study is to determine how well MOPSO handles location-routing problems for planning humanitarian evacuations. Additionally, the performance of the model and the MOPSO heuristic procedure is also evaluated with those of other broadly utilized methods.

This research paper is structured as follows: Section 2 reviews the studies on multi-objective models and humanitarian evacuation planning. Recent trends and issues on humanitarian supply chains (HSCs) were also discussed to establish the research gap. Section 3 discusses the development of the mathematical model and the solution method; Section 4 presents the empirical case, the numerical results and analysis, and some practical implications of the study; and Section 5 provides the conclusions and future research undertakings from the findings of the study.

2. Literature Review

According to Habib et al. [5], the three main areas of study in the field of humanitarian supply chain (HSC) are facility location, network design and relief distribution, and mass evacuation.

2.1. Humanitarian Supply Chain Facility Location

A relief distribution channel, consisting of warehouses, regional relief distribution centers, and central distribution hubs, is created with the intention of giving relief to the affected people following a disaster. The difficulty in this procedure is locating these facilities such that the needs of the entire disaster-affected area are met with the least amount of delivery cost and the highest degree of service. Some authors take into account resource allocation from central distribution hubs to depots and local distribution centers in addition to planning the location of the facility. These problems are referred to as location-allocation problems [5].

In order to maximize the coverage of relief supplies in the disaster target region, Dekle et al. [20] developed a model to position the disaster recovery facilities in the pre-

disaster environment. A model for supply distribution in a municipal inundation disaster scenario was created by Chang et al. [21] with the goal of minimizing transportation costs, facility setup expenses, and hauling costs of rescue paraphernalia. The authors took into account the position of the depot, arrangement of facility distribution, scarcity, and excess penalties. A facility location problem was proposed by Balci and Beamon [15] for the post-disaster situation. The problem is a maximal covering location model variant with economic and facility considerations. To accommodate the demand, they decided on a number of distribution center locations and the amount of relief goods needed at each location. The approach used by Abounacer et al. [22] was one of exact solutions. The authors created a way to deliver the assistance from and to the demand sites in a location-transportation problem by first determining the location and number of distribution facilities. A location-allocation model with goal programming was proposed by Barzinpour and Esmaeili [23] with the aims of expanding population collective coverage and reducing overall cost.

2.2. Humanitarian Supply Chain Network Design and Relief Distribution

In the domain of network design and relief distribution for the HSC, numerous mathematical models have been created with slight modifications in objective functions and constraints. In their study on the location-routing problem (LRP), some researchers took the routing problem and the distribution facility's location into consideration [5]. LRP is a method that can address the problem of simultaneously resolving the locations of facilities and vehicle paths. LRP prevents the optimization process from becoming stuck in the sub-optimal solution brought on by choosing the locations of facilities and vehicle paths independently. Because LRP can combine facility location problems (FLP) and vehicle routing problems (VRP), it may be of interest to researchers [24]. A model for multiple-depot location-routing was proposed by Ahmadi et al. [25]. To get the relief supplies from local depots to the afflicted individuals, they identified the locations of local warehouses and created a routing model. They created a neighborhood search algorithm and added a feature for implications for network failure, such as highway destruction and costs associated with unmet needs. LRP models have been widely implemented in a variety of fields, including parcel delivery by Bruns et al. (2000) and Wasner and Zapfel (2004); telecom network design by Billionnet et al. (2005); medical by Pourreza (2018); and environment by Toro et al. (2017). In general, cost reduction is included as one of the objective functions in most LRP models in addition to the other criteria that must be satisfied.

According to Berger et al. [26], the LRP form of the problem, in which there are no facility or vehicle limits, is as follows:

Let J be the set of potential facility locations and I be the set of customer locations. A graph can be defined as $G = (N, V)$, where $N = I \cup J$ or $J \subseteq I$ the set of points and $V = N \times N$ is the set of edges. Along with P_j , which is the set of viable routes for facility j , we can define k as a feasible route that departs from facility j , travels to a subset of nodes, and then returns to facility j . The IP formulation for the problem is

$$\text{Minimize} : \sum_{j \in J} f_j x_j + \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{k \in P_j} c_{jk} y_{jk} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{subject to : } & \sum_j \sum_k a_{ijk} y_{jk} = 1, \quad \forall i \\ & x_j \geq y_{jk}, \quad \forall j, \forall k \\ & x_j, y_{jk} = \{0, 1\} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where

f_j : Fixed cost of facility j

c_{jk} : Cost of transportation in route k associated with facility j

x_j : 1 if facility j is chosen, 0 otherwise

y_{jk} : 1 if route k is connected with facility j is chosen, 0 otherwise

a_{ijk} : 1 if route k is connected with facility j visits client i , 0 otherwise.

When each client is supplied by a single facility (constraint 1), the objective function optimizes both the fixed costs and the routing costs, making sure that only routes of selected facilities are chosen (constraint 2).

Metaheuristic methods can be used to address complex problems using large amounts of information. The metaheuristic approach allows for the production of near-optimal solutions, or good enough solutions, even while finding an optimal solution is not guaranteed. However, because computing will be done more quickly when using metaheuristic approaches, time can be saved. As a result, metaheuristic methods are ideal for use in complex situations involving vast volumes of data.

There has been extensive use of metaheuristic techniques using LRP models. This is due to a model that is getting more complicated and has multiple constraints and data applied. Bouhafs et al. [27] decide the facilities to be opened using hybrid simulated annealing (SA) and ant colony optimization (ACO). They also determine the path to be traveled, which is determined by the ACO. Finally, Prins et al. [28] employ the randomized extended Clarke and Wright algorithm (RECWA) to build an initial solution. The memetic algorithm with population management (MA | PM) was then employed by the authors to get a conclusion.

One of the extensively used metaheuristic techniques is particle swarm optimization (PSO). According to Hussain et al. [29], PSO is frequently used since it is simple to apply and productive in both research and business. Marinakis [30] also used surveys on issues with vehicle routing to illustrate the applicability of PSO. The assessment of 100 publications yielded the conclusion that PSO can offer top-notch solutions for various VRP variants. Multi-objective particle swarm optimization (MOPSO) is one sort of PSO. A variant of the PSO known as MOPSO is used to handle multi-objective optimization problems (MOOP). Liu and Kachitvichyanukul [31] previously used MOPSO on MLRP cases and a Pareto base. According to the authors, MOPSO has a superior Pareto front quality compared to NSGA II.

2.3. Mass Evacuation

The majority of the mass evacuation area models were created for public transportation evacuation. In their model of an integrated emergency supply network, Sheu and Pan [32] took into account public evacuation. They took into account psychological cost, operational cost, and trip distance minimization in their approach. To establish a coordinated network for emergency supplies, they combined distribution, evacuation, and medical networks. Governments remove the populace from dangerous locations ahead of time whenever a disaster such as a flood is expected. The lack of an adequate supply of bus drivers is the main issue in such circumstances. In order to calculate how many extra drivers would be necessary during an emergency evacuation operation, Morgul et al. [33] proposed two stochastic models, with the aim of reducing the costs associated with both the unmet demand and the expenses associated with the hiring of additional board employees. In their bus-based evacuation model, Naghawi and Wolshon [34] also assessed how a transit bus-based evacuation might affect the functionality of a regional road network.

In light of the above literature, this study provided a multi-objective location-routing model to address the pre-disaster phase by optimizing the location of distribution and evacuation centers and managing mass evacuation within the required response time (golden time). It is accomplished through the use of several objective functions. The model's objectives included minimizing investment costs for distribution hubs and evacuation centers and maximizing the coverage of these shelters to adjacent residential zones. The model ensured that evacuees are evacuated within the required response time during the evacuation process. This work aimed to offer a multi-objective, multi-level facility location-routing model for disaster management (DM) operations in the early aftermath of a disaster. The proposed model was divided into two stages: (1) identifying the ideal location of distribution hubs to allow for the shortest response time possible, followed

by (2) determining the optimal allocation of individuals to evacuation centers with the shortest response time possible. In focus, the model's objectives included minimizing the cost of creating distribution hubs and evacuation centers by selecting an adequate number of facilities. The second phase employed an optimization approach to identify the ideal location-allocation for evacuees in evacuation centers while maintaining the shortest response time possible, considering the evacuation centers' capacity and the population of each community shown in Figure 1.

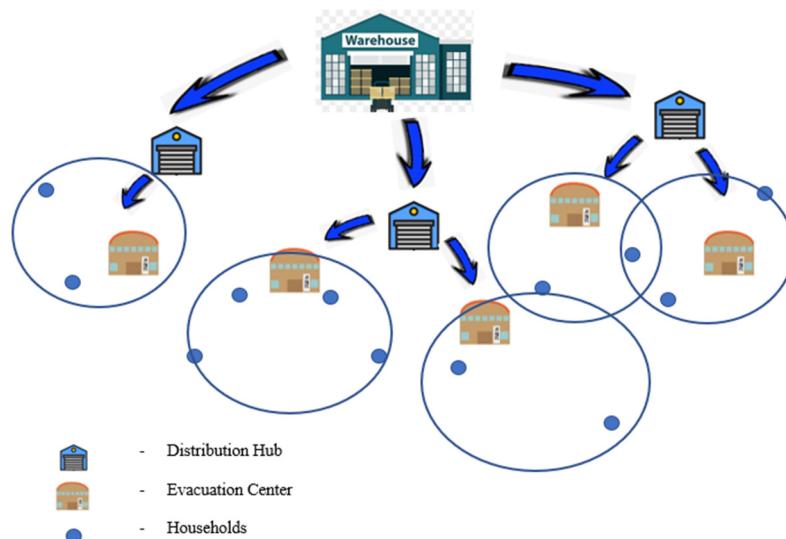


Figure 1. Research paradigm.

The current study offers four contributions: it offers two different types of facilities, namely distribution hubs and evacuation centers, as its first contribution. Most studies only offer one specific type of facility. Second, the model aimed to create the humanitarian network with the shortest response time, both in terms of evacuation and relief distribution, at the lowest investment cost. Third, it takes both scenario-based and stochastic uncertainty into account at the same time. Finally, it is the only paper, to the best of our knowledge, that utilizes hazard map in modeling humanitarian facilities decisions.

3. Methodology

The succeeding sections explain the steps undertaken in this research to fit the purpose of the study.

3.1. Research Framework

The research methodology is displayed in Figure 2. In the first step, the fundamental infrastructures that will be affected by a typhoon are identified, and their interactions are established. The stochastic parameter distribution functions are then generated. The mathematical model for the pre- and post-disaster phases is presented in the second stage. In order to minimize costs, response times, and maximize vehicle usage, the location, allocation, and routing must be planned. The proposed stochastic mathematical model is then translated to a deterministic model as the next stage. Finally, MOPSO is used to solve and optimize the model. MOPSO's solutions are evaluated with those of multi-objective simulated annealing (MOSA) and the ϵ -constraint approach. The Multi-Objective Simulated Annealing (MOSA) approach is a subset of simulated annealing extensions to multi-objective optimization that builds an estimated Pareto front by assembling nondominated solutions discovered while examining the feasible domain. An archive is seen as being used to maintain such effective solutions [35]. The ϵ -constrained method is an algorithm transformation technique that can change algorithms for unconstrained problems into algorithms for constrained problems

by comparing search points based on their objective values and violations of constraints at the epsilon level [36].

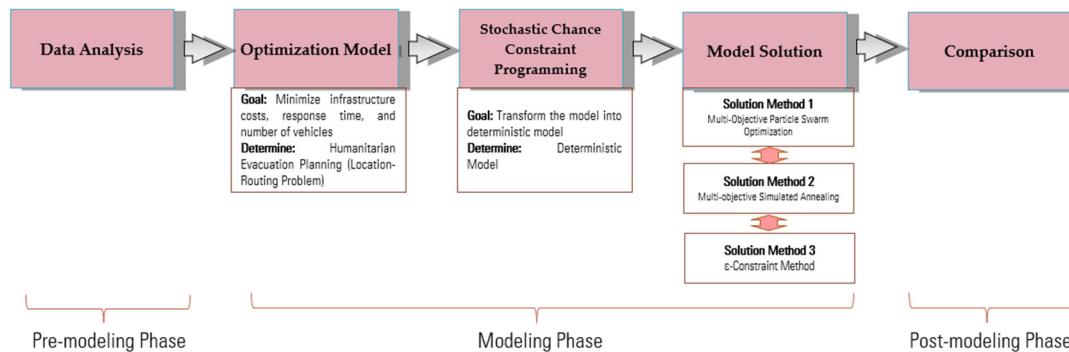


Figure 2. Research framework.

3.2. Mathematical Model

In this study, the proposed scenario-based multi-objective location-routing model is a hybrid of the facility location model (FLM) and vehicle routing problem (VRP). The model utilized the scenario-based approach to create a network design that locates and determines the minimum number of distribution centers and evacuation centers to minimize evacuation and relief distribution time.

3.2.1. Problem Description and Assumptions

The humanitarian network is presumptively made up of the following: (1) disaster-stricken areas; (2) safe shelters at evacuation centers (ECs); and (3) distribution centers (DCs). The flow is determined by the vehicles that take evacuees from the afflicted areas to ECs. This study considered the likelihood that the routes would be destroyed or closed after the typhoon. The likelihood that the routes may be destroyed or blocked by landslides, downed trees, or flooding will depend on how strong the typhoon is. This parameter's values will change depending on the kind of scenario and the time and typhoon signal. After the disaster, there is a finite window of time within which the relief and rescue effort must be completed. This window is known as the "golden time" [37]. This study proposed the ideal location of distribution centers (DCs) and evacuation centers (ECs) for construction during the pre-disaster period. Additionally, the evacuation flow (from the afflicted area to the EC), the evacuation's best paths (routes), and the distribution of vehicles to these flows are all determined by the model.

Before formulating the mathematical model, the following assumptions were made of the model:

1. The infrastructure cost of the facilities is known and constant in all areas;
2. Homogeneous fleet vehicle routing with a single type of vehicle and a constant capacity is taken into account;
3. The pick-up point is the affected area where the victims are located;
4. The likelihood that disruptions at individual edges are known a priori and independent of one another.

3.2.2. Model Formulation

There are provided sets and indices, which can be found in Table 1a–c.

Table 1. (a) Sets and indices. (b) Parameters' definition and metrics. (c) Decision variables and their definition.

(a)		
Index	Definition	
D	The set of locations damaged by the disaster are listed by ($d \in D$)	
E	Set of evacuation routes listed by ($e \in E$)	
J	Set of DCs listed by ($j \in J$)	
K	Set of distribution centers' capacity category listed by ($k \in K$)	
S	Set of potential discrete events listed by ($s \in S$)	
T	Time horizon as indicated by ($t \in T$)	
V	Set of vehicle categories listed by ($v \in V$)	
(b)		
Parameter	Definition	Unit of Measurement
DC_{max_k}	The established maximum capacity of DCs of size j	Number of people
V_{cap}	Vehicle v 's capacity to transport evacuees	Number of people
d_{ij}	The distance between DC i and EC j	Kilometer
C_{DC_k}	The cost associated with building a DC in site j with capacity category k	PHP
C_{EC_i}	Cost for establishing an EC in location i	PHP
vc_v	Variable cost per kilometer for vehicle use	PHP
e_{ij}	The path length between EC and the affected area d	Kilometer
N_d^s	Number of homeless individuals who required evacuation from the affected area in scenario s	Number of people
EC_{cap_s}	The capacity of EC in scenario s	Number of people
p_s	Probability of scenario s	
p_{di}^s	Probability of successful flow between two points, d and i in scenario s	
p_{ij}^s	Probability of successful flow between two points, i and j in scenario s	
p_{dj}^s	Probability of successful flow between two points, d and j in scenario s	
t_{di}	Travel time between two points, d and i	Minutes
t_{ij}	Travel time between two points, i and j	Minutes
t_{dj}	Travel time between two points, d and j	Minutes
T_{max}	The maximum response time allowed	Minutes
V_{speed}	Vehicle speed	Kilometer/hour
V_{LU}	Vehicle loading and unloading times	Minutes

Table 1. Cont.

Decision Variable	Definition
$x_i^s = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if, in scenario } s, \text{ EC is situated at candidate EC } i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	1 if, in scenario s , EC is situated at candidate EC i 0, otherwise
$y_j^s = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if, in scenario } s, \text{ DC is situated at candidate DC } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	1 if, in scenario s , DC is situated at candidate DC j 0, otherwise
$z_{di}^s = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if, in scenario } s \text{ chooses path } e \text{ from affected area } d \text{ to EC } i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	1 if, in scenario s chooses path e from affected area d to EC i 0, otherwise
n_{di}^s	Number of people who were relocated from the damaged area d to the EC i in scenario s
v_{di}^s	Number of vehicles v transporting evacuees in scenario s from the affected area d to the EC i
R_{Total}	The overall number of round-trips made to transport the homeless from the affected area to EC i

The following are the mathematical derivation of the postulated multi-objective evacuation location model:

$$\text{Minimize : } f_1 = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{s=1}^S C_{EC_i} \times x_i^s \right\} + \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{s=1}^S C_{DC_k} \times y_j^s \right\} + \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{v=1}^V v c_v \times p_s \left[\sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J e_{ij} \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{i=1}^I v_{di}^s \right] \right\} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Minimize : } f_2 = p_{di}^s \left(\sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{i=1}^I t_{di} x_i^s \right) + p_{ij}^s \left(\sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K t_{ij} y_j^s \right) + p_{dj}^s \left(\sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{d=1}^D t_{dj} y_j^s \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Minimize : } f_3 = \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{d=1}^D v_{di}^s \quad (5)$$

Subject to:

$$n_{dk}^s \leq \sum_{e=1}^E z_{e_{di}}^s \times p_e^s \quad \forall d, i, s \quad (6)$$

$$\sum_{e=1}^E z_{e_{di}}^s \leq 1 \quad \forall d, i, s \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_{d=1}^D n_{di}^s \leq EC_{cap_s} \quad \forall i, s \quad (8)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^I n_{di}^s = N_d^s \quad \forall d, s \quad (9)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^J y_{jk}^s \leq 1 \quad \forall j, s \quad (10)$$

$$\sum_{e=1}^E z_{e_{di}}^s \leq x_i^s \quad \forall i, s \quad (11)$$

$$EC_{cap_s} \leq x_i^s \quad \forall i, s \quad (12)$$

$$T_{max} \geq t_{di} x_i^s \quad \forall d, i, s \quad (13)$$

$$n_{di}^s \leq \left(\sum_{v=1}^V v_{di}^s \times V_{cap} \right) \quad \forall d, i, s \quad (14)$$

$$\sum_{d=1}^D R_{total_d}^s \geq \frac{N_d^s}{V_{cap}} \quad \forall d, s \quad (15)$$

$$\sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{i=1}^I x_{di}^s = 1 \quad \forall i, j, s \quad (16)$$

$$\sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{i=1}^I x_{di}^s \leq 1 \quad \forall i, j, s \quad (17)$$

$$\text{all var } \in R^+ \quad (18)$$

$$y_{kj}^s, x_i^s, z_{e_{di}}^s \in \{0, 1\} \quad (19)$$

The objective function aims to minimize the expected value of the total expenditures associated with the network for humanitarian evacuation. It comprises the total cost (3) of pre-disaster actions, such as the infrastructure expenditures related to setting up distribution and evacuation centers and the expenses associated with transporting impacted individuals to the evacuation centers. The second objective function (4) reduces the network's overall travel time, which includes the time it takes to transport evacuees from the afflicted area to the evacuation centers and to deliver aid from distribution centers to evacuation centers. The number of vehicles involved in the evacuation operation is minimized by the third objective function (5).

The use of non-existent pathways between two nodes is prohibited by constraint (6). Only a single evacuation path is picked between two nodes, as defined by constraint (7). Transportation in this scenario is only feasible between two sites, for example, between EC and the impacted area, or EC and DC given constraint (7) and the model's structure. Therefore, it is unnecessary to include the restriction (sub-tour) separately in the problem. It is because the distribution of these places to vehicles is one-to-one, and at least three nodes are needed to create a sub-tour. Therefore, no loop construction in the route of the vehicles is feasible, given the nature of the problem, and it is evident in the findings. The capacity restriction for ECs is shown in constraint (8). The evacuation of all evacuees from the affected areas is guaranteed by constraint (9). More than one DC cannot be established at any node due to constraint (10). The development of a new EC is required according to constraint (11) before evacuees are transferred. Requirement (12) states that an EC must be opened before usage. According to constraint, the response time from demand location d to the facility assigned to it will always be shorter than the maximum response times allowed (13). Constraint (14) takes vehicle volume capacity into account. The total number of round trips in each affected area is guaranteed by constraints (15) for each scenario. Throughout the whole evacuation duration, each vehicle will only be used once, according to constraint (16). To put it another way, every vehicle involved in the evacuation operation has to decide how to get to the pick-up location. According to constraint, each affected place can be reached by vehicle for evacuation (17). The types of decision variables are indicated by the constraints (18) and (19).

3.2.3. Stochastic Chance Constraint Programming

In this study, stochastic models were transformed into deterministic models using the stochastic chance constraint programming approach. There have been several documented instances of this strategy being applied successfully [17].

Assume that k is the number of objective functions and that \sim is the symbol for an ambiguous parameter. Assume that at least one of the a_{ij} , h_i , or c_{jk} parameters is defined as a stochastic parameter. As a result, the uncertain model is taken into account as follows:

$$\min f_k = E \left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_{kj} z_j \geq h_i^\sim \right) k = 1, \dots, K; i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (20)$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad p \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^\sim z_j \geq h_i^\sim \right) \geq \alpha_i \quad (21)$$

$$z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \quad (22)$$

$$z \in S \quad (23)$$

$$z \geq 0 \quad (24)$$

where the benefit ratio of the j th decision variable in the k th objective function is represented by c_{kj} . The technology coefficients of the j th choice variable are shown by a_{ij} , h_i , and y_j , respectively.

The generic model's deterministic outcome for the maximum and least states is as follows:

$$E\left(\sum_{j=1}^n d_{kj}^* z_j^- f_k^-\right) - \varphi^{-1}(\alpha_k) \sqrt{Var\left(\sum_{j=1}^n d_{kj}^* z_j^- f_k^-\right)} \geq 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, K \quad (25)$$

(Therefore,

$$f_k^- = \min \sum_{j=1}^n d_{kj}^* z_j^- \\ E\left(\sum_{j=1}^n d_{kj}^* z_j^- f_k^+\right) + \varphi^{-1}(\alpha_k) \sqrt{Var\left(\sum_{j=1}^n d_{kj}^* z_j^- f_k^+\right)} \leq 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, K \quad (26)$$

(Moreover,

$$f_k^+ = \min \sum_{j=1}^n d_{kj}^* z_j^+ \\ E\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^* z_j^- h_i^-\right) - \varphi^{-1}(1 - \alpha_i) \sqrt{Var\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^* z_j^- h_i^-\right)} \geq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m \quad (27)$$

As constraint (26), the multi-objective chance constraint model can be transformed into a deterministic model at $\alpha\%$ level:

$$\left(\sum_{d=1}^D n h l_{dk}\right) E\left(\widetilde{nd}_{its}\right) + \varphi^{-1}(1 - \alpha_i) \sqrt{\text{var}\widetilde{nd}_{its}} = dmr_{ikts} \quad \forall k, t, i, s \quad (28)$$

where $E\left(\widetilde{nd}_{its}\right)$ and $\text{var}\widetilde{nd}_{its}$ are the mean and variance of normal distribution function estimated by simulation model, α shows normal distribution at confidence level $(1 - \alpha)\%$, and φ indicates standard normal distribution with zero mean and a unit variance.

3.3. Model Solution

Particle swarm optimization aims to find a single, global optimal solution. Comparatively, multi-objective particle swarm optimization seeks solutions that constitute the Pareto front. The non-dominated solutions from each iteration are archived for this purpose. A set of criteria that ensures diversity and coverage on the Pareto front must be used to select stored non-dominated solutions [38].

3.3.1. MOPSO

Algorithm Parameters

Before using the procedure, the initial parameters need to be set. From Liu and Kachitvichyanukul [31], who also addressed the same-scale multi-objective location routing problem, the initial settings for the MOPSO method were derived. The study also used Coello et al.'s [39] parameter's values.

This study utilized the Taguchi approach to adjust several algorithmic parameters. The signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) of the experiment is investigated. The S/N value, or amount of scatter around a given value, demonstrates how our conclusions have changed due to numerous studies. The Taguchi method mechanism also focuses on the solution. The result of this technique was grouped into three categories: lower is better, higher is better, and insignificant is better. The recommended mathematical model employed the first category to control the algorithm's parameters because minimization is the objective function. The following equation shows the S/N ratio value used in this study:

$$\frac{S}{N} = -10 \times \log\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2}{n}\right) \quad (29)$$

where n is the orthogonal array and y represents the solution's value.

Since the objective function scale for each example varies, they could not be used interchangeably. Each model uses the relative percent deviation to address this issue (RPD). The RPD value for the data is calculated using the following equation:

$$RPD = \frac{Alg_{sol} - Min_{sol}}{Min_{sol}} \times 100 \quad (30)$$

The MOPSO algorithm's optimal set of parameter values are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. MOPSO parameter settings.

Parameter	Candidate Parameter	Selected Parameter
Number of particles (<i>NoP</i>)	[100, 150, 200]	150
Inertial weight (ω)	[0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.4]	0.8
Personal learning (c_1)	[1.0, 1.5, 2.0]	1.0
Global learning (c_2)	[1.0, 1.5, 2.0]	1.0
Mutation rate	0.5	0.5

MOPSO Algorithm

By incorporating Pareto dominance and using the external archive to store non-dominated solutions, Coello et al. [39] created the MOPSO to handle MOOPs. This model's complexity necessitates the use of an efficient algorithm that is capable of solving MOOPs. Algorithm 1 displays the algorithm's pseudocode. This is implemented by Wang et al. [40].

Algorithm 1: MOPSO

Input: Number of particles (*NoP*), the external archive's capacity (A_{cap}), inertial weight (ω), Personal learning (c_1), global learning (c_2), mutation rate (γ), maximum number of iteration (i_{max})
Output: Particles that are non-dominated in the external archive

Steps:

- (1) Set the swarm's particles to their initial states $P_0(v_{p,0}, x_{p,0})$
- (2) Each particle should be evaluated in P_0 and *nondominated sorting* (P_0)
- (3) Create the external archive A_0 using a non-dominant solution
- (4) Initialize $pbest_{p,0}$ and $gbest_0$
- (5) **While** $i < i_{max}$ **do**
- (6) **For** each particle $p = 1: NoP$
- (7) Using Equations (29) and (30), adjust the velocity and position
- (8) Analyze the new particle
- (9) Revise $pbest_{p,i}$
- (10) **End for**
- (11) $A_i \leftarrow External\ archive\ updating\ (A_{i-1})$
- (12) Choose $gbest_i$ based on the crowding distance.
- (13) **If** $rand() < \gamma$
- (14) Using ELS, update A_i
- (15) **End If**
- (16) **While** DCD d appears d_0
- (17) **For** each particle p in A_i
- (18) $x_{p,i} \leftarrow DIS(d, x_{p,i})$ and update A_i
- (19) **End for**
- (20) **End while**
- (21) $i = i + 1$
- (22) **End while**
- (23) Results are stored in the external archive.

Particle Updating

Each particle in the MOPSO algorithm denotes a potential solution and is described by its present position and velocity. Based on their personal best ($pbest$) and the global best

($gbest$) of the entire swarm, the particles seek the solution space. Equations (29) and (30) update the particle p 's velocity $v_{p,i}$ and position $x_{p,i}$ at iteration i .

$$v_{p,i} = w \times v_{p,i-1} + c_1 \times r_1 \times (pbest_{p,i} - x_{p,i-1}) + c_2 \times r_2 \times (gbest_i - x_{p,i-1}) \quad (31)$$

$$x_{p,i} = x_{p,i-1} + v_{p,i} \quad (32)$$

where the best positions of particle p and the entire swarm at i th iteration are represented by the variables $pbest_{p,i}$ and $gbest_{p,i}$, respectively. The constants c_1 and c_2 are used to describe the particle's acceleration toward $x_{pbest,i}$ and $x_{gbest,i}$. The random numbers r_1 and r_2 range from 0 to 1. The trade-off between the global and local search capabilities is adjusted by the inertial weight, or ω . Following are the calculations for the decreasing linear inertial weight:

$$\omega = \omega_{max} - \frac{\omega_{max} - \omega_{min}}{i_{max}} \times i \quad (33)$$

where i and i_{max} stand for the algorithm's current iteration and its maximum number of iterations, respectively. The lower and upper bounds of inertial weight are ω_{min} and ω_{max} . The MOPSO algorithm has several critical challenges that must be solved, including identifying the leadership throughout the search process, retaining the non-dominated solution to acquire the optimal Pareto front, and maintaining the diversity of the particle swarm to jump out a local optimal [40].

Selection of pbest and Nondominated Sorting

Because the $pbest$ and $gbest$ have a significant impact on the search, the selection of leaders is an essential step in MOPSO. The particle with the best position in the swarm is the leader in a single objective optimization problem. The best solutions to problems with multiple objectives, however, are a collection of nondominated Pareto front solutions. If $u = [u_1, u_2]$ and $v = [v_1, v_2]$ are supposed to be two particles in a bi-objective minimization problem, the objective values in function $f(x) = [f_1(x), f_2(x)]$ are u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 . If $u_1 < v_1$ and $u_2 < v_2$, then u dominates v and vice versa. The particle u is a nondominated solution if there are no other particles in the swarm that dominate it.

The decision is best summed up as follows. If $x_{pbest,i}$ outperforms $x_{pbest,i-1}$, then $x_{pbest,i-1}$ will take its position, and vice versa. If there is no dominance relationship between them, then the $pbest$ is randomly selected from among them. From among the nondominated solutions found by nondominated sorting, the $gbest$ is chosen.

The j th particle uses two vectors $[f_1, f_2]$ to organize the swarm into categories and focus the search on Pareto optimum solutions. Pareto optimum solutions constitute a Pareto front, and the Pareto optimal solutions shown in blue circles (p_1, p_2, p_3) in the entire swarm are not dominated by any other solutions. The feasible solutions, which dominated Pareto optimum solutions in the first front, make up the solutions in the second front (p_4, p_5, p_6). Similar to the blue circles, the green circles represent solutions (p_7, p_8, p_9) that predominate in the second front. Algorithm 2, which is implemented by Wang et al. [40], presents the specific phases of nondominated sorting in detail.

Algorithm 2: Nondominated sorting

Input: Particle swarm $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_j\}$, rank counter r
Output: R and a collection of particles with various rankings

- Steps:**
- (1) Set the value of the rank counter r to 0.
 - (2) **Repeat**
 - (i) $r \leftarrow r + 1$
 - (ii) Analyze the particles
 - (iii) Based on the dominance relationship, identify the nondominated particles from P .
 - (iv) Give these particles a rank of r .
 - (v) Take these particles out of P .
 - (3) **Until** the $P \leftarrow \emptyset$
 - (4) Display the results of the nondominated sorting

External Archive Updating and Gbest Selection

The MOPSO method produces nondominated particles, which are frequently stored in an external archive. The choice of $gbest$ involves choosing a nondominated particle from the archive to serve as $x_{gbest,i}$. By computing the relative density j of nondominated particles in the external archive, MOPSO employs crowding distance for archive update and $x_{gbest,I}$ selection [41]. Equation (32) gives the definition of the particle j 's crowding distance.

$$CD(j) = \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{(F_m^{j+1} - F_m^{j-1})}{F_m^{max} - F_m^{min}} \quad (34)$$

where F_m^{j+1} and F_m^{j-1} are the m th objective function of particle $j + 1$ and $j - 1$, and F_m^{max} and F_m^{min} represent maximum and minimum values of m th objective function, respectively. Algorithm 3, implemented by Wang et al. [40], presents the external archive updating algorithm.

Algorithm 3: External archive updating

Input: New particle swarm $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_j\}$, External archive A_{i-1}, A_{cap} .
Output: A_i external archive that has been updated.

- Steps:**
- (1) $A_i \leftarrow A_{i-1}$
 - (2) **For** $j = 1: |j|$
 - (3) Assess the new particle p_j
 - (4) **If** any particles in A_i dominate the new particle p_j .
 - (5) A_i cannot add a new particle with p_j
 - (6) **Else**
 - (7) $A_i \leftarrow A_i \cup p_j$
 - (8) **End if**
 - (9) **End for**
 - (10) **If** $|A_i| > A_{cap}$
 - (11) Nondominated sorting (A_i)
 - (12) **For** $j = 1: |A_i|$
 - (13) Using Equation (33), estimate the $CD(j)$
 - (14) **End for**
 - (15) Eliminate from A_i the particle with the lowest CD .
 - (16) **End if**
 - (17) Output A_i

In Algorithm 3, each new particle is individually compared to each particle already present in the external archive. The archive needs to be updated with the new particle; how-

ever, if any particle in the archive dominates the new particle, then the new particle cannot be saved in the archive. The archive capacity inevitably increases as more nondominated particles are added, decreasing the search efficacy and raising the algorithm's computing cost. In order to prevent archive capacity from exceeding the set value, crowding distance is introduced. To keep the swarm's diversity, particles in a region with a high density have a tendency to be removed. The nondominated particle in the archive with the highest CD value is identified as the *gbest*.

Elitist Learning Strategy (ELS)

An ELS is used to assist particles in escaping the local optima, enhancing the MOPSO's ability to perform a global search in order to prevent the particles from converging to the local optima during optimization [42,43]. The ELS modifies the *gbest* and directs it to a more advantageous area. The remaining particles in the archive go to the new region after $x_{gbest,i}$. The particles in the external archive have changed as a result.

The same probability is used by the ELS to choose one dimension from the *gbest* at random. Using Gaussian perturbation, the ELS is carried out as follows:

$$gbest_d = gbest_d + (x_d^{max} - x_d^{min}) \cdot Gaussian(\mu, \gamma^2) \quad (35)$$

where $gbest_d$ is the d th dimension of *gbest*, and x_d^{min} and x_d^{max} are the lower and upper bounds of the optimized problem in the d th dimension. *Gaussian* (μ, γ^2) is a Gaussian distribution random number with a mean $\mu = 0$ and standard deviation γ , shown as Equation (34).

$$\gamma = \gamma_{max} - (\gamma_{max} - \gamma_{min}) \times \frac{i}{i_{max}} \quad (36)$$

where the elitist learning rate, denoted by the symbol γ , declines linearly with iterations; $\gamma_{max} = 1$ and $\gamma_{min} = 0.1$ are the learning rate's lower and upper boundaries, respectively; i is the number of iterations currently being used; and i_{max} is the maximum number of iterations.

3.3.2. MOSA

Numerous multi objective simulated annealing (MOSA) frameworks have been put out in the literature, all of which recommend that an adaptation of a particular composite energy be thought of as a linear arrangement of the considered objective functions. An iterative approach to the Pareto solutions set has been demonstrated for a particular selection of acceptance probability [44].

Any solution that is not dominated by the existing solution can be accepted under the Pareto Simulated Annealing (PSA) method that Czyzak and Jaszkiewicz [45] have proposed. PSA is a population-based metaheuristic that borrows ideas from genetic algorithms and considers a group of created solutions to be potentially progressed at each temperature. Each answer from the sample is modified so that the new, acceptable solution should be far from the one that is most similar to the old one. In this method, the weights of the objectives that the nearest solution is better than the recent solution are increased while the weights of the objectives that the nearest solution is better than the recent solution are decreased. The next iteration's evaluations phase and probabilistic acceptance will both employ the updated weights combination. The PSA technique is presented in Algorithm 4, which is implemented by Amine [35].

Algorithm 4: PSA

Input: An initial memory $M \leftarrow S$, a cooling schedule τ , a starting sample of the developed solutions S , and a starting temperature $T \leftarrow T_0$

Output: The set of approximate Pareto solutions is archived in this repository M .

Steps:

- (1) **Repeat**
- (2) **For each** $S_c \in S$ **do**
- (3) **Repeat**
- (4) Create a neighboring solution S_{new}
- (5) **If** S_{new} is not dominated by S_c **then**
- (6) Update M with S_{new}
- (7) Choose S_{cl} , the nearest solution to S_c , if it exists
- (8) Adjust objective weights to reflect partial dominance of S_c and S_{new}
- (9) **Else**
- (10) Adopt S_{new} with particular probability
- (11) **End if**
- (12) **Until** Equilibrium condition
- (13) **End for**
- (14) Reduce temperature T
- (15) **Until** Cooling condition
- (16) **Return** M

When enhancing the sample of developed solutions, PSA makes an effort to maintain some homogeneity. In other words, every cycle of improving solutions connected to a particular solution from the initial sample should be separated from other series of improving solutions connected to the other initial sample elements. This should indicate sample clustering reduction and allow for a limit on the quantity of efficient solutions that are returned. Parallelization is also feasible because PSA deals with a sample of probable solutions at each temperature. When PSA is parallel, sample elements are all updated simultaneously trying to get better results every parallel annealing process.

4. Computational Results and Analysis

This section analyzes and evaluates the implementation of the proposed model. The model was executed in a case in Quezon province. The following subsections detail the results of the proposed model.

4.1. Case Developed

Quezon Province is located in the CALABARZON region. With an area of 8706.60 square kilometers, Quezon is the sixth-biggest province in the Philippines and the largest in the region (53.21%). The part comprises 39 municipalities, including Tayabas (a component city) and Lucena (a highly urbanized city). Four (4) congressional districts are further subdivided into 1242 small localities (barangays).

Because of its position and diverse topography, Quezon is vulnerable to geological and hydro-meteorological hazards such as storm surges, flooding, tsunami, volcanic risks, and earthquake- and earthquake-triggered landslides. From 2014 to 2017, the province is expected to have suffered losses and damages of PHP 10.16 billion due to typhoons. Typhoon Glenda in 2014 caused the most damages and losses among the typhoons that impacted the region over the same period, amounting to PHP 8.88 billion. Disasters affected several industries at the micro-level, even if the losses and damages they caused were insufficient to stop the province's economy from growing. The enormous crop and fishery production losses caused by Typhoon Glenda are evidence of how much it affected the agriculture industry.

Just recently, two super typhoons devastated the province. On 25 September 2022, Super Typhoon Karding (international name: *Noru*), which caused damage in Quezon

province, cost PHP 186.5 million. The wrath of the extreme weather event resulted in the displacement of a total of 50,435 people, or 13,973 families, according to the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO). The province's first district, which includes the five island communities of Polillo, Burdeos, Panukulan, Jomalig, and Patnanungan, is home to at least 8619 families, or 31,701 people. After almost a month, on 29 October 2022, Typhoon *Paeng* cost the province a total of PHP 281,390,091.83 in damages to farming and fishing. It was estimated that about 23,902 families, or 82,385 people, were affected.

4.2. Test Instances

All necessary primary and secondary data were collected, analyzed, and summarized, including information from the interview with the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council's head, staff, and employees (PDRRMC). Data on municipalities and barangays (small communities) were obtained. Each barangay is considered the network node, and each road connecting these barangays is the link. Since there is a total of 1242 barangays in Quezon Province, the network has 1242 nodes and 11,868 links. The island group (Panukulan, Burdeos, Patnanungan, Polillo, and Jomalig) is considered another network since there is no road connecting any barangay to other barangays in the nearby municipality.

The initial 1242×1242 matrix of transit times between all barangays was generated using Google Maps' API matrix tool. A matrix entry denotes the travel time between the cluster centers of each pair of barangays in minutes.

The scenarios used in this investigation and their likelihood of occurring are displayed in Table 3. The frequency and intensity of typhoons that have hit Quezon during the past 20 years are used to calculate the probability that each scenario would occur.

Based on the typhoon's strength and the time it occurred, eight scenarios were considered in this study. Disasters in the evening typically result in more severe states than disasters that occur during the day since it is easier to move during the day than at night. In the Philippines, a typhoon's intensity is defined by the typhoon signal.

Table 4 describes the meteorological condition and the response of DRRMC in each typhoon classification. As explained in the table, disaster preparedness agencies/organizations alert their communities during typhoon signal no. 2; hence signal no. 1 is not included in the scenarios.

Table 3. Scenarios used in the case study.

Scenario	Probability of Occurrence	Time of Occurrence	Typhoon Signal
1	0.23	Day	No. 2
2	0.26	Night	
3	0.10	Day	
4	0.17	Night	No. 3
5	0.07	Day	
6	0.09	Night	No. 4
7	0.05	Day	
8	0.03	Night	No. 5

4.3. Selection of Candidate Points

The risk categorization of the barangay serves as the qualifying criterion for selecting the candidate barangay to acquire the facility. It was developed using Project NOAH's Risk Map (National Operational Assessment of Hazards). The red-colored barangays depict locations considered highly hazardous to landslides, floods, subsurface faults, and storm surges. These locations were assigned M (a vast number) as the travel time, so these areas will not be selected as candidate locations for the facility. Only barangays classified as green or yellow were considered candidate barangays for a facility (see Appendix A).

Table 4. Typhoon classification in the Philippines.

Typhoon Signal	Meteorological Condition	Disaster Response
No. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within the next 36 h, winds of 30 to 60 kph and sporadic showers are possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The alert status of the disaster preparedness units is activated.
No. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within at least 24 h, winds of at least 60 kph and as much as 100 kph may be anticipated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster preparedness organizations and agencies are working to inform their local communities.
No. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In at least 18 h, winds of greater than 100 kph and up to 185 kph may be anticipated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster preparedness and response agencies and groups are working to respond to emergencies in the right direction.
No. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 185 kph of extremely severe winds may be anticipated in at least 12 h. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency responses are now being made in full by the concerned disaster coordinating councils and other disaster response agencies.
No. 5(Super Typhoon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 220 kph or extreme winds could emerge in at least 12 h. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relevant disaster coordinating councils and other disaster response agencies are now dealing with emergencies to the fullest extent possible and are fully prepared to act quickly in case of an emergency.

Source: kidlat.pagasa.dost.gov.ph (accessed on 10 January 2023).

Among the 1242 barangays in Quezon, only 618 barangays became the possible locations for the facilities. The rest were considered highly susceptible to flood, landslide hazards, storm surge advisory level 4, and underground faults.

4.4. Computational Experiments

The MOPSO algorithm is used to determine the Pareto front of the model after its effectiveness has been demonstrated. Both the metaheuristics' algorithm and the ε -constraint method are coded and implemented using Python 3.11.2. It runs on a desktop computer with CPU: 3.60 GHz, with an AMD Ryzen 5 3600 6-Core processor and 16 GB of installed RAM.

4.4.1. Comparison of MOPSO, MOSA, and ε -Constraint Method

The findings were contrasted with the results obtained using the MOSA and ε -constraint approach in order to confirm the proposed model and the effectiveness of the proposed algorithm. The first objective function is regarded as the major objective function and the second as the secondary objective function in the ε -constraint approach. For each problem, a total of sixteen (16) Pareto points are produced. The problems are resolved independently in order to establish the Pareto points depending on each objective function.

The Pareto boundaries for the MOPSO, MOSA, and ε -constraint methods are contrasted in Figure 3. The graph clearly shows that the Pareto boundaries generated by the MOPSO algorithm are comparable to those generated by the MOSA and exact ε -constraint approach. Large-scale problems, however, are now inaccessible to the ε -constraint approach. Due to the need to take into account more facilities, Scenarios 5 to 8 no longer generate solutions. The outcome is similar to that of Ghasemi et al. [17], who remarked that the ε -constraint approach is only capable of handling small-scale and medium-scale problems, whereas metaheuristics algorithms can solve even large-scale problems.

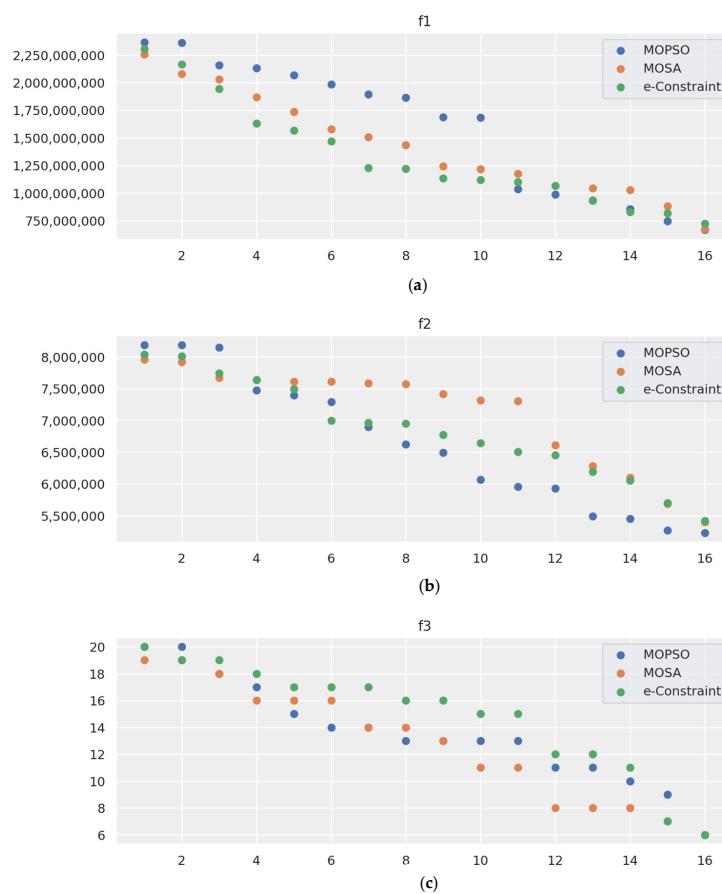


Figure 3. Comparison of Pareto fronts for **(a)** objective function 1, f_1 , **(b)** objective function 2, f_2 , and **(c)** objective function 3, f_3 between MOPSO, MOSA, and ε -constraint method.

Table 5 presents further comparison and analysis. Columns 2 through 4 compare the Pareto fronts of the overall costs (f_1) for each of the three solution approaches, whereas columns 5 through 7 display the Pareto fronts of the travel times (f_2), and the number of vehicles (f_3) are shown in columns 8 through 10. The relative error is displayed in the subsequent columns after comparing the values of the ε -constraint to those of MOPSO and MOSA, respectively.

The relative errors of MOPSO and MOSA for the three objective functions are -0.18824 , -0.08363 , 0.03555 , -0.03831 , 0.07123 , and 0.14332 , respectively. Therefore, MOPSO displays smaller relative error than MOSA for the second and third objective functions. MOPSO only performs not as good as that of MOSA in the first objective function.

Other metrics, such as the mean of ideal distance (MID), spacing metric (SM), diversification metric (DM), and algorithm running time (CPU T), which are presented in Figure 4, are intended to be used to compare the solutions of MOPSO with MOSA and ε -constraint. However, since Scenarios 5 through 8 no longer give solutions using the ε -constraint, only Scenarios 1 through 4 can be compared.

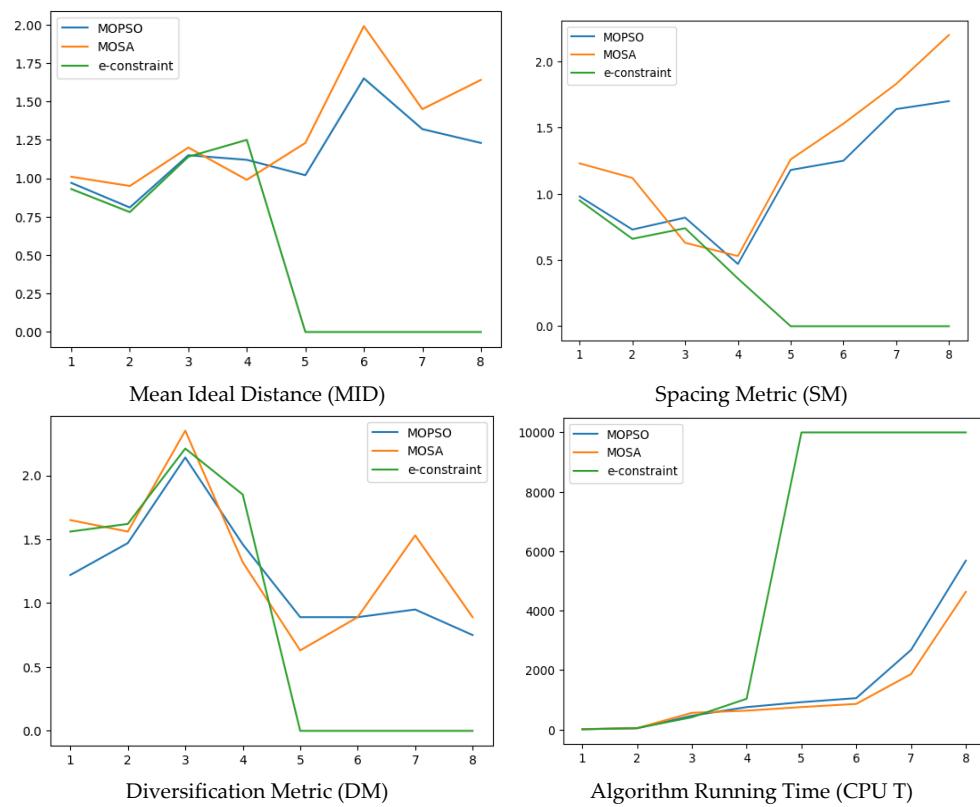


Figure 4. Comparison of various metrics for MOPSO, MOSA, and ε -constraint method.

The graphs reflect the same investigation, showing that MOPSO performs satisfactorily across all metrics and is quite near to the exact solution approach. Thus, it is confirmed that MOPSO is a suitable approach for dealing with large-scale problems. It is crucial to take note of how long it takes to solve each complex problem. The epsilon-constraint technique is unable to keep up with the MOPSO as a result of the exact solution method's drastically increasing time requirement as the problem's size grows. The problem can be solved significantly faster using the metaheuristic approach. As a result, the MOPSO algorithm has excellent performance and is capable of handling complex problems.

Table 5. The comparison of errors for MOPSO, MOSA, and ε -constraint.

NDS	Pareto Solutions												% Error				
	Objective Function 1 (f_1)				Objective Function 2 (f_2)				Objective Function 3 (f_3)				f_1	f_2	f_3		
	MOPSO	MOSA	ε -const.	MOPSO	MOSA	ε -const.	MOPSO	MOSA	ε -const.	MOPSO	MOSA	MOPSO	MOSA	MOPSO	MOSA		
1	2,365,486,125	2,254,927,080	2,303,880,346	8,185,618	7,959,194	8,033,087	20	19	20	-0.02674	0.02125	-0.01899	0.00920	0.00000	0.05000		
2	2,359,785,256	2,077,650,809	2,165,931,525	8,183,620	7,918,743	8,007,035	20	19	19	-0.08950	0.04076	-0.02205	0.01103	-0.05263	0.00000		
3	2,159,263,025	2,031,304,701	1,944,531,755	8,146,739	7,667,229	7,740,167	18	18	19	-0.11043	-0.04462	-0.05253	0.00942	0.05263	0.05263		
4	2,129,864,235	1,867,124,906	1,630,641,152	7,472,639	7,634,911	7,634,957	17	16	18	-0.30615	-0.14503	0.02126	0.00001	0.05556	0.11111		
5	2,069,149,536	1,736,893,741	1,564,907,612	7,395,028	7,609,975	7,493,258	15	16	17	-0.32222	-0.10990	0.01311	-0.01558	0.11765	0.05882		
6	1,985,643,468	1,576,218,985	1,470,394,440	7,292,106	7,608,176	6,994,900	14	16	17	-0.35042	-0.07197	-0.04249	-0.08767	0.17647	0.05882		
7	1,894,356,146	1,505,313,246	1,226,734,974	6,900,266	7,582,970	6,962,347	14	14	17	-0.54423	-0.22709	0.00892	-0.08914	0.17647	0.17647		
8	1,864,521,484	1,434,955,286	1,218,175,017	6,626,195	7,574,332	6,951,853	13	14	16	-0.53059	-0.17795	0.04684	-0.08954	0.18750	0.12500		
9	1,686,458,324	1,243,969,145	1,134,264,794	6,494,436	7,411,132	6,771,373	13	13	16	-0.48683	-0.09672	0.04090	-0.09448	0.18750	0.18750		
10	1,685,128,356	1,214,696,245	1,119,220,851	6,069,356	7,316,895	6,644,895	13	11	15	-0.50563	-0.08531	0.08661	-0.10113	0.13333	0.26667		
11	1035125483	1,174,088,311	1,098,729,274	5,954,159	7,305,082	6,504,767	13	11	15	0.05789	-0.06859	0.08465	-0.12304	0.13333	0.26667		
12	986,715,296	1,067,125,384	1,066,816,073	5,930,571	6,606,862	6,450,013	11	8	12	0.07508	-0.00029	0.08053	-0.02432	0.08333	0.33333		
13	934,568,468	1,042,438,613	929,561,478	5,492,977	6,285,551	6,188,452	11	8	12	-0.00539	-0.12143	0.11238	-0.01569	0.08333	0.33333		
14	854,812,562	1,027,345,887	827,353,552	5,450,218	6,100,547	6,054,271	10	8	11	-0.03319	-0.24173	0.09977	-0.00764	0.09091	0.27273		
15	746,254,967	880,001,213	818,346,766	5,270,052	5,685,110	5,701,373	9	7	7	0.08809	-0.07534	0.07565	0.00285	-0.28571	0.00000		
16	664,329,536	673,434,914	720,895,970	5,232,962	5,402,854	5,418,007	6	6	6	0.07847	0.06584	0.03415	0.00280	0.00000	0.00000		
MEAN												-0.18824	-0.08363	0.03555	-0.03831	0.07123	0.14332

4.4.2. Results of Case Study

Table 6 shows the minimum number of distribution centers, evacuation centers, and service vehicles needed to serve the needs of the homeless people if a disaster strikes in the province. As expected, the number of facilities increases, respectively, as the situation aggravates. Mainly, as the typhoon signal escalates, more people are being affected and need to be evacuated; hence, more facilities must be provided. However, the result shows that there is only a small effect on the number of facilities when a typhoon happens. Regardless of whether the typhoon occurs during the day or night, the facilities needed are almost the same.

Table 6. Minimum number of facilities.

Scenarios	Facility		
	Distribution Hub	Evacuation Center	Service Vehicle
1	3	7	4
2	3	10	6
3	4	11	6
4	5	12	6
5	8	20	11
6	8	20	12
7	10	21	13
8	10	25	16
0	22	43	27

It was also determined how many vehicles would be needed to shuttle affected individuals from the disaster zone to the safest evacuation centers. Because the algorithm always allows the vehicle to select the shortest path between the facilities, it has led to faster evacuation times and more trips, reducing the number of vehicles needed.

Table 6 also shows an interesting contrast that can be noted. Consideration is given to Scenario 0, which takes no likelihood into account. If the typhoon's time and intensity are not considered in the model, the number of facilities will almost be doubled. It is notable that this is caused by evaluating the probability that a typhoon will hit the particular area at a given time in a particular scenario.

Table 7 summarizes the distribution of evacuees in the evacuation centers for each scenario. As discussed previously, as the typhoon intensifies (as defined by the scenarios), more people get affected. They need to be evacuated to be safe. More ECs need to be provided. The number of evacuees in each EC for each scenario must be maximized to 600 persons. Furthermore, ECs nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 are the most utilized ECs since these areas are usually struck by a typhoon and are more populated than the other areas.

Finally, Figure 5 illustrates the areas covered by each facility. For illustrative convenience, we only displayed the figure for Scenario 1. Scenario 1 resulted in having a minimum of seven evacuation centers (red square) and three distribution hubs (yellow triangle). As seen in the figure, the model consolidated almost entirely in the demand groups and distributed facilities consistently throughout the study region. The circles in Figure 5 indicate the covered region of each facility. The yellow circles identifies the covered regions for the distribution centers. It minimizes the time in distributing the relief items to the evacuation centers and affected areas.

These regions were also noted as being outside the Quezon hazard map areas designated particularly vulnerable to flooding, landslide risk, storm surge alert level 4, and subterranean faults. As a result, these areas are suitable for constructing DM facilities.

Table 7. Number of homeless people allocated to each evacuation center under each scenario.

Number of Homeless People	SCENARIO								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
EC 1	462	424	453	478	466	419	553	497	510
EC 2	494	520	445	485	440	423	495	502	545
EC 3	451	455	489	452	562	473	520	493	500
EC 4	478	581	533	474	534	417	545	522	490
EC 5	536	581	537	486	466	484	504	539	502
EC 6	431	528	500	499	537	486	516	475	538
EC 7	494	598	485	597	449	475	518	490	511
EC 8	452	-	481	532	518	478	552	547	498
EC 9	508	-	500	487	451	438	492	501	499
EC 10	503	-	563	508	536	489	498	492	515
EC 11	510	-	-	441	508	457	507	515	490
EC 12	531	-	-	-	565	470	503	529	513
EC 13	598	-	-	-	-	449	512	542	506
EC 14	508	-	-	-	-	481	510	485	508
EC 15	377	-	-	-	-	447	549	493	485
EC 16	503	-	-	-	-	489	511	548	489
EC 17	565	-	-	-	-	417	495	497	502
EC 18	491	-	-	-	-	448	524	508	518
EC 19	498	-	-	-	-	410	504	477	484
EC 20	535	-	-	-	-	495	538	464	541
EC 21	530	-	-	-	-	-	-	498	485
EC 22	534	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	528
EC 23	451	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
EC 24	489	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	482
EC 25	529	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	498
EC 26	495	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 27	625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 28	601	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 29	519	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 30	560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 31	501	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 32	679	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 33	668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 34	644	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 35	419	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 36	489	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 37	633	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 38	463	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 39	501	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 40	489	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 41	476	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 42	378	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EC 43	495	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of ECs	43	7	10	11	12	20	20	21	25

Table 8 shows the specific location of each facility.

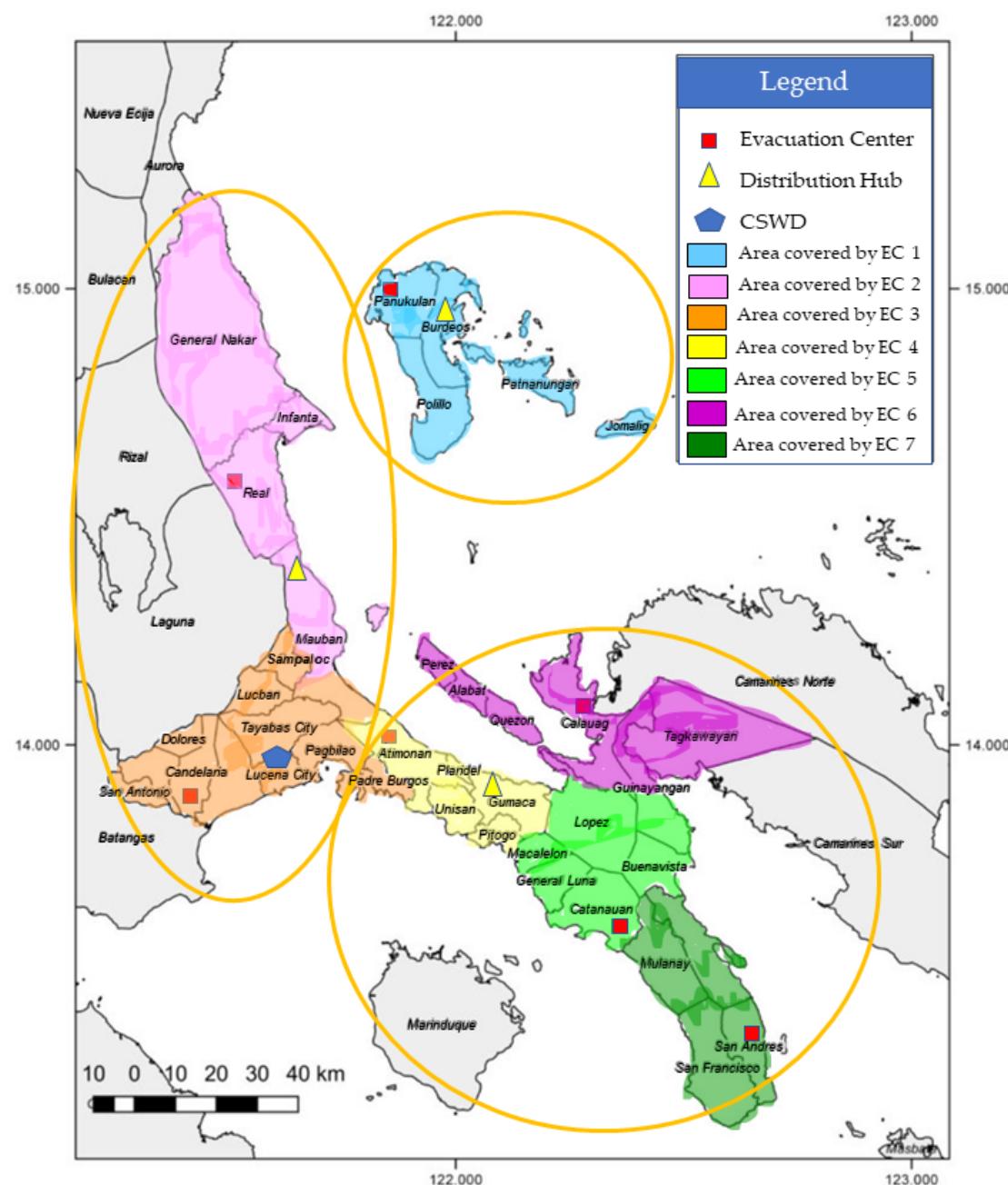


Figure 5. Areas covered for the facilities in Scenario 1.

Table 8. Location of facilities (Scenario 1).

Distribution Centers			Evacuation Centers		
DC	Municipality	Barangay	EC	Municipality	Barangay
1	Gumaca	Burgos	1	San Andres	Tala
			2	Catanauan	Milagrosa
			3	Calauag	Mabini
			4	Atimonan	Kalawit
2	Mauban	San Miguel	5	Candelaria	Kinatihan I
			6	Real	Maunlad
3	Burdeos	Bonifacio	7	Panukulan	Balungay

4.4.3. Sensitivity Analysis

A sensitivity analysis is carried out to determine how sensitive the infrastructure cost is to EC capacity. The capacity affects the number of ECs that must be built, as can be drawn from Table 6. The capacity expansion of one EC prevents the creation of a new EC. Consequently, the construction's fixed costs will decrease.

Figure 6 illustrates the relationship between the EC's capacity and its construction cost. Generally, the highest cost appears in Scenario 8. It is more cost-effective to install ECs with higher capacity that will be spread out across the network. The establishment of fewer evacuation centers, however, might lengthen the evacuation process. However, the cost lines of all the scenarios converge somewhere in the middle, suggesting that the infrastructure costs are slightly different between scenarios at a given capacity.

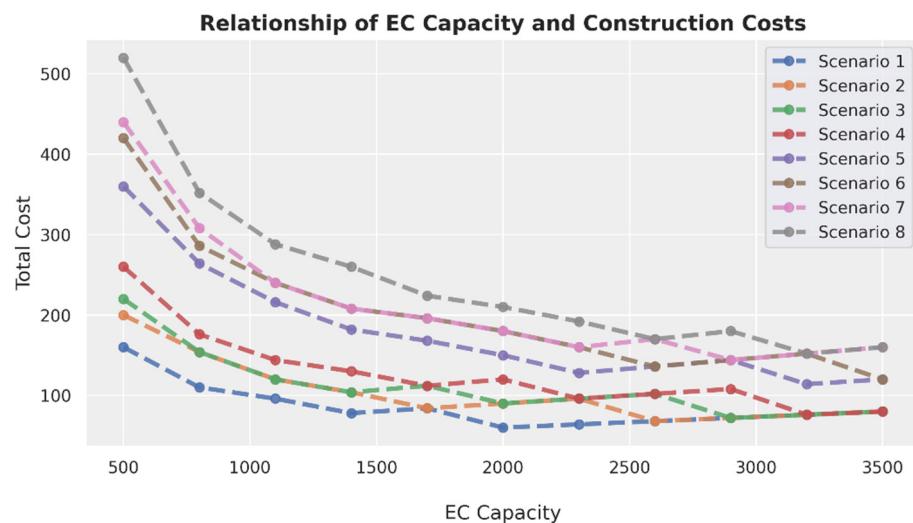


Figure 6. Relationship between EC capacity and construction cost.

Figure 7 shows the sensitivity analysis of the network's overall travel time EC capacity. Because there will be fewer ECs dispersed throughout the network, as was already mentioned, the travel time increases as the number of ECs increase.

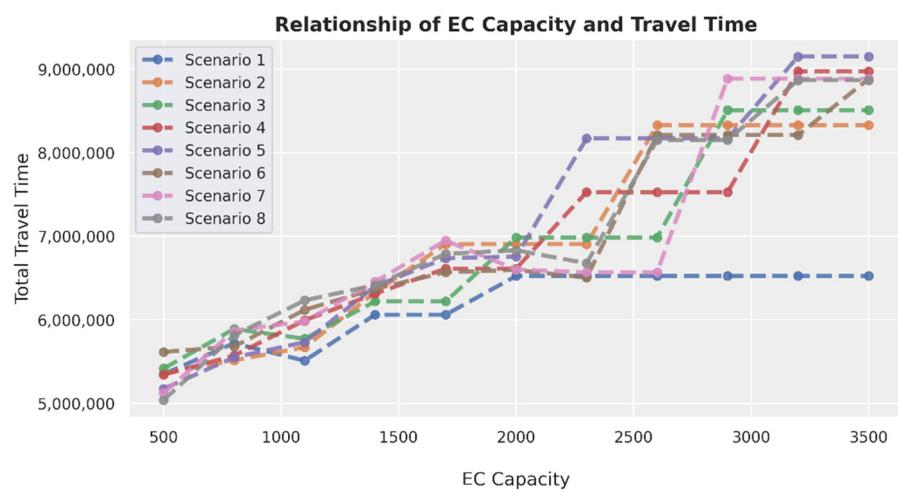


Figure 7. Relationship of EC capacity and total travel time.

The number of the vehicle (objective function 3) is not particularly sensitive to EC capacity. As we increase EC capacity, the impact is relatively minimal. The reason for this is that, in other scenarios, idle time might still be employed to move the homeless people

from the afflicted locations to the EC. As the EC's capacity rises, the number of trips each vehicle can make effectively rises.

4.5. Practical Implications

Even though the idea of sustainability is not new, it has only lately been discovered how to apply it to humanitarian supply chains. Generally, the foundation of a sustainable system is a constant understanding that sustainability goals are being achieved. Building long-term capacity from a holistic standpoint is essential to enhancing response and the efficacy of humanitarian interventions. The development of long-term capacity is key to the effectiveness of temporary relief efforts. As a result, long-term capacity building is essential for creating sustainable humanitarian supply chains (HSCs). Sustainability has been a controversial issue and is the most crucial factor in the current situation.

As part of the long-term capacity building in the Philippines, this study helps by determining the number of distribution hubs and evacuation centers and their locations that optimize the total construction cost for the facilities and maximize the coverage of these facilities to adjacent residential zones. The model ensures that evacuees are evacuated within the required response time during the evacuation process.

5. Conclusions and Future Research

This paper proposed a stochastic multi-objective location-routing mathematical model for creating a humanitarian network for disaster response. The proposed model was applied to a case study in Quezon Province, which comprises 1242 barangays and is regularly hit by typhoons. This also considers the strategic and tactical strata of decision-making in crisis response. The selection of the quantity and location of ECs and DCs and the distribution of available capacity are referred to as strategic decisions. Operations considerations include choices regarding the number of vehicles to be used, the route to take, and the transfer of impacted individuals to ECs.

The proposed model had three objectives: minimizing the network's infrastructure's total cost, the amount of time spent traveling through it, and the number of vehicles. The Multi-objective Particle Swarm Optimization (MOPSO) technique was used to resolve the model. A sensitivity analysis was used to compare the suggested model's efficiency to the EC's capacity. The findings implied that constructing more ECs with less capacity is preferable when a typhoon becomes more severe. The province's ECs are significantly dispersed throughout the network. On the other hand, less powerful storms call for the construction of fewer ECs with more capacity.

This study will aid policymakers and government officials in strategic and tactical decision-making before and after a disaster. Government decision-makers can address potential shortages and issues during the crisis as the optimum number of DC and EC, their location, and capacity are defined in advance. During typhoons, there is also a chance that roads could be destroyed or blocked. Therefore, it is advised that decision-makers strengthen the primary pathways. The strength of the routes leading to probable locations for ECs and DCs should also be considered, as well as the absence of barriers. It can significantly lower the possibility of a failed evacuation.

The following issues of interest can still be investigated in future work: (1) it is recommended to generate more accurate evacuation plans combined with the congestion of roads, since the road uncertainty covered in this study is only related to roads being blocked or damaged, while road traffic was not considered; (2) the evacuee arrival distribution can be taken into account to make the model more dynamic (i.e., the use of queuing analysis to make the probability distribution more accurate); (3) only one vehicle type was considered in the evacuation; it is a vital topic to extend the model to heterogeneous fleet cases; and lastly, (4) a cooperative game and simulation can be utilized to consider the behavior aspect of evacuees during evacuation.

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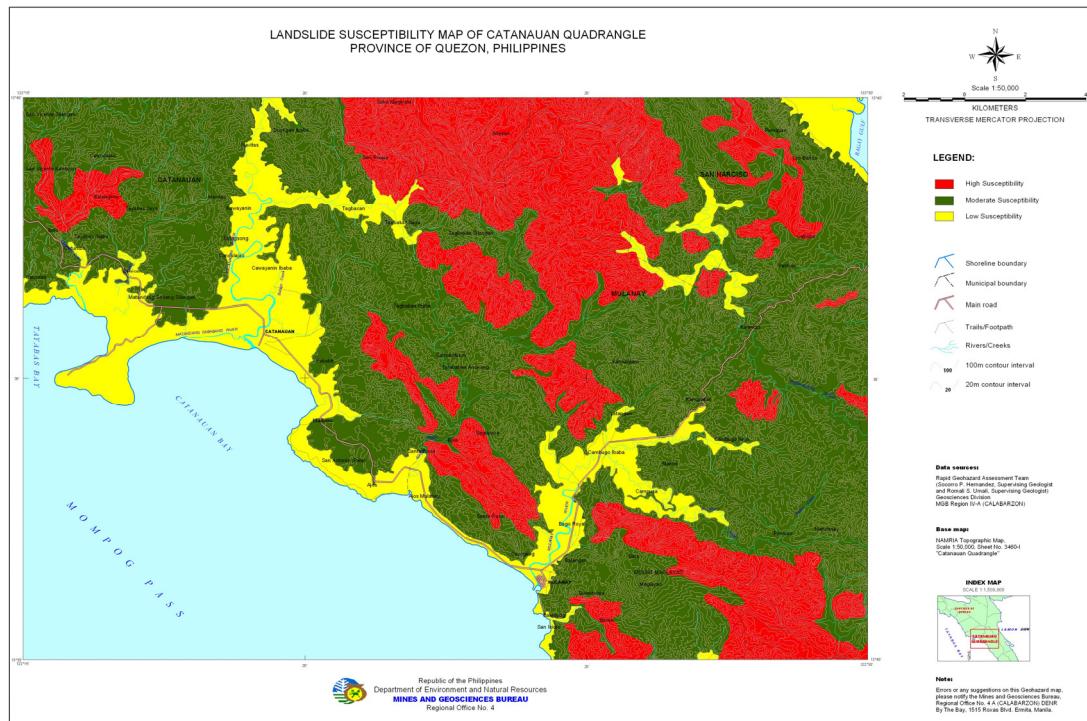


Figure A1. Susceptibility Map of Catanauan Quadrangle in Quezon.

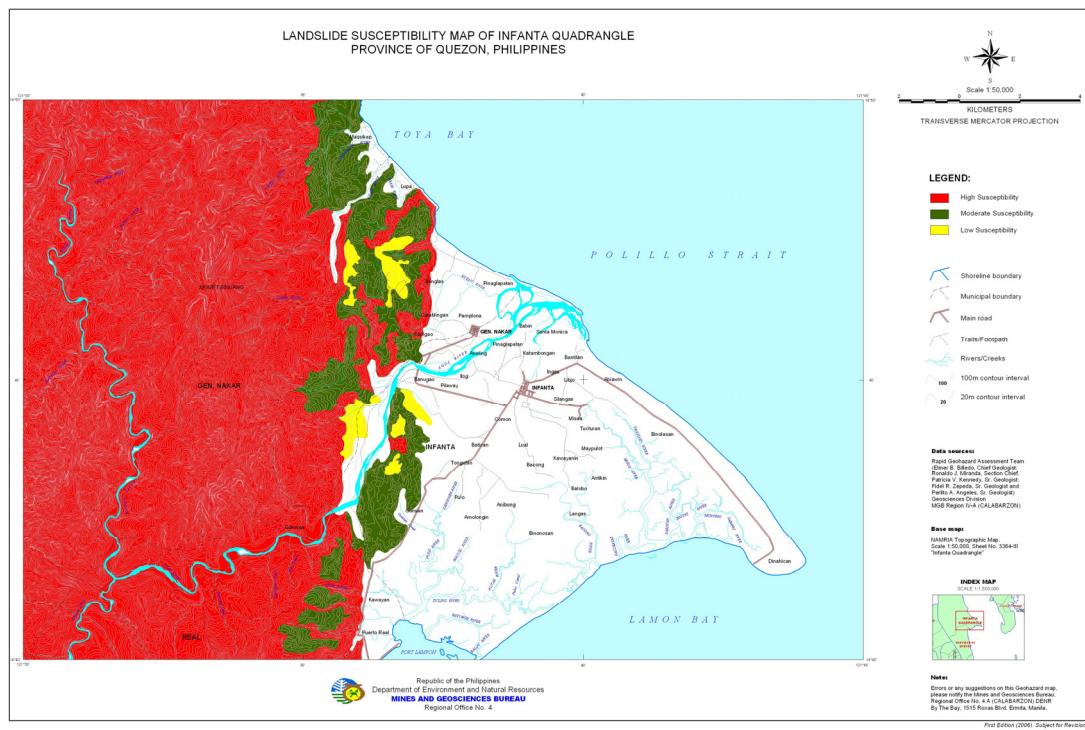


Figure A2. Susceptibility Map of Infanta Quadrangle in Quezon.

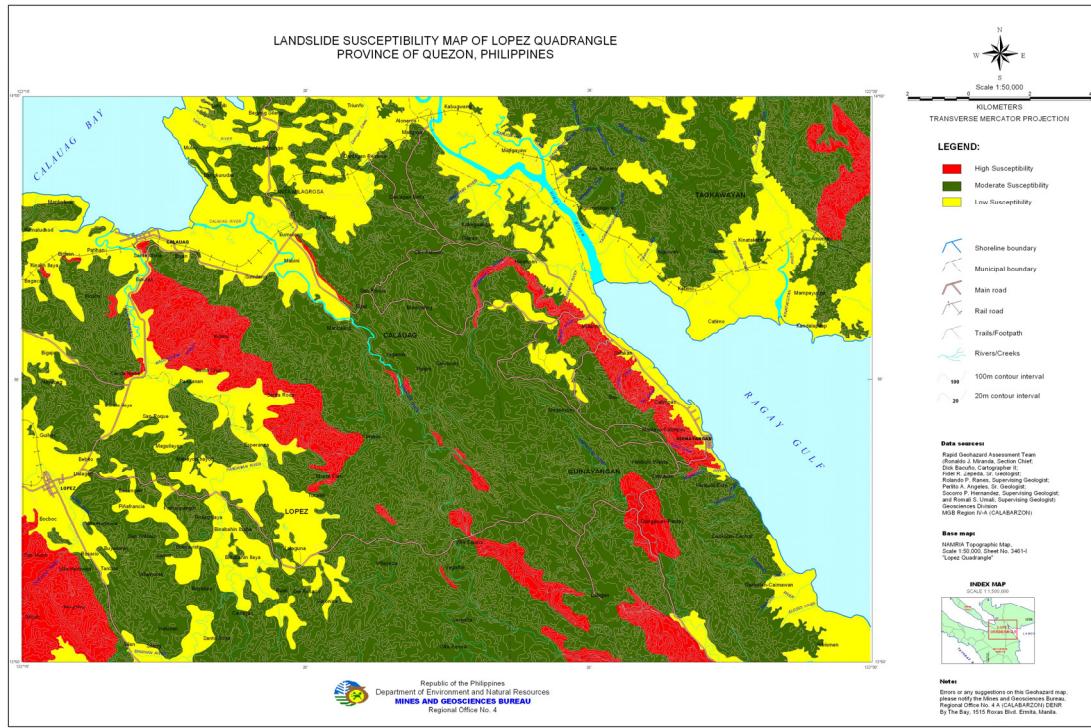


Figure A3. Susceptibility Map of Lopez Quadrangle in Quezon.

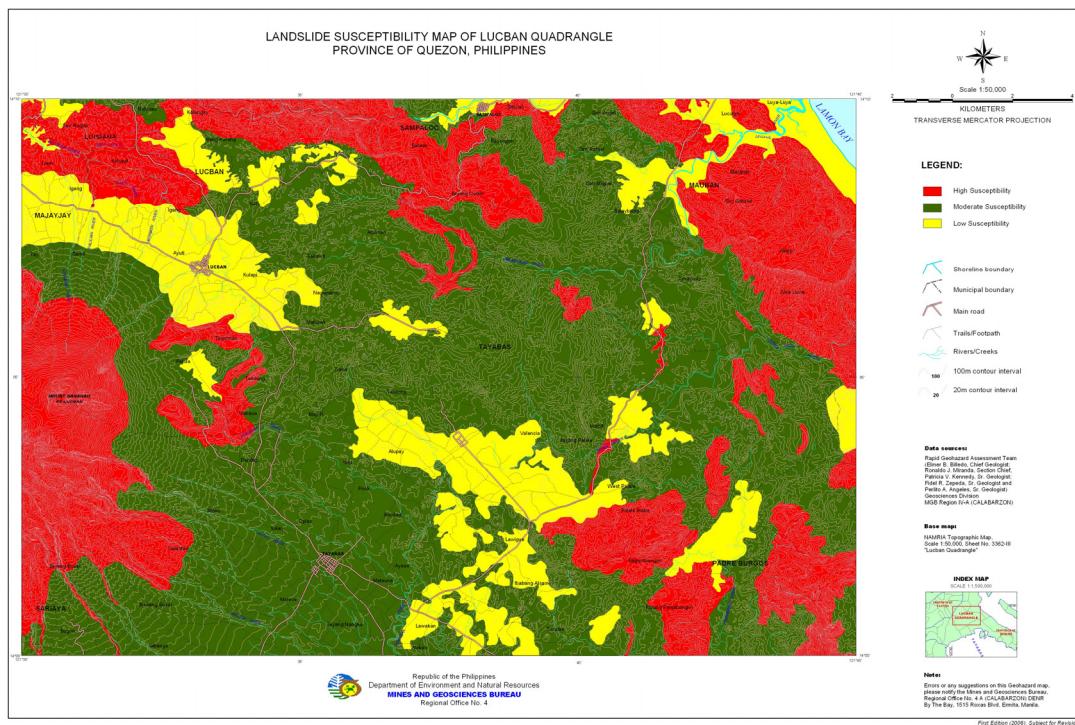


Figure A4. Susceptibility Map of Lucban Quadrangle in Quezon.

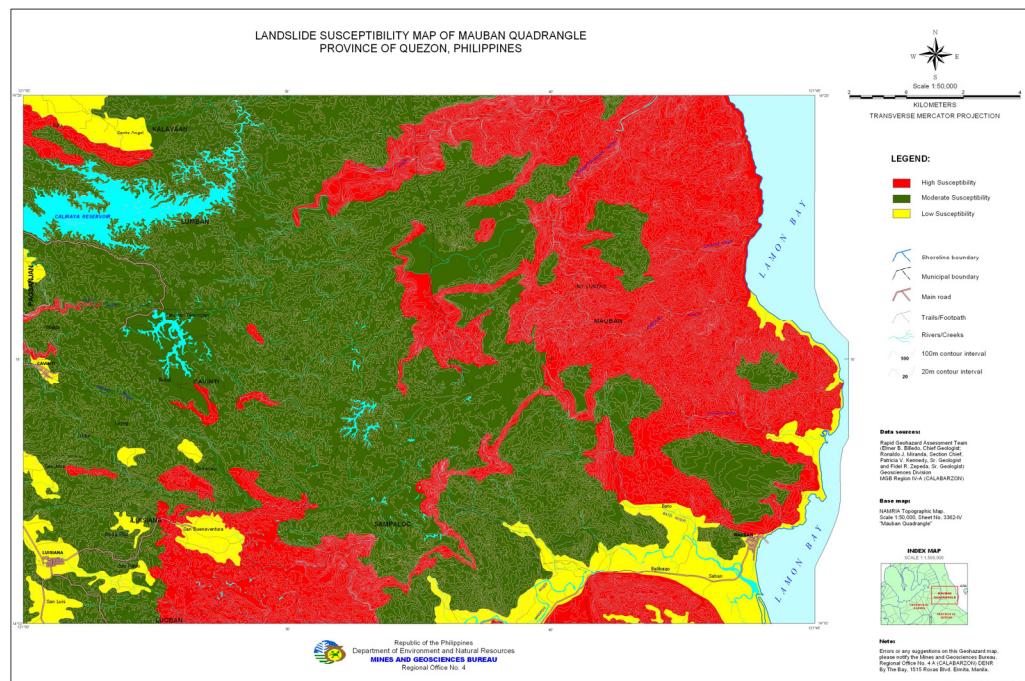


Figure A5. Susceptibility Map of Mauban Quadrangle in Quezon.

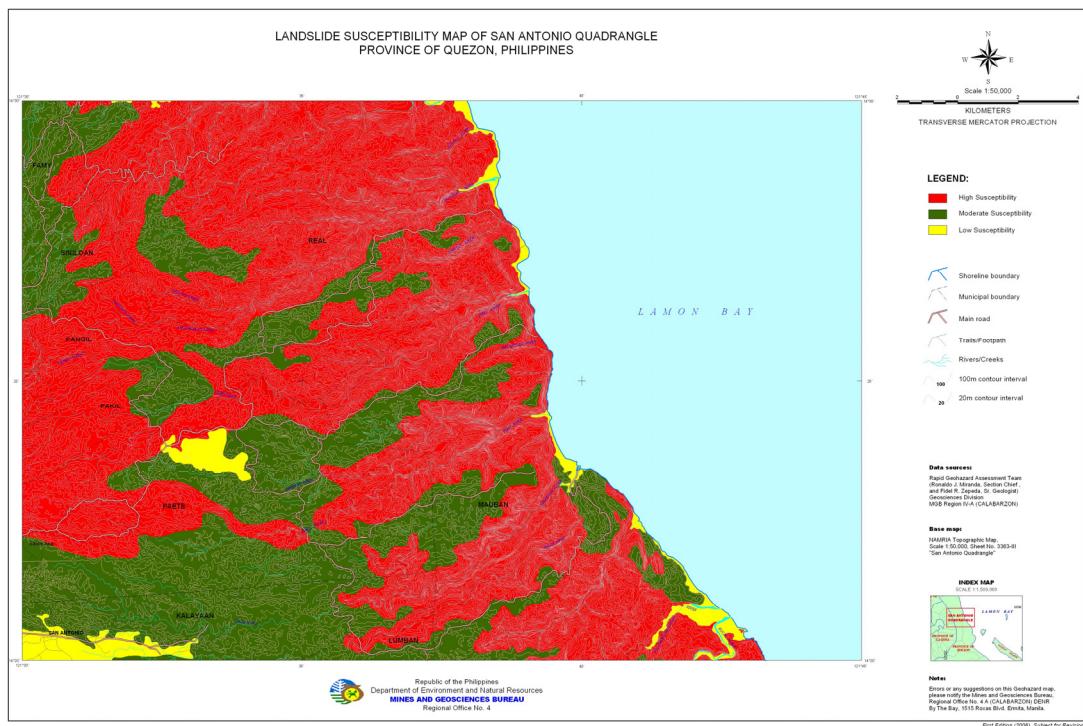


Figure A6. Susceptibility Map of San Antonio Quadrangle in Quezon.

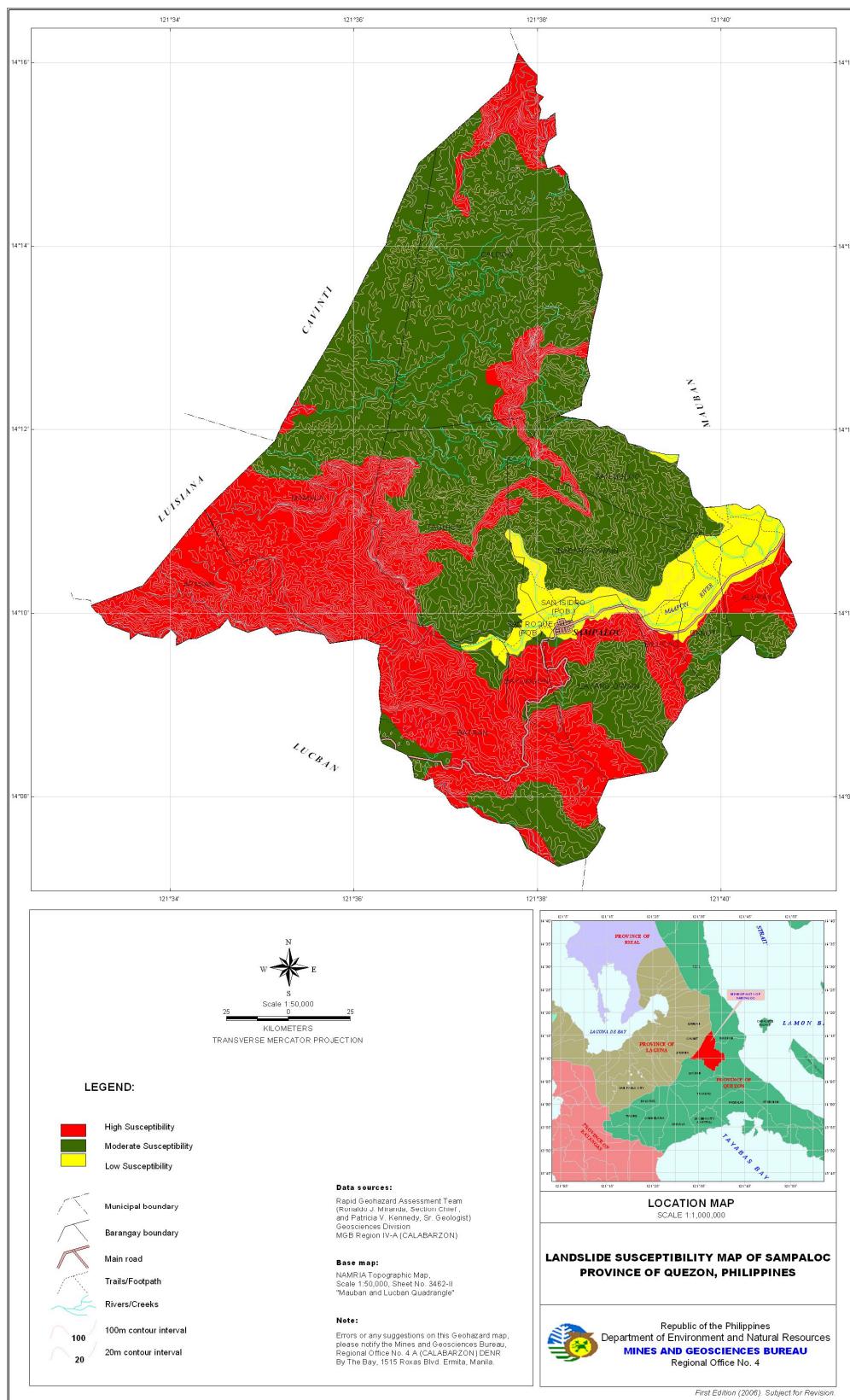


Figure A7. Susceptibility Map of Sampaloc Quadrangle in Quezon. Source: <https://sheltercluster.org/phippines/documents/risk-map-region-iv-quezon> (accessed on 18 August 2022).

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Abstract

The demand for humanitarian supply chains grows daily as the incidence of calamities rises. Typhoons cause thousands of casualties each year. As a result, policymakers and government authorities must develop effective readiness and response measures as part of pre-disaster plans. This paper proposed a stochastic model for multi-objective location-routing for creating a humanitarian network for pre-disaster response. The model aims to minimize the overall costs of the network's setup, the time required to travel through it, and the number of vehicles necessary for transferring affected individuals to evacuation centers. The model concentrates on pre-disaster scenarios in uncertainty. The provided model was implemented in an actual scenario in one of the Philippines' provinces and solved using Multi-Objective Particle Swarm Optimization (MOPSO), which is also contrasted with Multi-Objective Simulated Annealing (MOSA) and the ε -constraint approach. According to empirical findings, the model can be used to identify distribution hubs and evacuation centers and choose the best routes in unexpected and actual disaster scenarios. Given that the ideal number, location, and capacity of DCs and ECs are known in advance, government decision-makers can solve any potential shortages and problems during the disaster. © 2023 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland.

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Round 1

Reviewer 1 Report (Previous Reviewer 2)

This paper proposed a stochastic multi-objective location-routing mathematical model for the creation of a humanitarian network for disaster response. The authors considered the strategic and tactical strata of decision-making in crisis response. The selection of the quantity and location of facilities, as well as the distribution of available capacity among them, are referred to as strategic decisions. Operations considerations include choices regarding the number of vehicles to be used, the route to take, and the transfer of impacted individuals to evacuation centres. The proposed model had three objectives: minimizing the total cost of the network's infrastructure, minimizing the amount of time spent travelling through it, and minimizing the number of vehicles. The Multi-objective Particle Swarm Optimization (MOPSO) technique was used to resolve the model. The proposed model has been applied to a case study in Quezon Province, which contains 1,242 barangays and is regularly hit by typhoons, the proposed model was applied. The overall topic of this paper is interesting, however, the structure of the manuscript is not well, and the utilised method is selected without a dept analysis. The paper needs to be revised completely before further consideration.

1. In the title and abstract authors have mentioned "Humanitarian Evacuation Network" as the problem to be considered. While, evacuation planning problem is various topic which needs to be clearly addressed, e.g., mass evacuation, large-scale evacuation, transit-based evacuation and so on.
2. Following the previous comment, if the main focus of the manuscript is evacuation planning, the literature review and research gap analysis should be revised completely.
3. Authors should provide a comprehensive research methodology section to clarify how they have developed the research steps.
4. In the title, abstract, and conclusion authors mentioned that they have considered a stochastic version of the model, but there is no uncertainty parameter in the model nor in the solution method.
5. What about the scenarios? How can you justify that scenarios are plausible? Any surveys?
6. Why meta-heuristic algorithms? How can you demonstrate you need them, and not exact methods?
7. Based on the previous comment, authors should justify the selection of MOPSO?
8. Verification and validation of the results including comparisons with other methods should be provided.
9. The type of disaster and its critical features should be reflected in the model development.
10. The writing of the paper needs to be revised thoroughly. For instance, in line 18 authors started with "The demand for humanitarian evacuation grows daily as the incidence of calamities rises.", and in lines 22 and 23 they repeated the same content "The demand for humanitarian evacuation grows daily as the incidence of calamities rises.".
11. Future research directions should be elaborated.

Author Response

Hi,

Please see the attachment for the response in the referee's comments.

Thank you!

Regards

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Reviewer 2 Report (New Reviewer)



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This is an interesting topic. It can be considered with major changes, as follows:

1. The contributions of the paper are not clear enough. I suggest the authors to show them in a specific position.
2. The section of Literatures Review need to be enhanced carefully, especially the content of Location-Routing problem for Humanitarian Evacuation Network should be mentioned.
3. The paper has not been well organized. Look the samples of the journal for some advice. For example, Line 319, where is the (2)?; Algorithm 1: MPSO; Table 3; The position of figures, Fig 5?;
4. I suggest the authors to redraw pictures with curves, you can try to use Matlab, Python or other efficient tools, which will be very helpful for improvement of the paper's quality.
5. More discussion is needed to verify the effectiveness of the MPSO.
6. Check and improve English language.
7. The following papers may be used in the literature review:
-A multi-objective optimization model for logistic planning in the crisis response phase
- A hybrid metaheuristic algorithm for the multi-objective location-routing problem in the early post-disaster stage
- Credit Portfolio Management Using Two-level Particle Swarm Optimization
-Multi-swarm particle swarm optimization based risk management model for virtual enterprise
-Optimization model for temporary depot problem in flood disaster response

Author Response

Hi,

Please see the attachment for the authors' response to the reviewer's comments.

Thank you!

Regards

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Reviewer 3 Report (New Reviewer)

Overall, the paper is informative and provides an above-average contribution. The model presented is also applicable and valid. I have a few comments though. 1. The model is more or less context specific. Kindly provide more evidence/proof/basis on how to apply the model in different contexts. 2. In the introduction, you mentioned the 4 phases of the disaster to include avoidance, preparation, response and recovery. However, avoidance is not a phase, rather mitigation. Disasters should not be avoided. So please replace the term avoidance by mitigation. 3. The definition of disaster management should be provided. 4. Please unify the use of terms. You are using the terms crisis and disaster interchangeably, while the two terms are different. You should provide a clear distinction between the two. 5. More detail on the significance of the response phase should be provided. In the end, evacuation is part of the response phase. I recommend to cite:

Sawalha, I. (2018) "Behavioural response patterns: an investigation of the early stages of major incidents", foresight, Vol. 20 Issue: 4, pp 337-352, <https://doi.org/10.1108/FS-12-2017-0073>. The study also discusses the issue of the "golden period", "window of opportunities".

The main issue is to provide more discussion on the wider application of the model with some practical and theoretical proof. The disaster management cycle should also be addressed (DMC).

Good luck in your research.

Author Response

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Thank you very much & best regards!

- The Authors

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Round 2

Reviewer 1 Report (Previous Reviewer 2)

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Author Response

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Thank you & best regards.

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Reviewer 2 Report (New Reviewer)

The author failed to answer and revise the paper on most of the key point mentioned in the comments. For example,

1. The section of Literatures Review need to be enhanced carefully, especially the content of Location-Routing problem for Humanitarian Evacuation Network should be mentioned. I can't find 'Humanitarian Evacuation Planning' in the Literatures Review;
2. I suggest the authors to redraw pictures with curves, you can try to use Matlab, Python or other efficient tools, which will be very helpful for improvement of the paper's quality. The figures have not been improved;
3. More discussion is needed to verify the effectiveness of the MPSO. The effectiveness of the MPSO has not been verified, only comparing with Lexicographic optimization, where is it?

Author Response

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Thank you very much and best regards!

Round 3

Reviewer 2 Report (New Reviewer)

The paper can be accepted.

This manuscript is a resubmission of an earlier submission. The following is a list of the peer review reports and author responses from that submission.

Round 1

Reviewer 1 Report

Although the paper's topic is intriguing, it has a long way to go before it is suitable for a prestigious journal. My decision is to reject, and I will only mention a few key points.

First, it should be stated that the case study presented in this paper oversimplifies a humanitarian issue. While I believe that this simple model is incapable of handling realistic disaster scenarios,

In addition, the literature contains numerous papers that are significantly superior to this example. In actuality, this model is quite simple.

The introduction's logic is unacceptable. In this study, several generalisations have been made.

In this study, many studies were overlooked.

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- Shokr, Iman, Fariborz Jolai, and Ali Bozorgi-Amiri. "A novel humanitarian and private sector relief chain network design model for disaster response." International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction 65 (2021): 102522.
- Demirbas, Sefika, and Mustafa Alp Erem. "Determination of equivalent warehouses in humanitarian logistics by reallocation of multiple item type inventories." International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction 66 (2021): 102603.

THIS LIST is endless!!!

The presented solution method is inadequately explained. It should be compared to other techniques, such as NSGA-II and MOPSO see:

Gharib, Zahra, et al. "Developing an integrated model for planning the delivery of construction materials to post-disaster reconstruction projects." Journal of Computational Design and Engineering 9.3 (2022): 1135-1156.

Gharib, Zahra, et al. "Post-Disaster Temporary Shelters Distribution after a Large-Scale Disaster: An Integrated Model." Buildings 12.4 (2022): 414.

Author Response

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Reviewer 2 Report

This paper has an interesting title that could benefit the disaster management corpus, however, I am so sorry to say that the overall quality of the manuscript disappointed me. There are major concerns which should be addressed before considering the publication.

1- What does the "Hierarchical facility location problem" mean? Authors have to provide a reasonable definition for their intention.

2- In the abstract section authors mentions critical issues in the disaster management process (pre-and post-disaster stages by optimizing the number and location of distribution hubs 19 and evacuation centres), however, I am so confused that these steps which entail various decisions are handled by only two decision variables considered in the model formulation!

3- Authors declare managing evacuation time ("managing mandatory evacuation within the permissible response time"), but how? The problem definition and model formulation does not reflect it.

4- Overall, I can say the model and the assumptions are too simple to consider a real case of disaster.

5- What types of disasters could be handled by the provided approach?

6- The solution method for multi-objective optimization is an outdated approach, and authors can use much more efficient methods that are presented recently.

7- Validity and verification of the proposed model are not presented.

8- The printed case study is not comprehensive and the analysis of the results should be elaborated.

9- Authors are invited to read the following papers to get a wide perspective of the considered problem:

Mohammadnazari, Zahra, et al. "Prioritizing Post-Disaster Reconstruction Projects Using an Integrated Multi-Criteria Decision-Making Approach: A Case Study." Buildings 12.2 (2022): 136.

Yazdani, Maziar, Mohammad Mojtabaei, and Martin Loosemore. "Enhancing evacuation response to extreme weather disasters using public transportation systems: A novel simheuristic approach." Journal of Computational Design and Engineering 7.2 (2020):