



Data Integration for Mapping and Monitoring the SDGs



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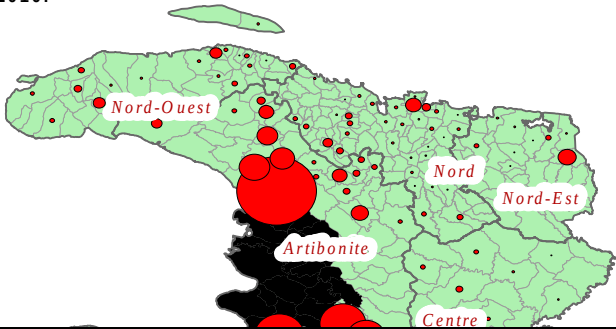
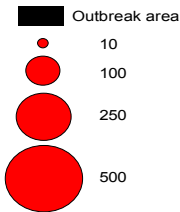
REPORT

Quantifying the Impact of Human Mobility on Malaria

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Average daily numbers of sims that moved out from the communal sections surrounding Saint-Marc, Oct 15 to Oct 23, 9:00 am, 2010.





WorldPop Project: Improving the spatial demographic evidence base for low and middle income countries

- We develop scalable methods and models for integrating ancillary datasources to complement and fill data gaps in census
- We integrate new technologies, including high resolution satellite imagery and cellphone data
- We run training for government agencies in these methods
- We publish fully documented, peer-reviewed methods and make outputs open access

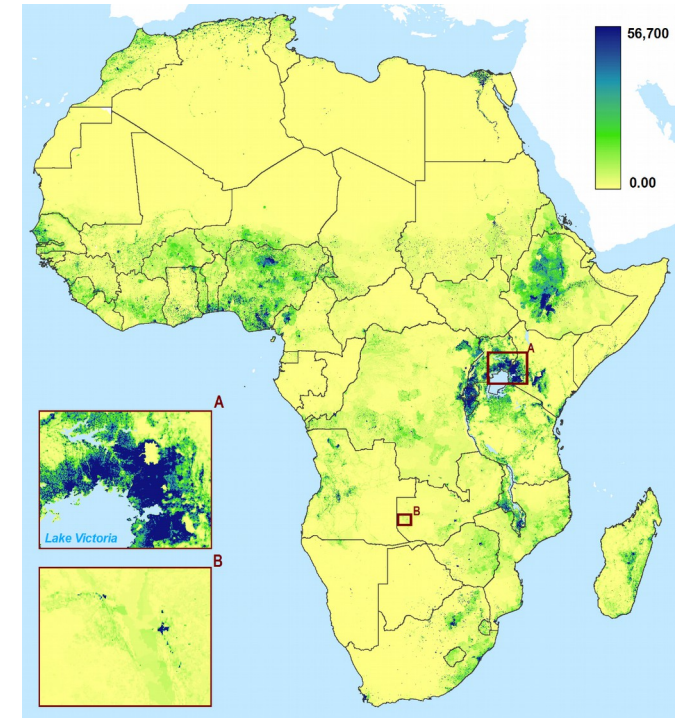
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Population distributions

Population characteristics

Population dynamics



Distribution of live births, 2015

cularly in countries where only coarse resolution census data are available. Obtaining high resolution census data must be a high priority for future research. In the interim, the GlobCover dataset was found as the most valuable resource in the production of gridded population datasets across large areas. [PAPER](#)

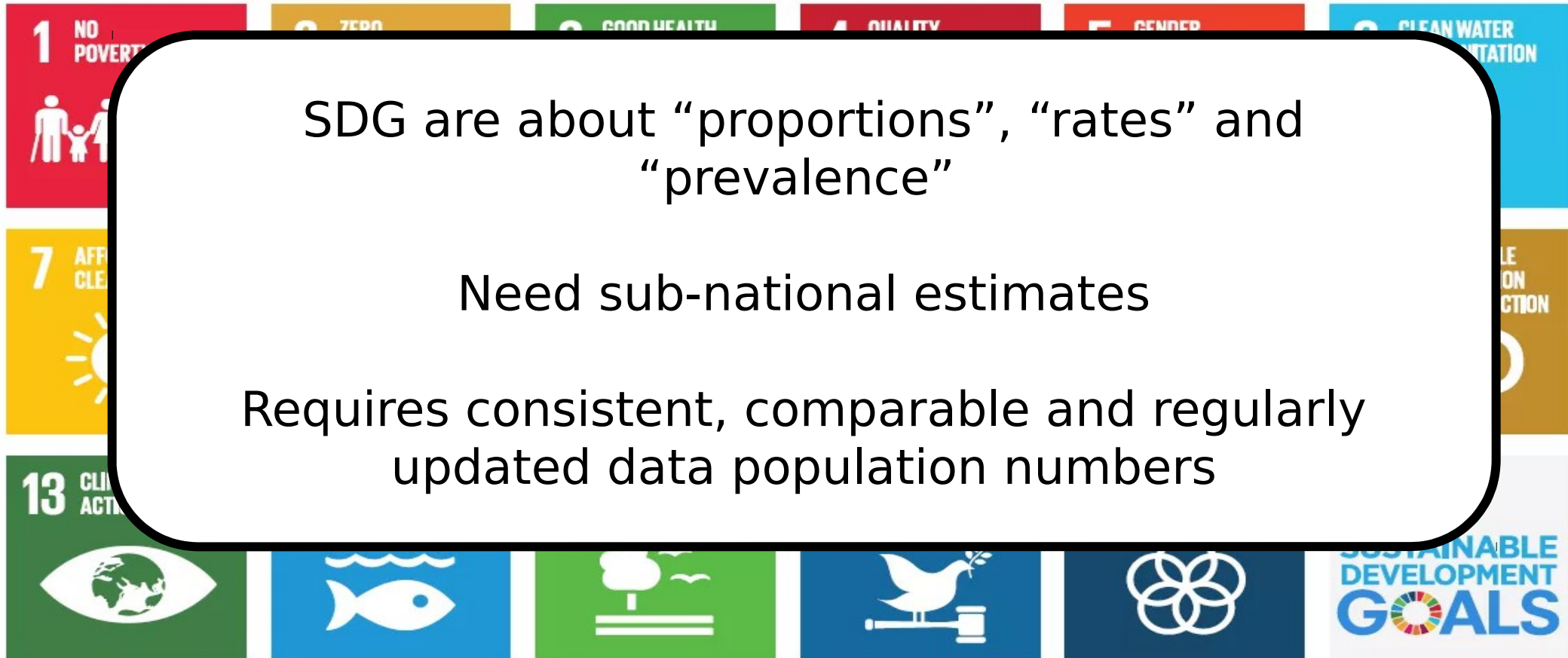




SDG are about “proportions”, “rates” and
“prevalence”

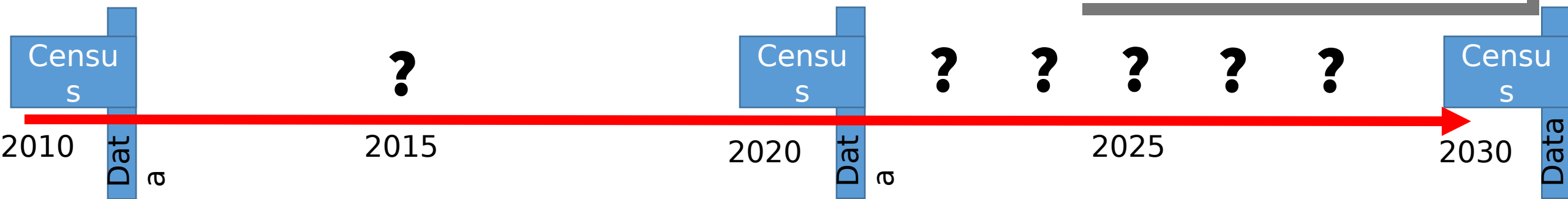
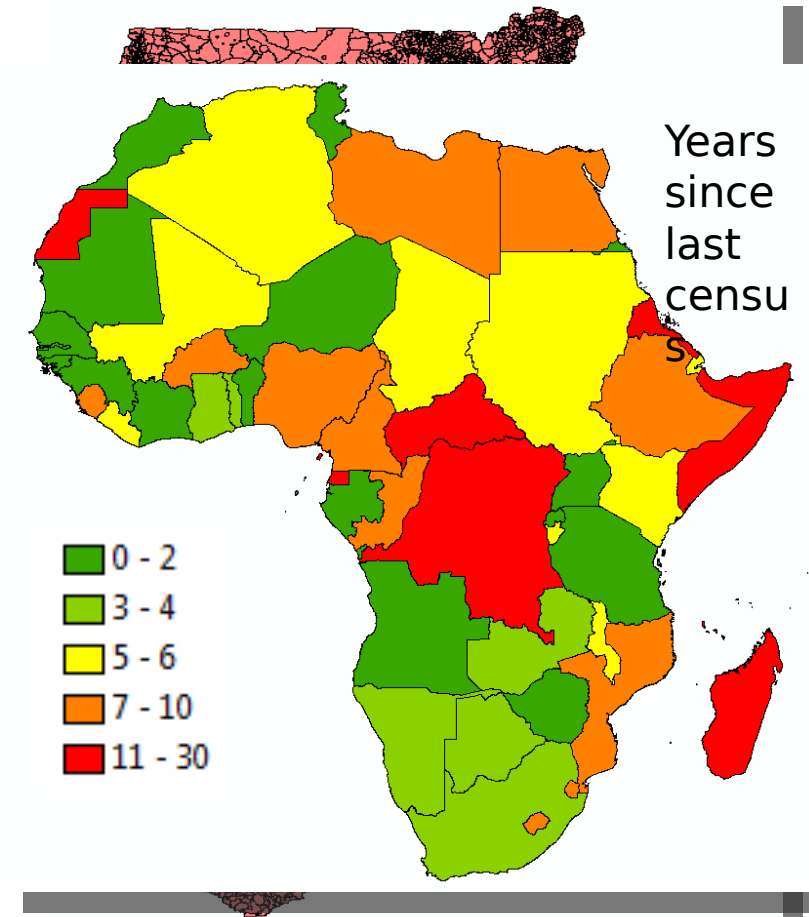
Need sub-national estimates

Requires consistent, comparable and regularly
updated data population numbers



The SDG Challenge: Measuring the Denominator

- National census data will continue to be our most important datasource
- Provides denominators and some numerators for the SDGs, and requisite subnational detail
- But, the 2015-2030 SDG period typically includes just one census datapoint
- And in some settings the situation is more challenging



What Do We Have to Help Us?



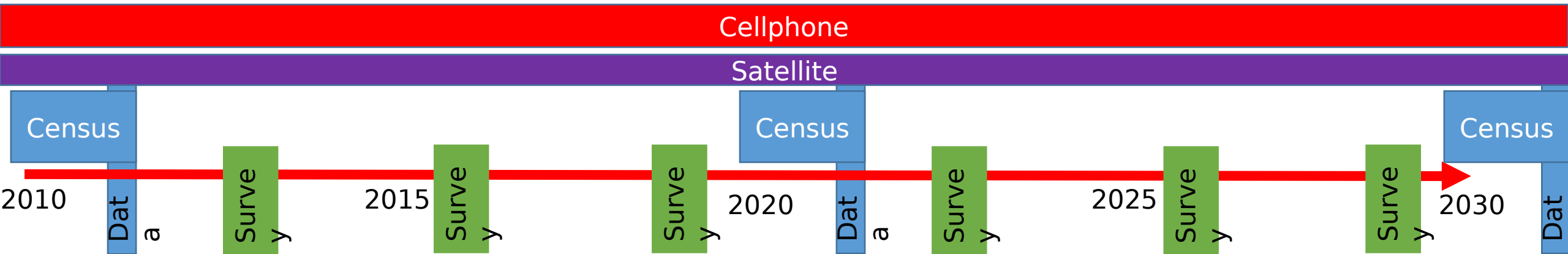
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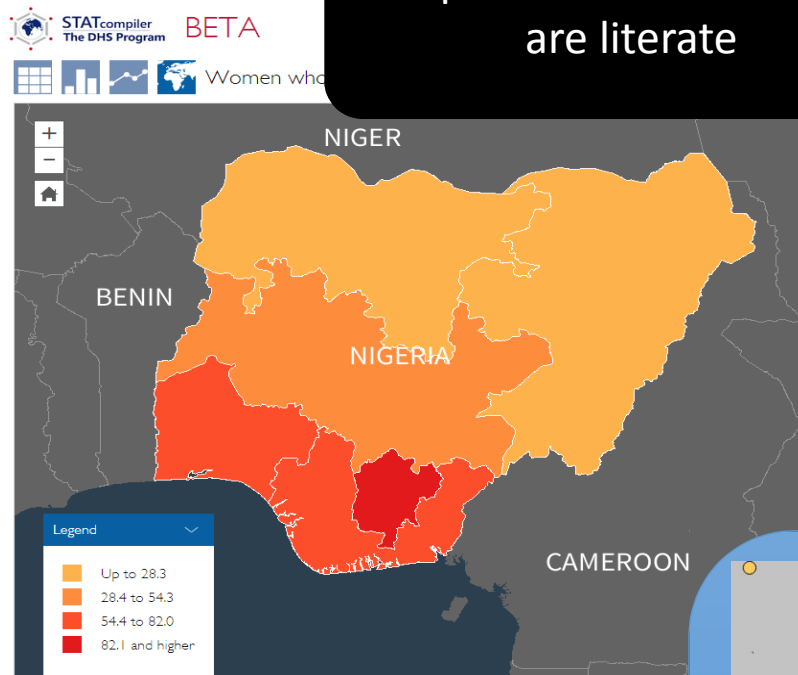
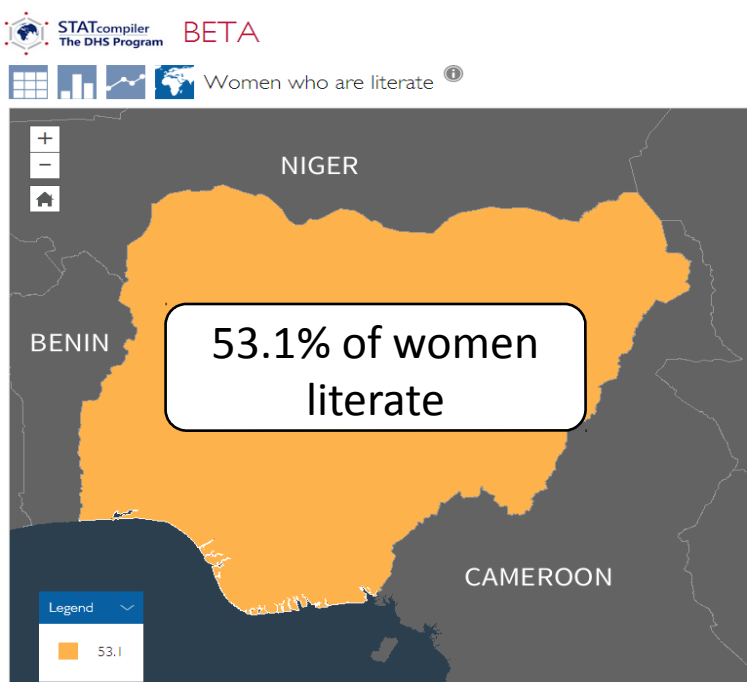
Satellite and GIS
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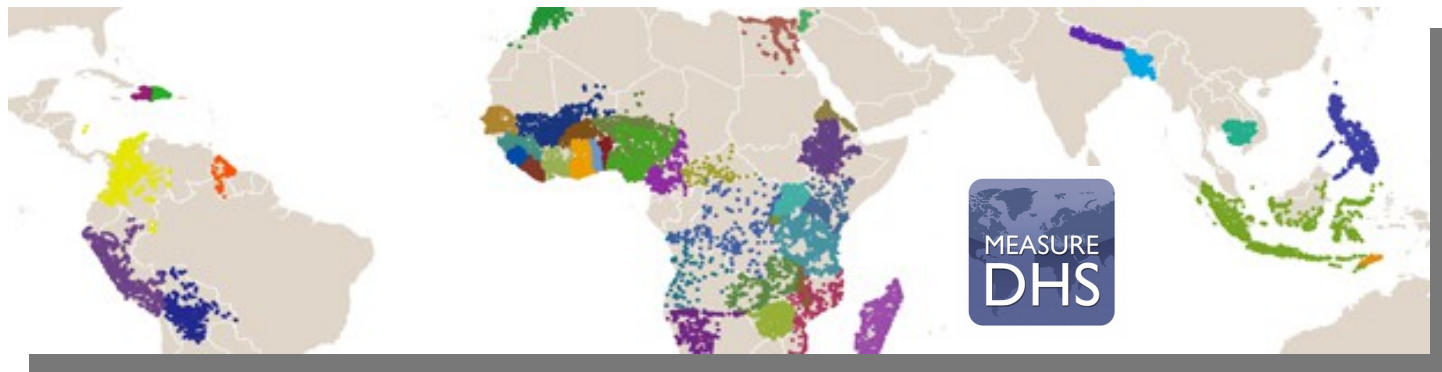
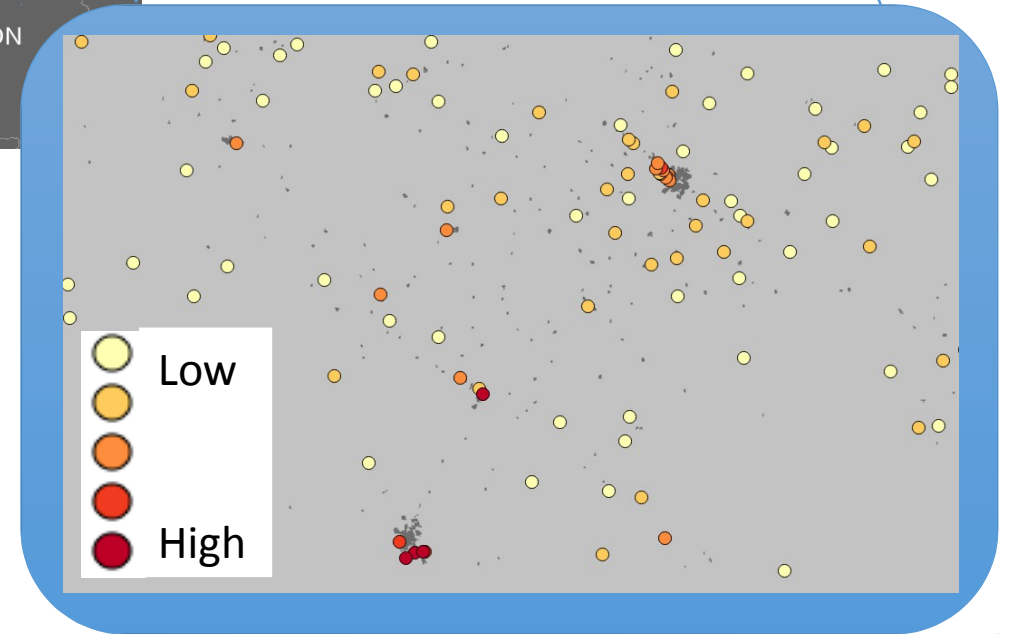
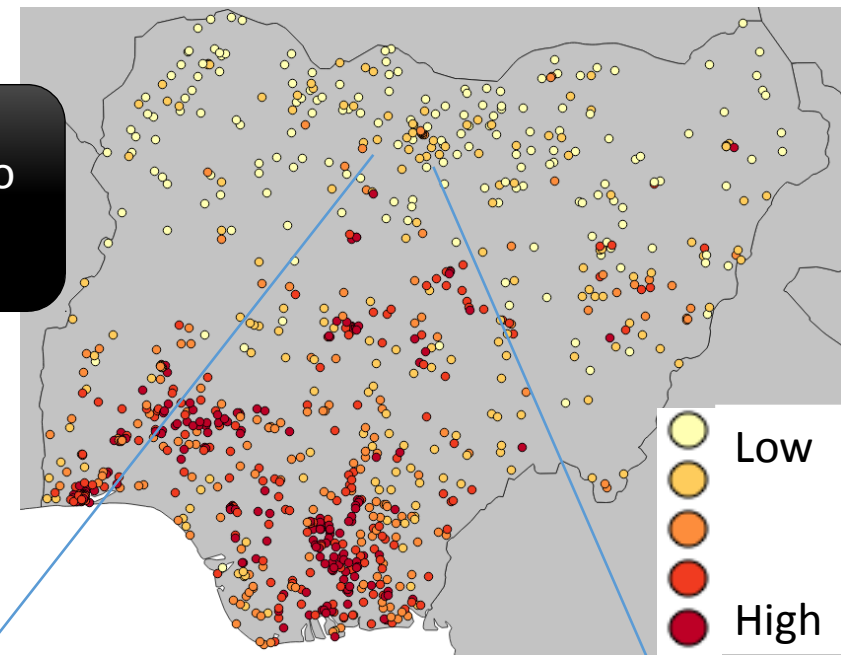
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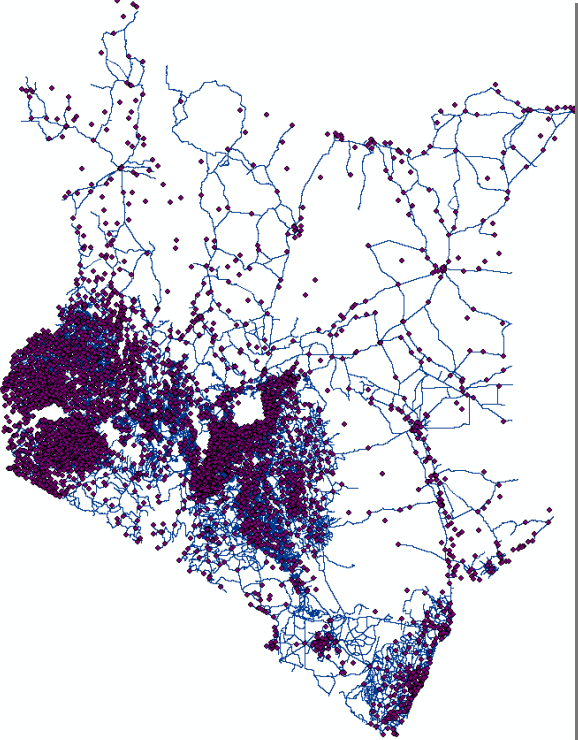
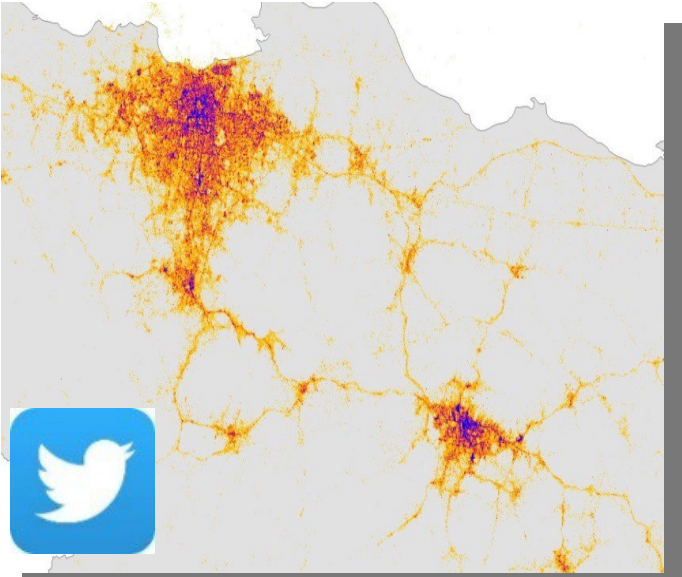
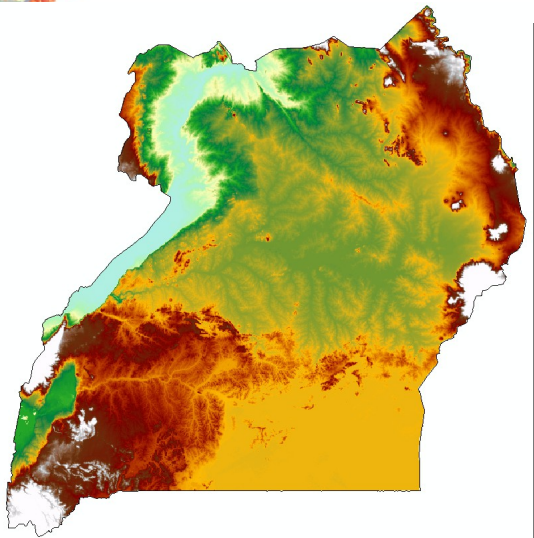
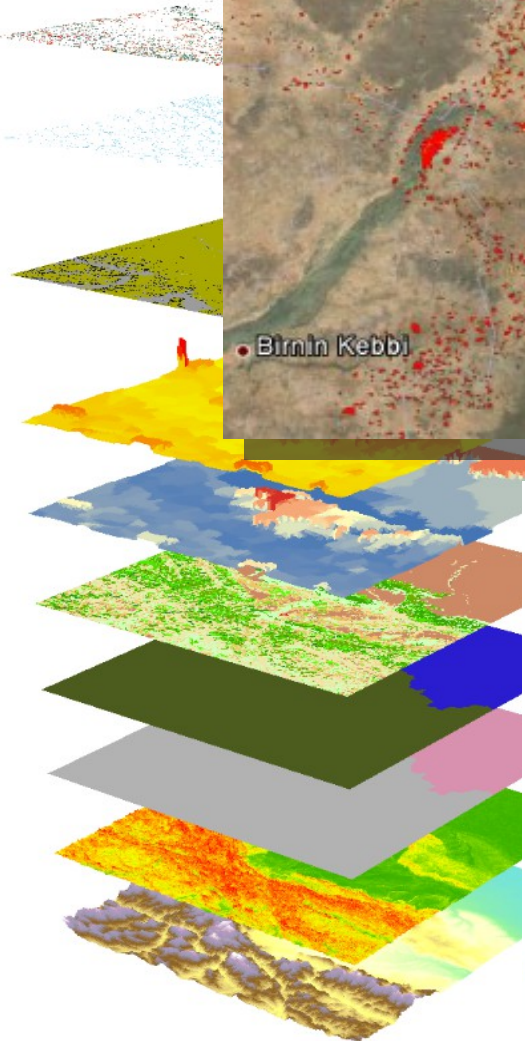
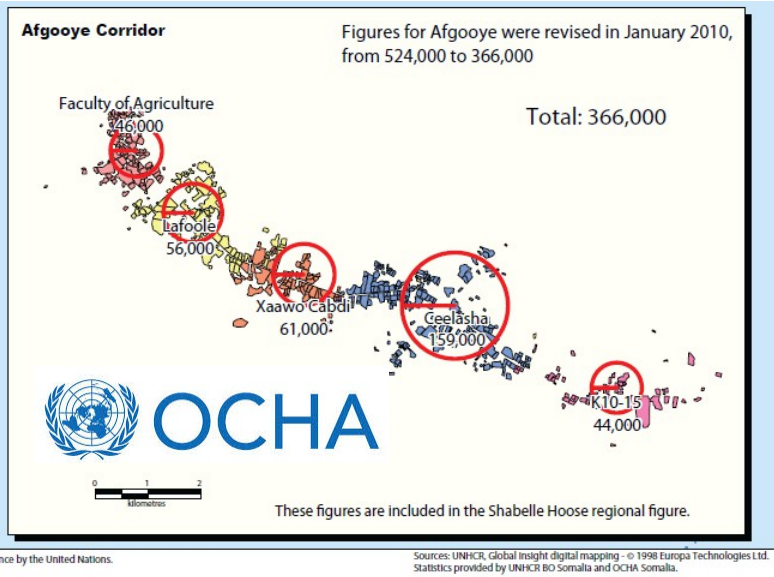
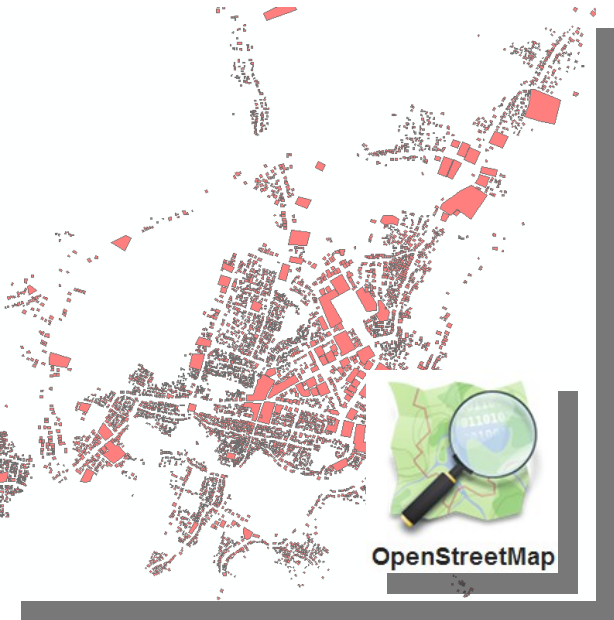
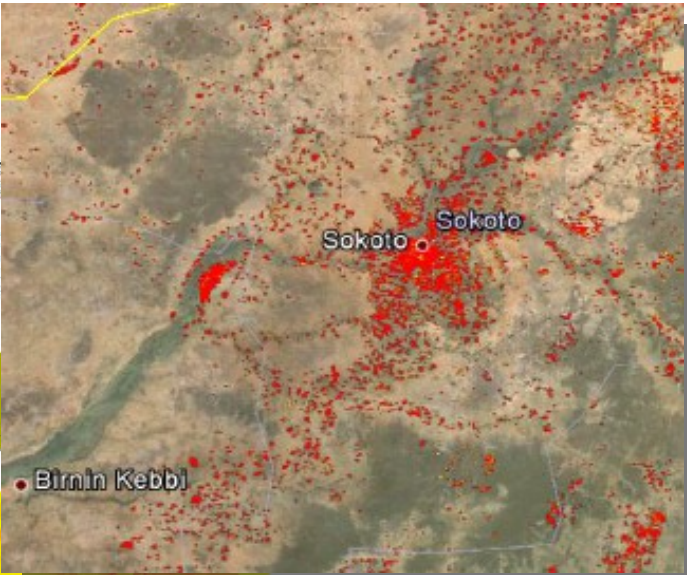
Geolocated Surveys



Proportion of women who are literate



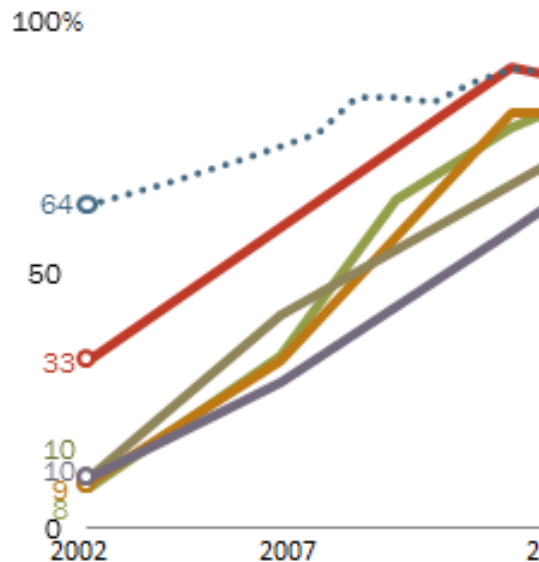
Satellite and GIS data



Cellphone Call Detail Records

Cell Phone Ownership Surges

Adults who own a cell phone



Note: U.S. data from Pew Research Center survey

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey, Q6b.

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User travels
to Y and
makes a call



Call routed
through near
tower



Mobility:

Changing densities, flows,
seasonal/permanent migration

Social networks:

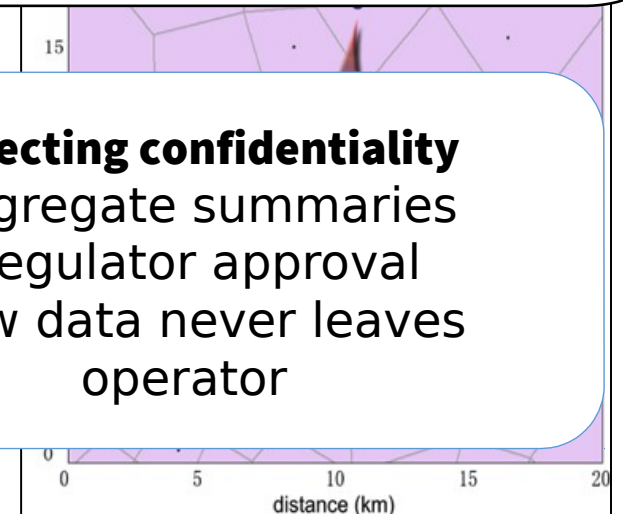
Number of contacts, calling
patterns

Consumption:

Credit purchase frequencies,
top-up amounts

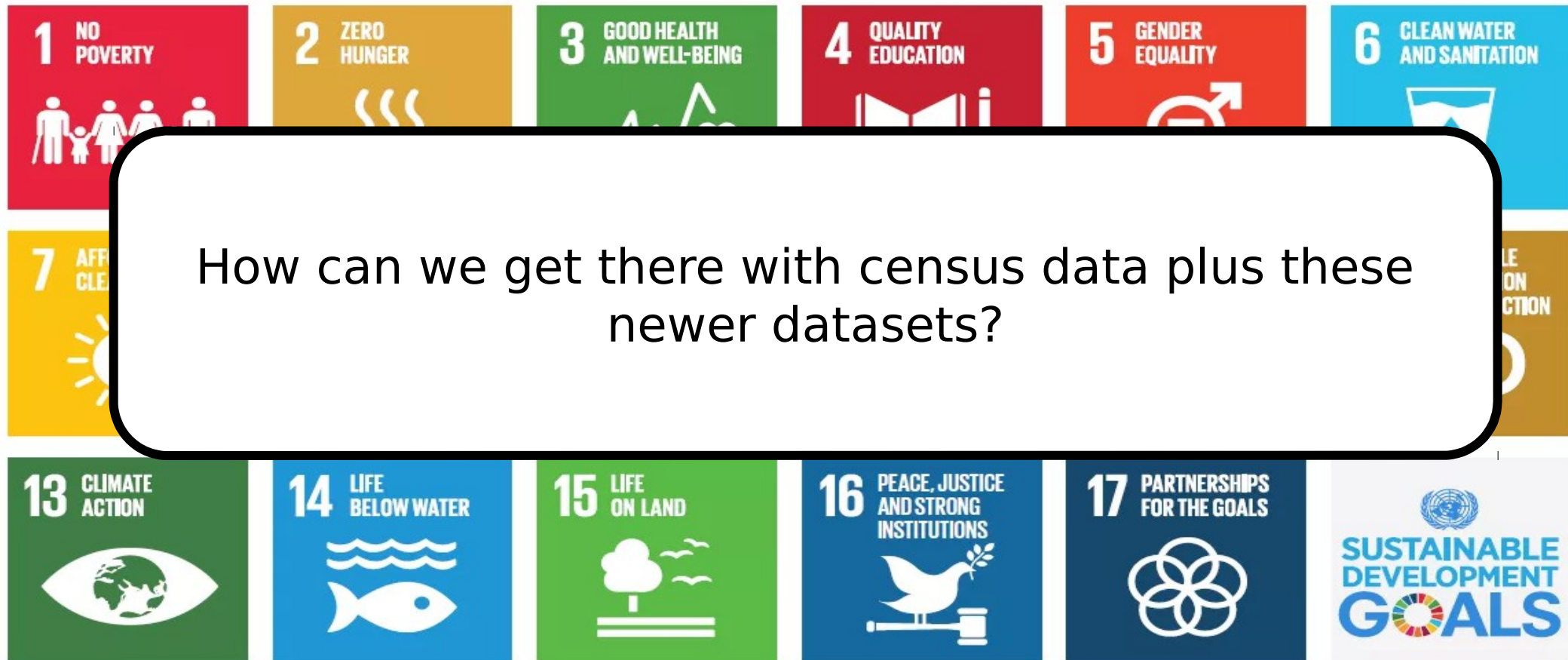
Protecting confidentiality

- Aggregate summaries
- Regulator approval
- Raw data never leaves operator





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

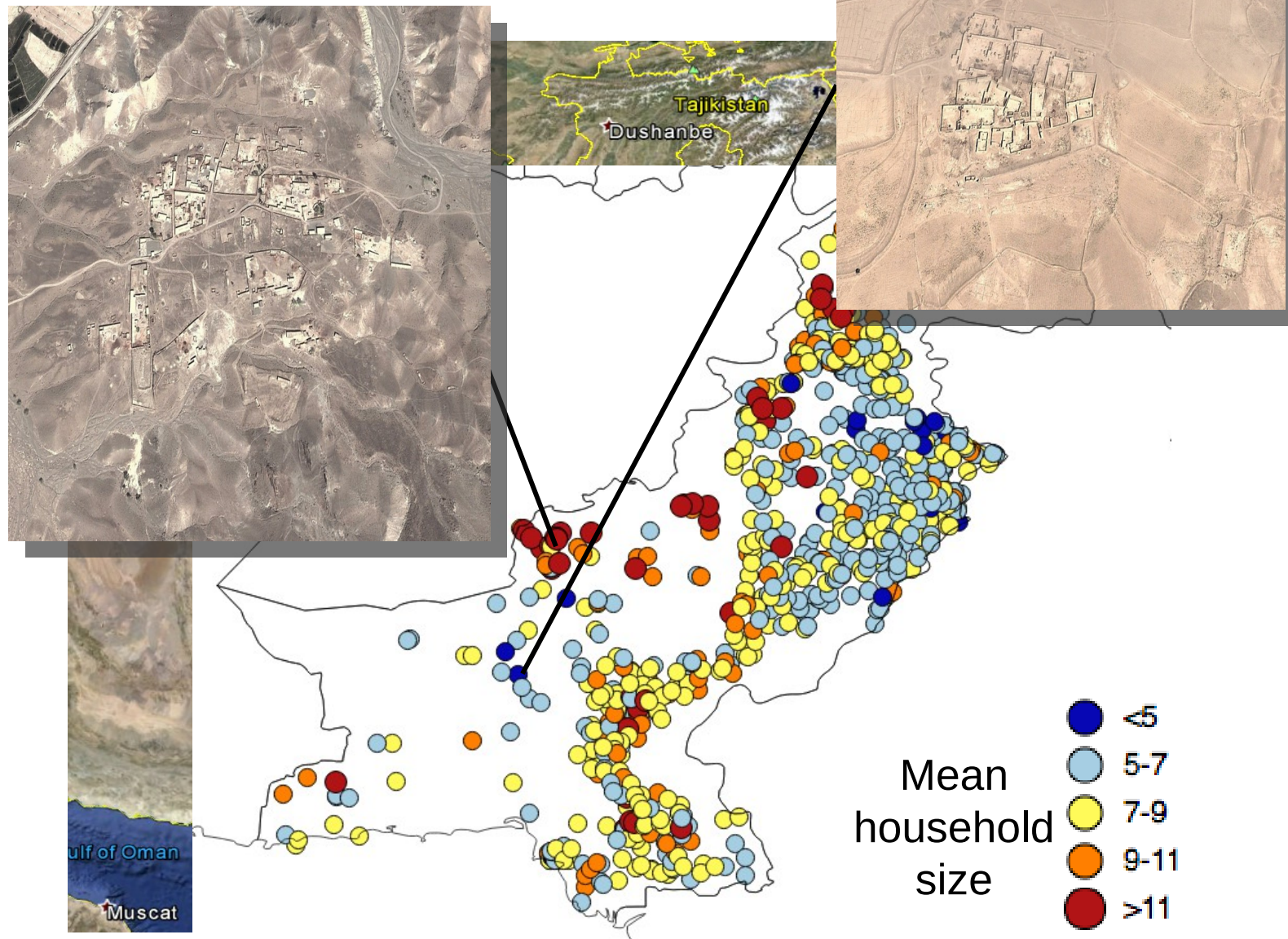


Mapping buildings/settlements is a valuable initial step

But, buildings do not directly translate to people

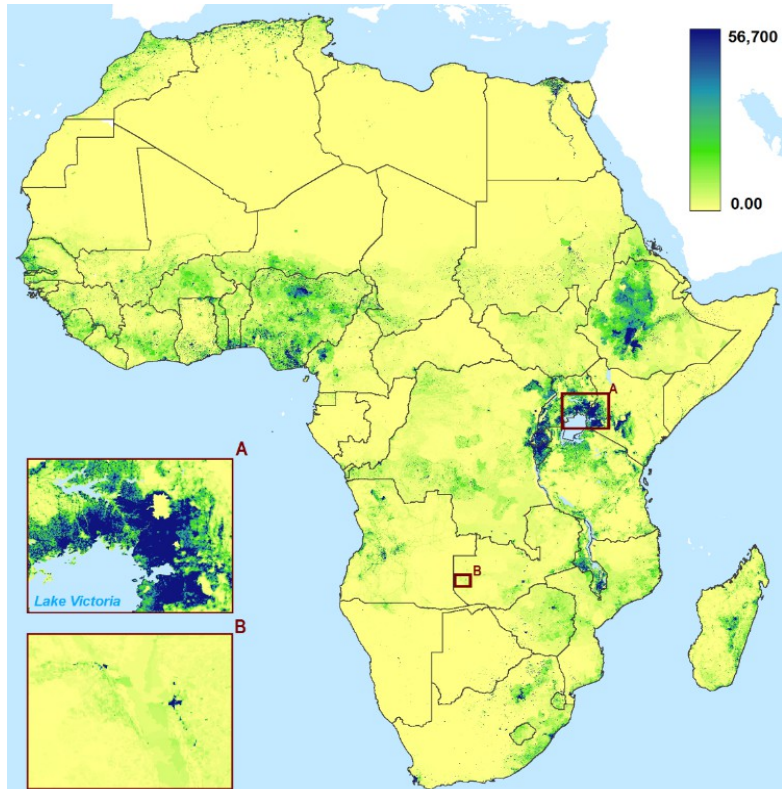
Multiple factors drive differences in distributions and demographics

Importance of integrating multiple data sources

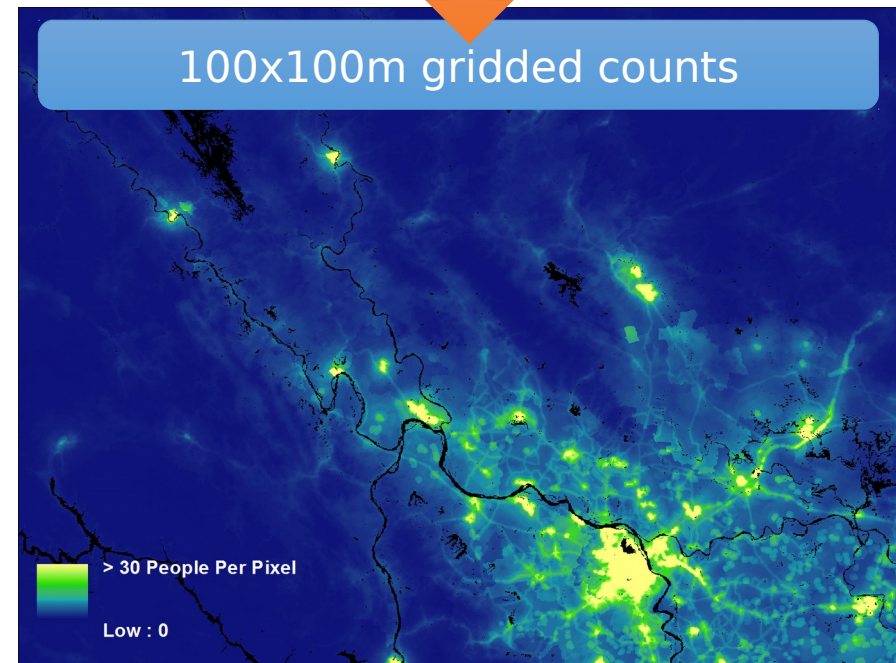
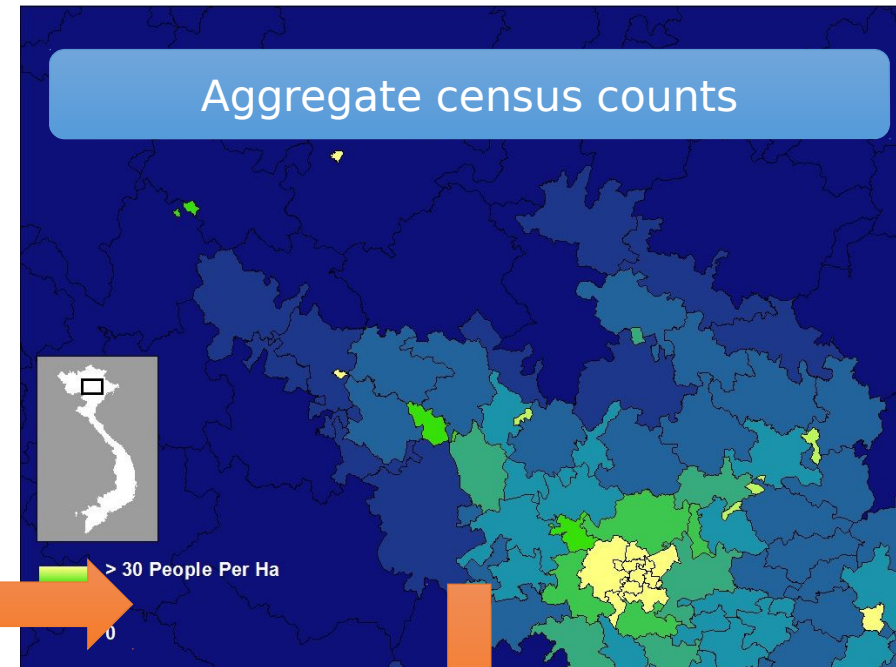
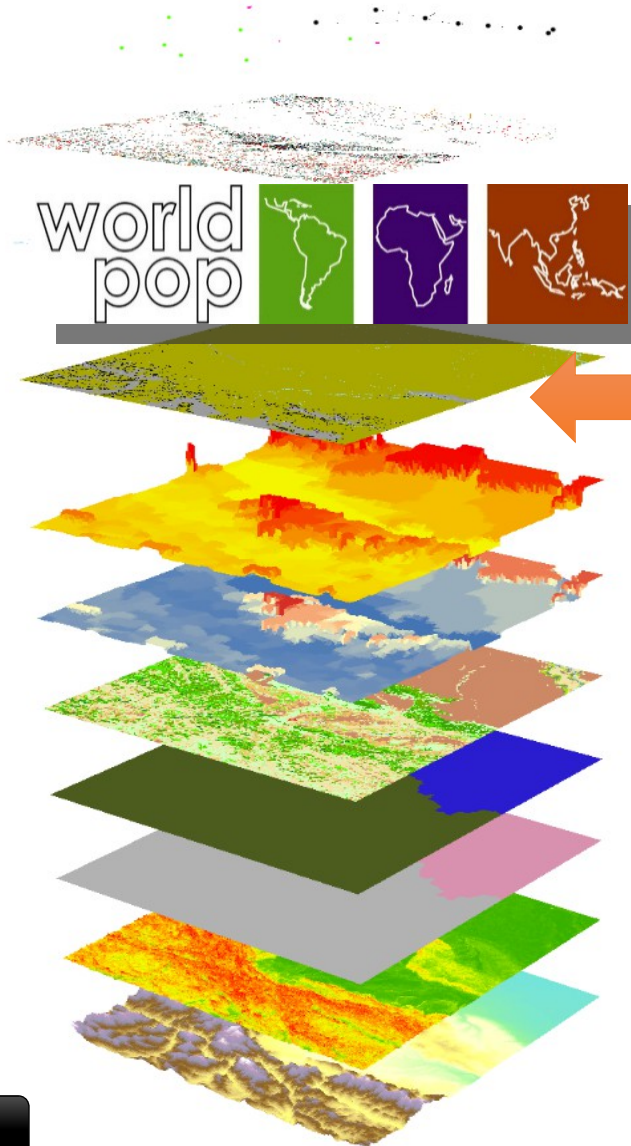


Census Data Disaggregation

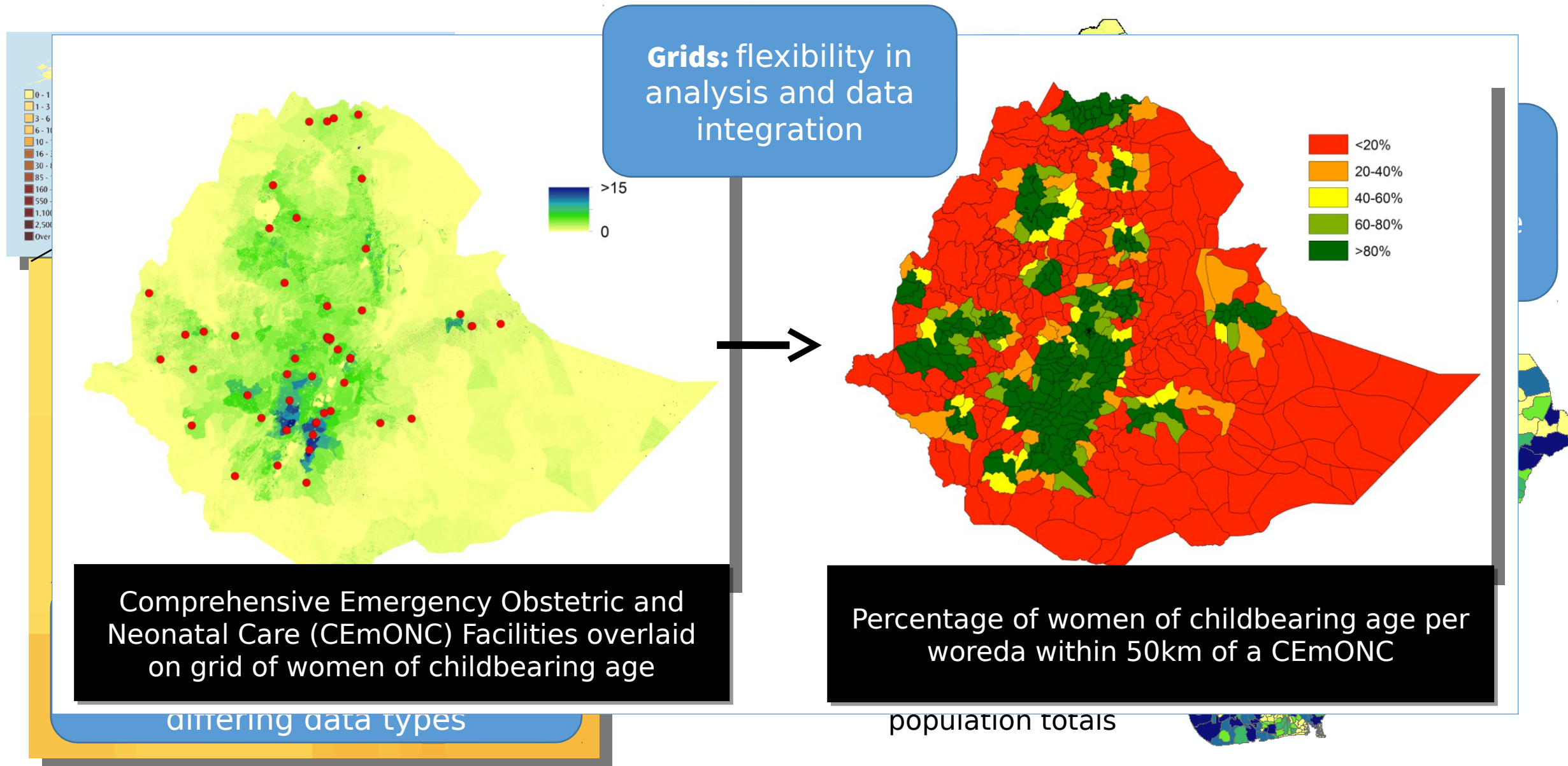
Integration with satellite/GIS data related to human population distribution patterns to disaggregate counts to regular grids



Women of childbearing age per 1x1km
2015

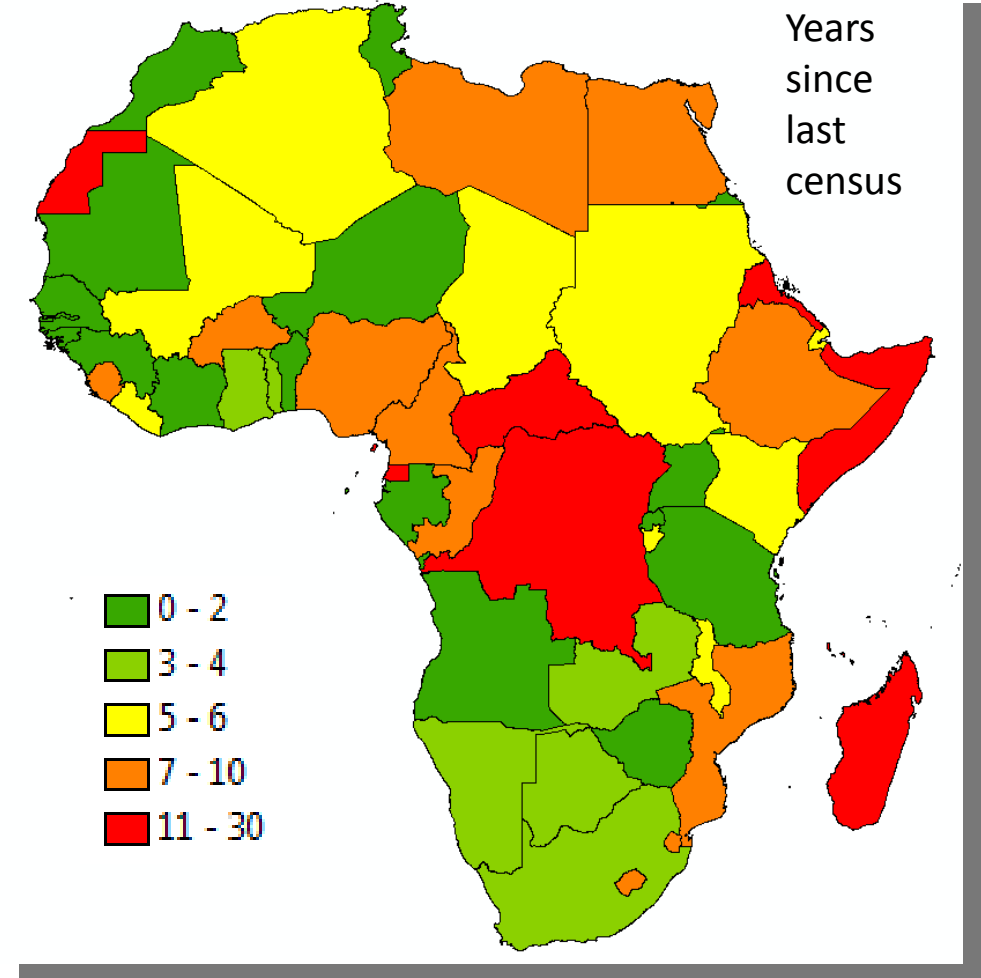


Benefits of 'Gridded' Demographic Data

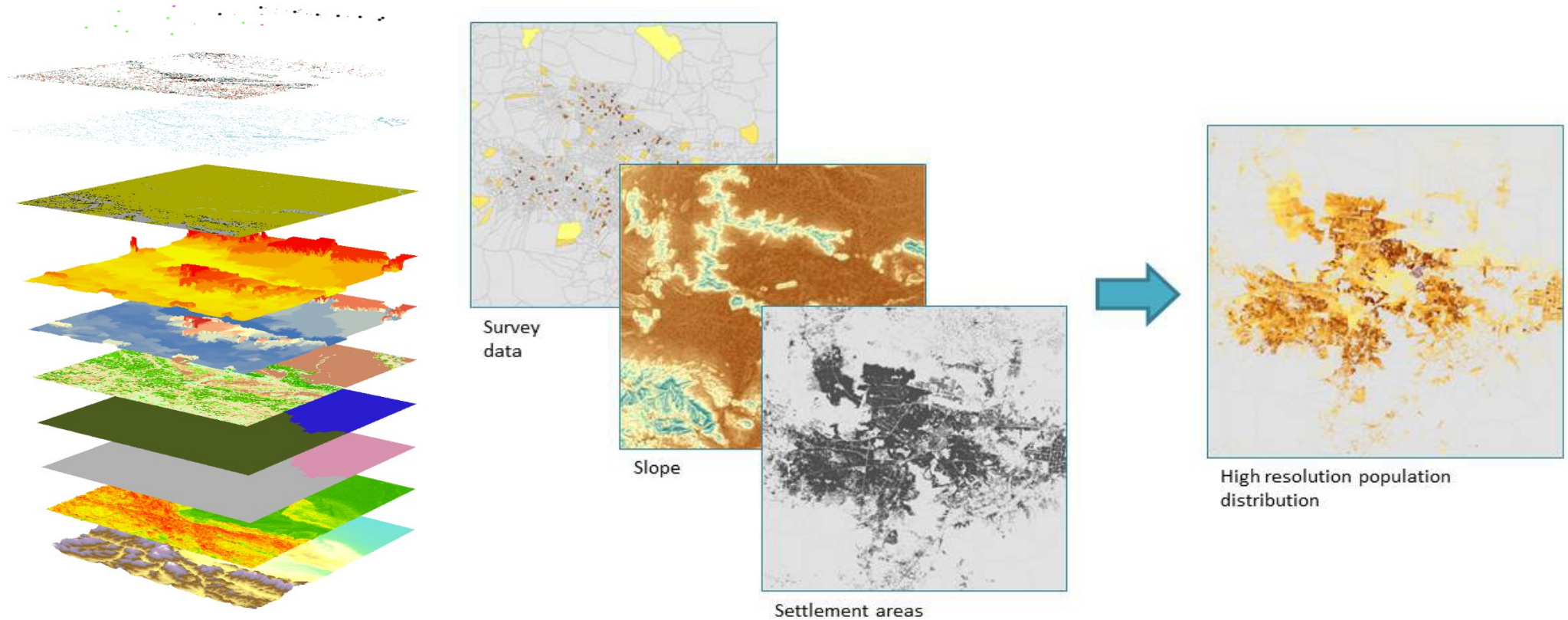


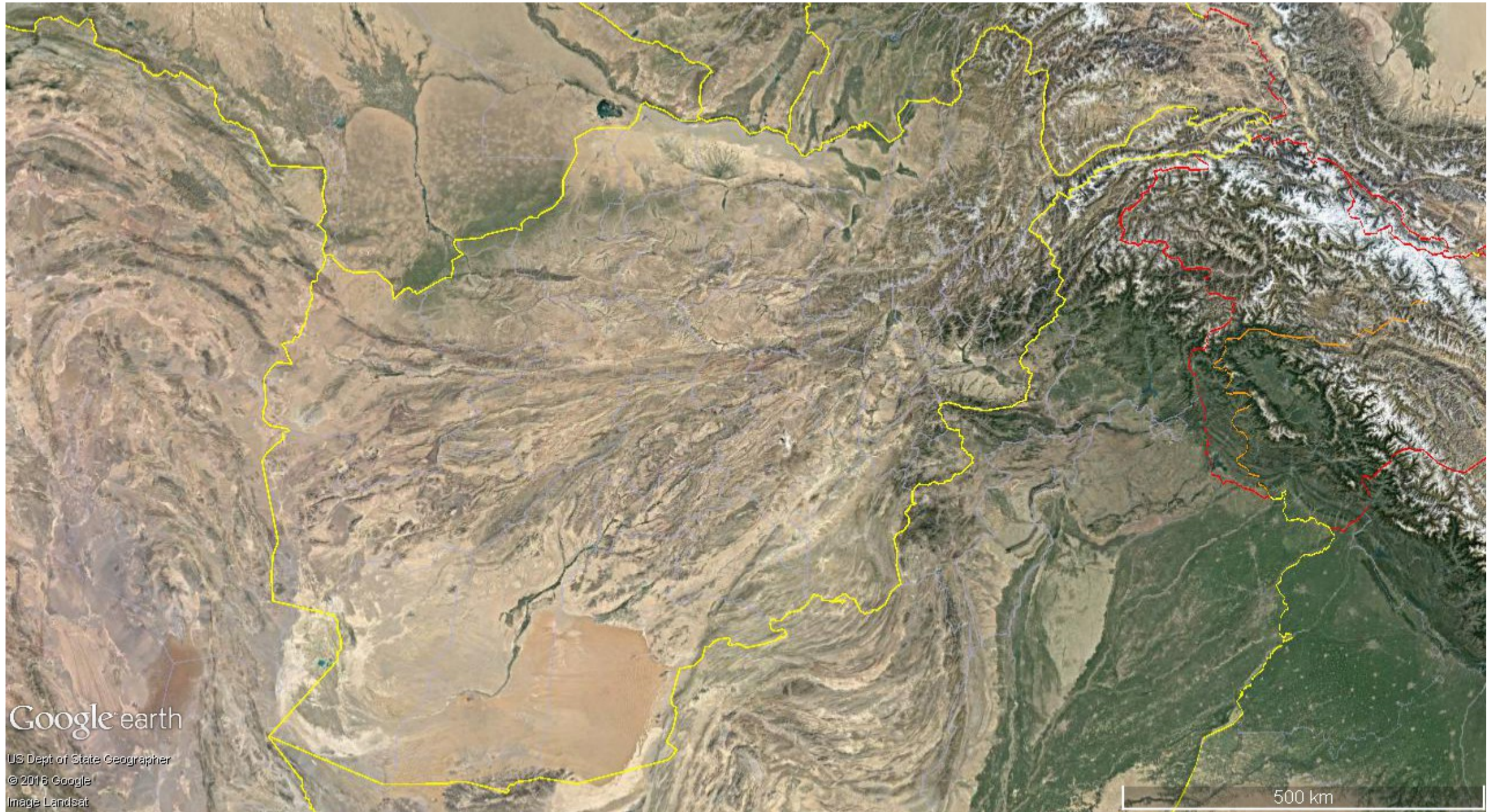
Census Data is not Always Trustworthy

- Every ten years
- Released with delay
- Sometimes much older
- Sometimes manipulated



Bottom-up Mapping: Micro-Censuses in Selected Locations





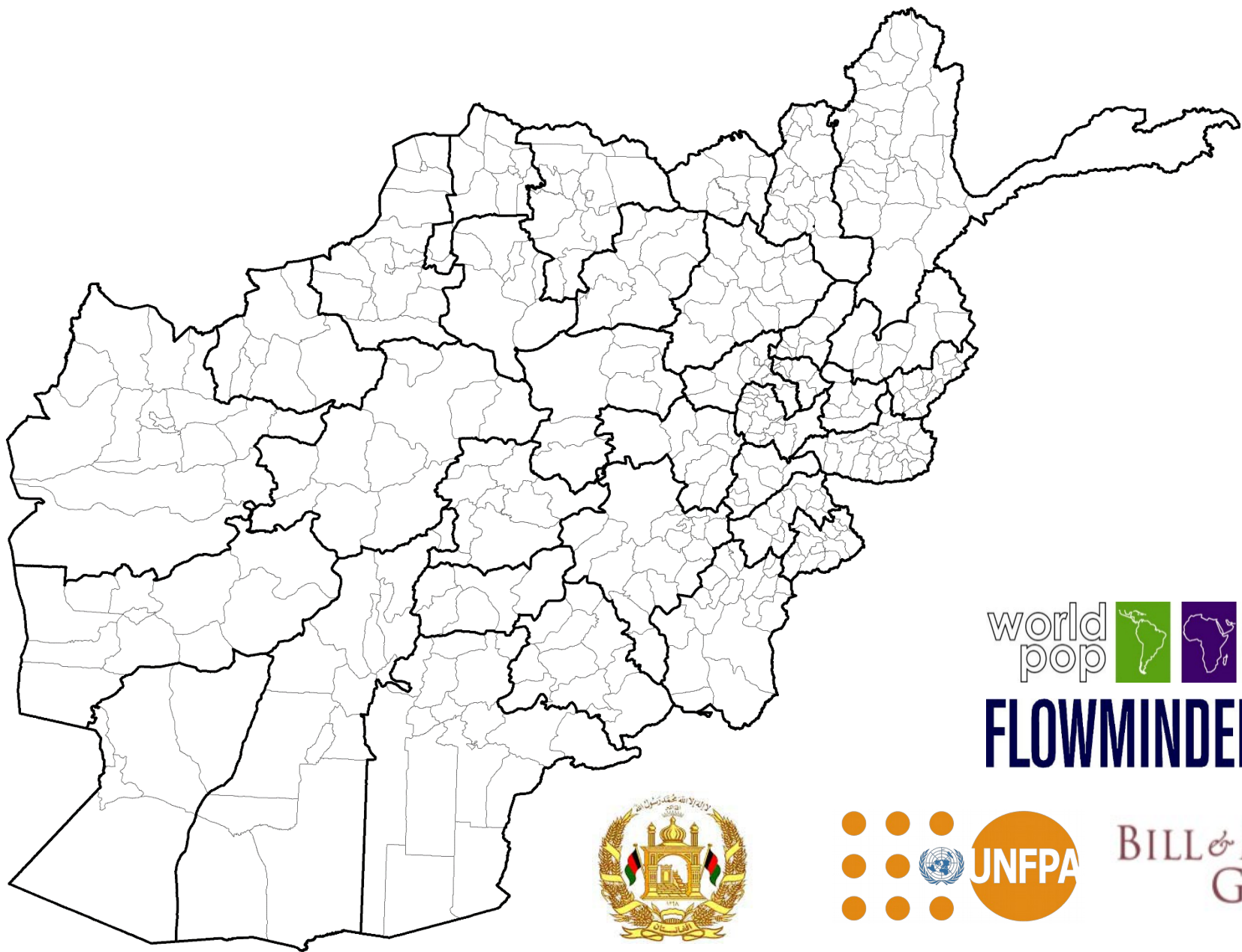
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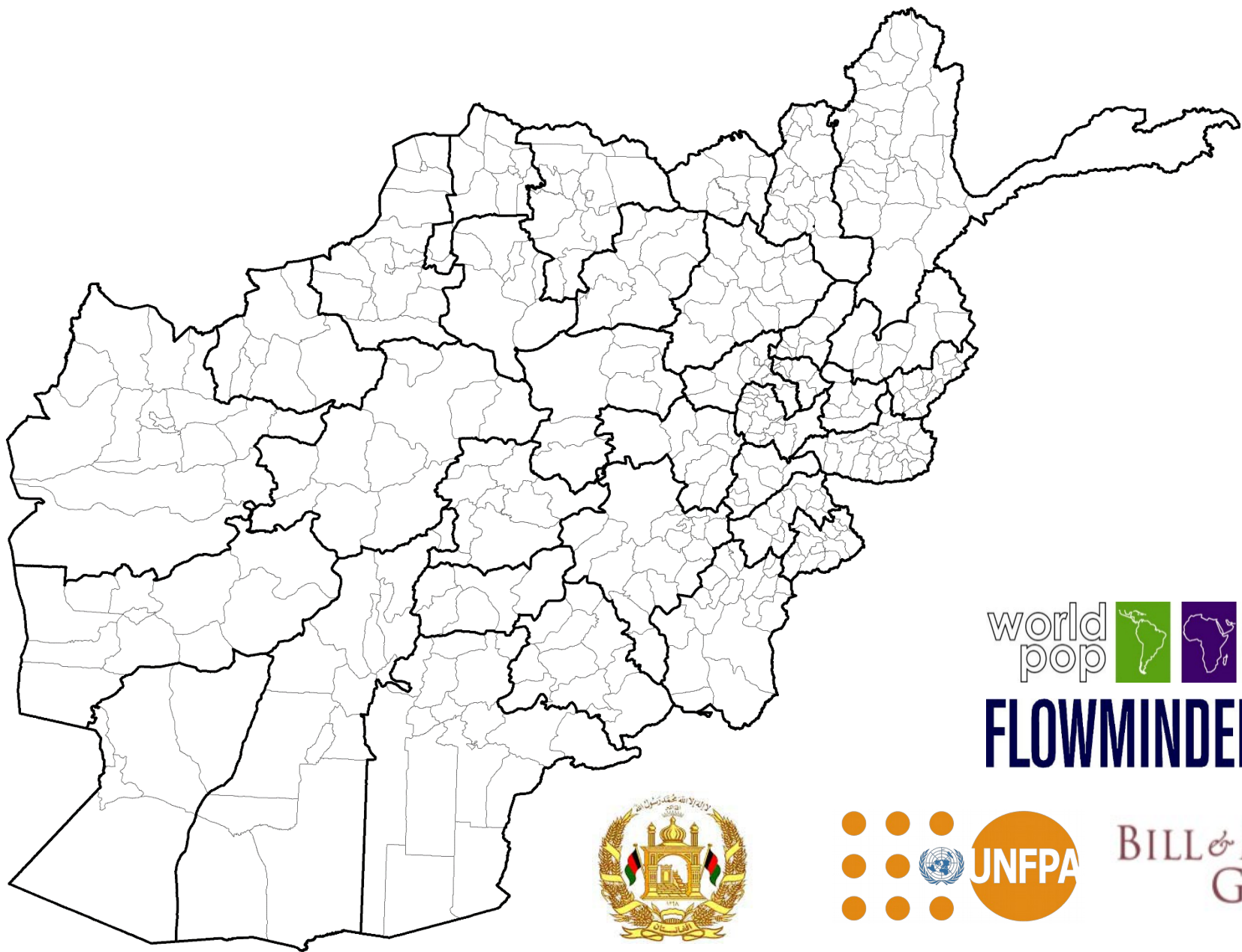
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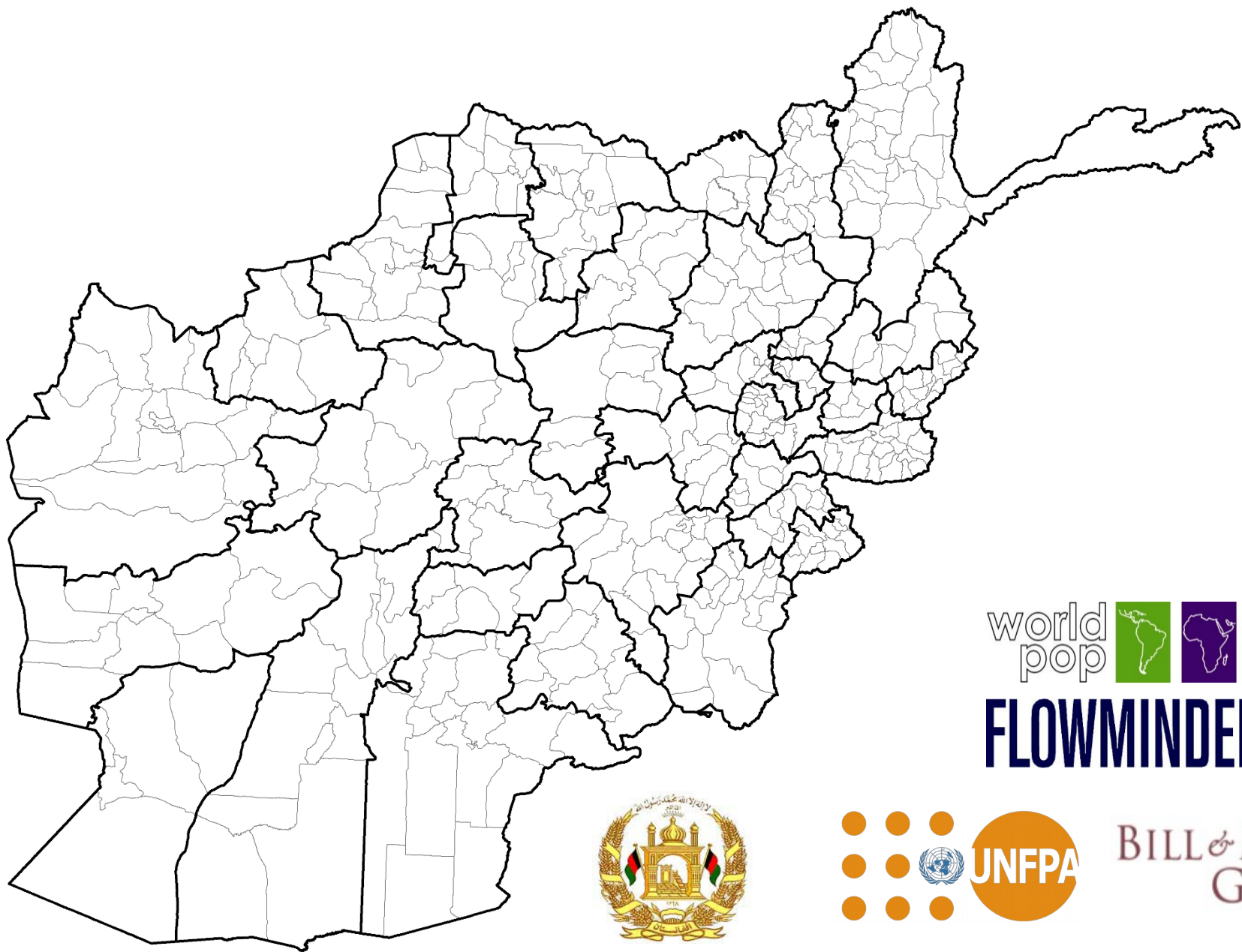
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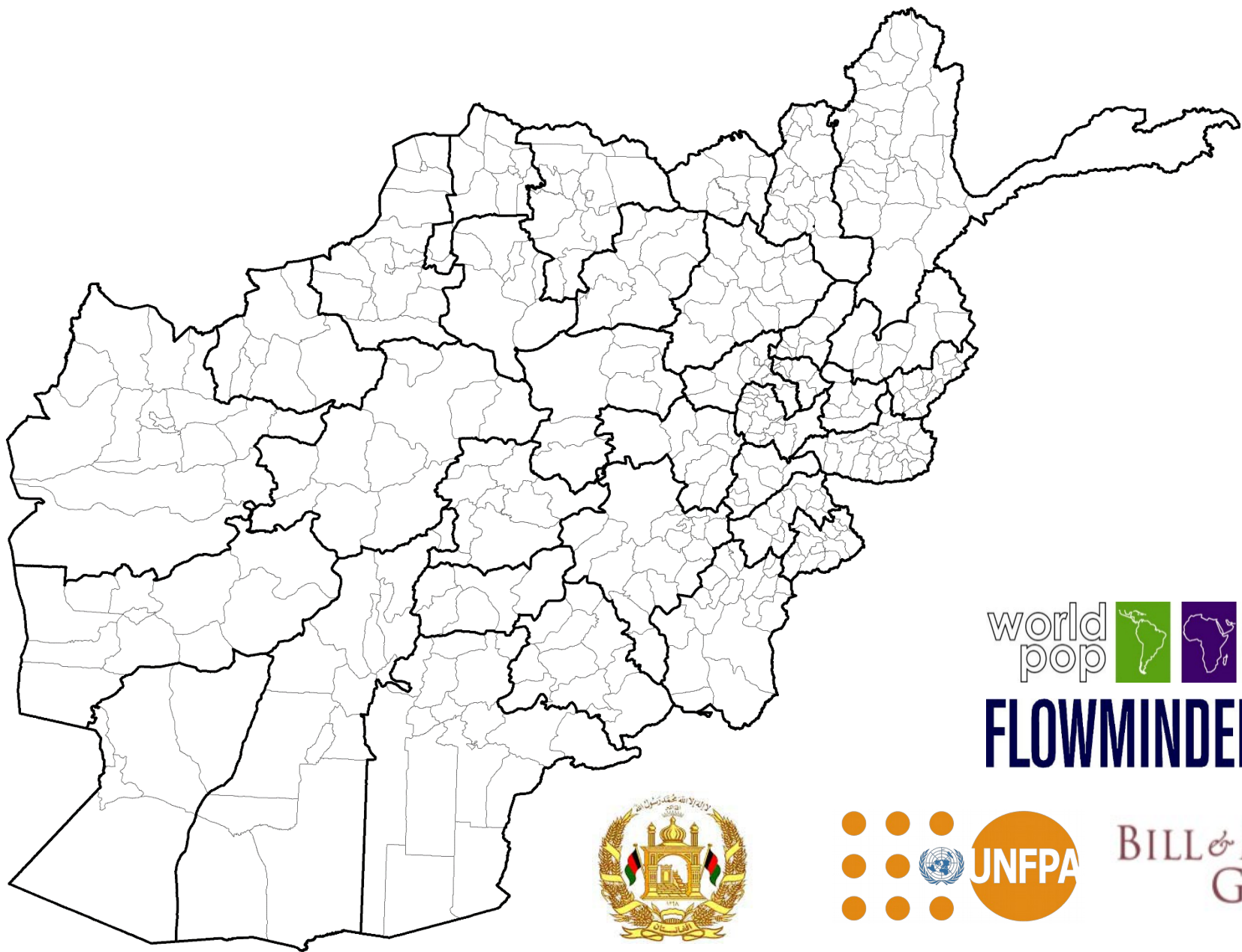
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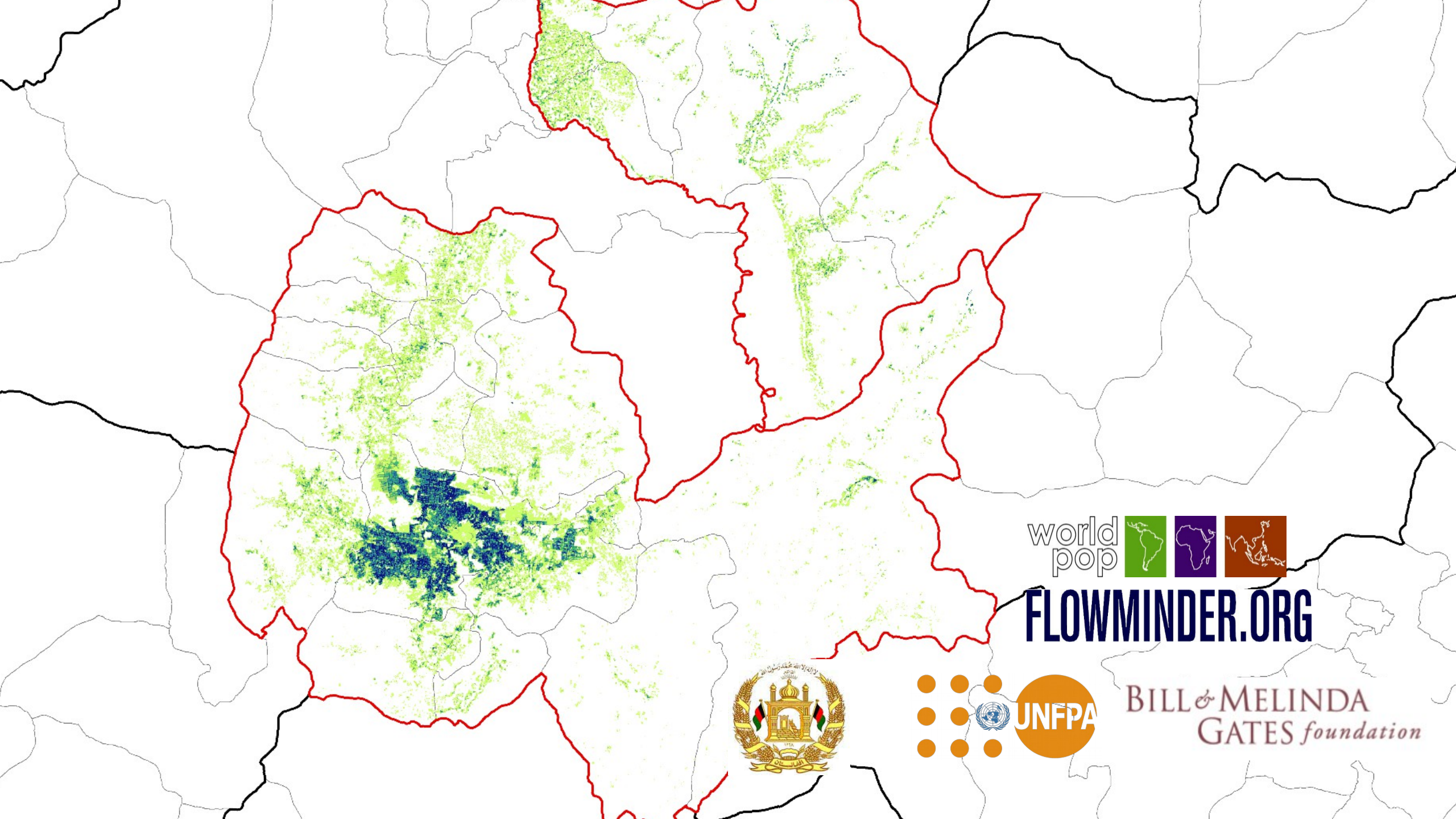
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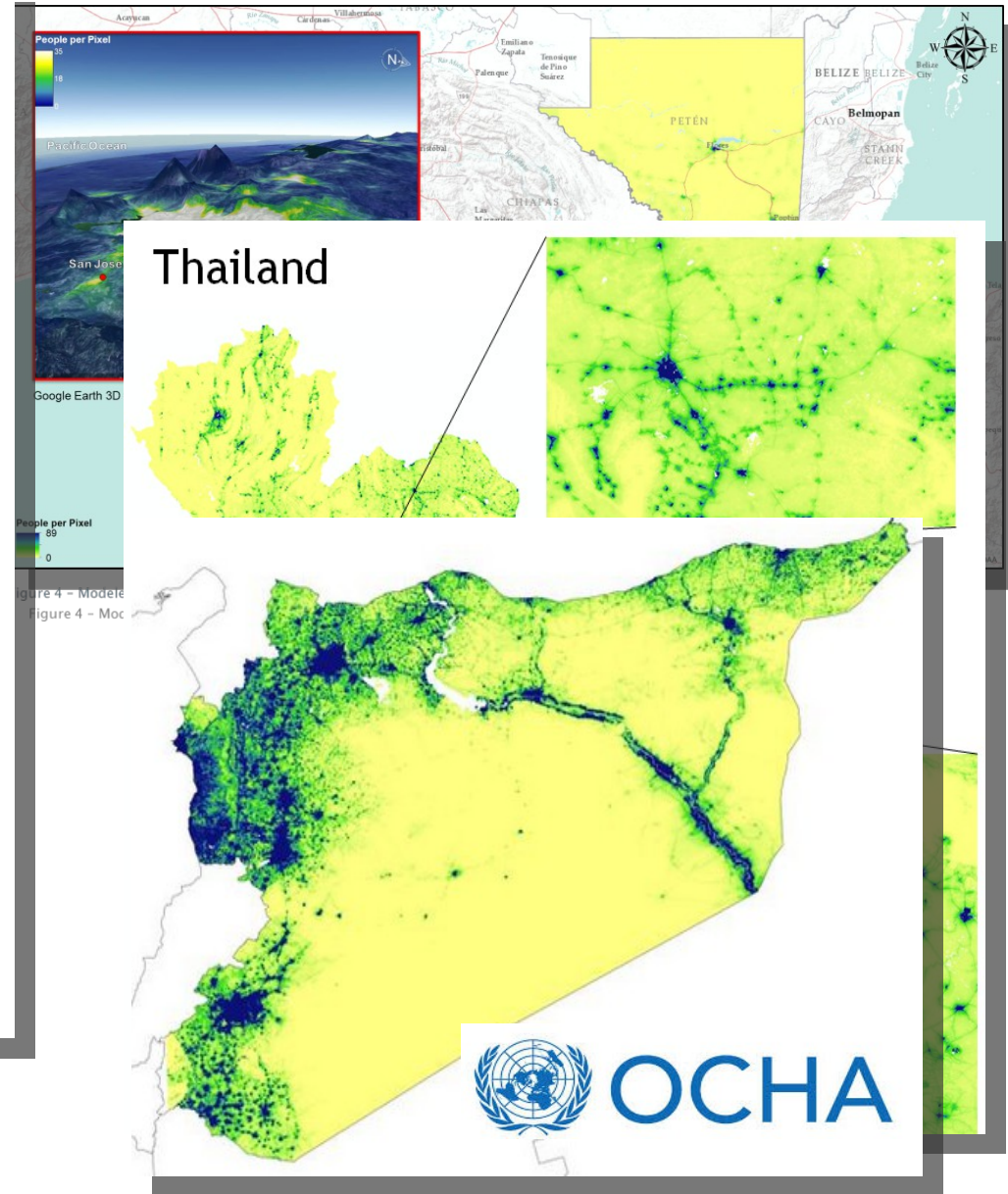
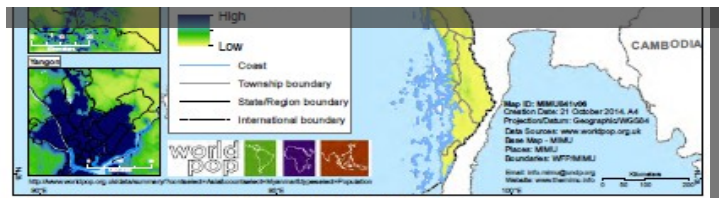
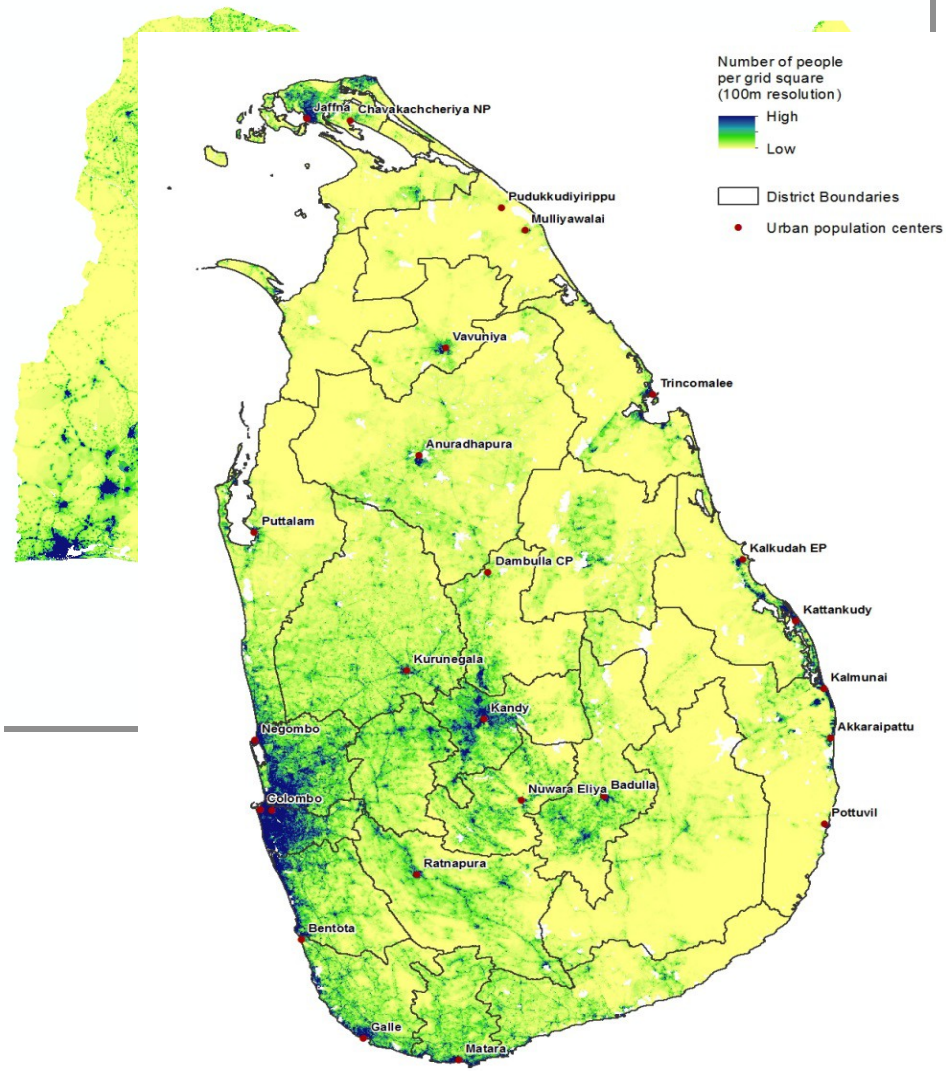


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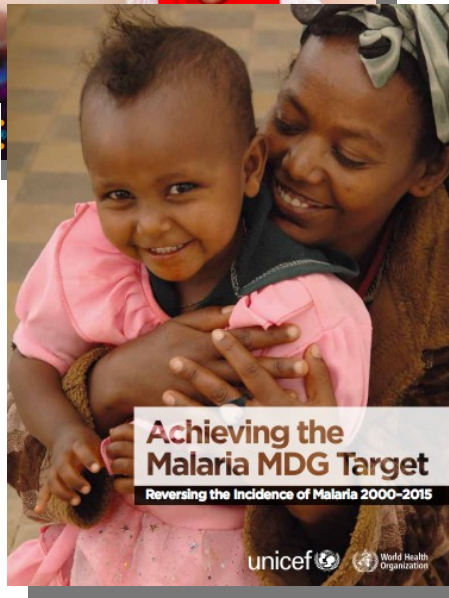
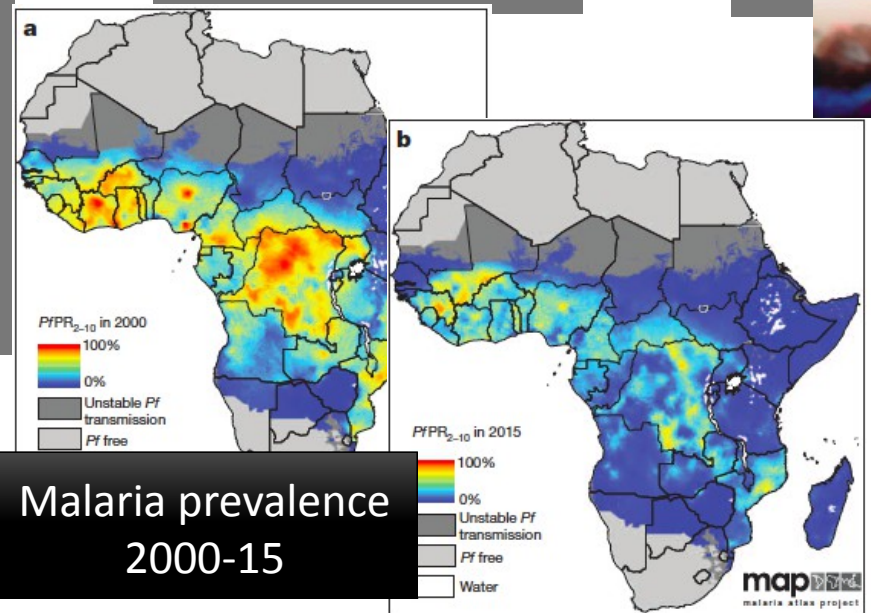
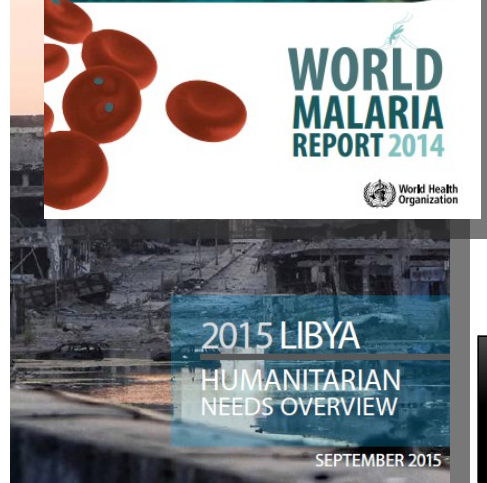
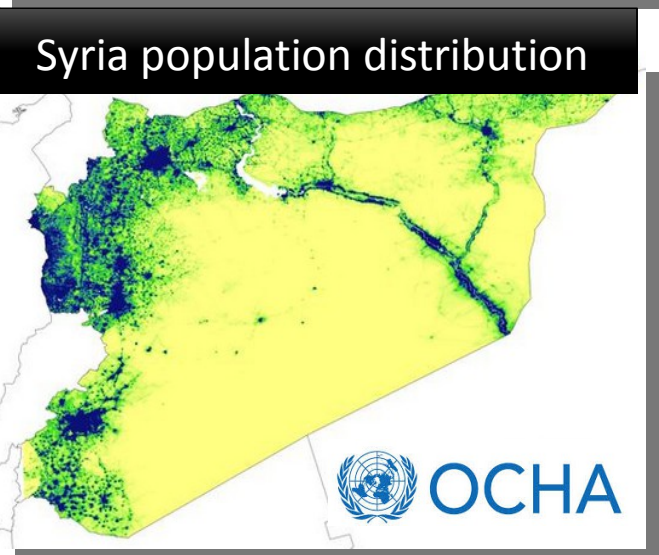
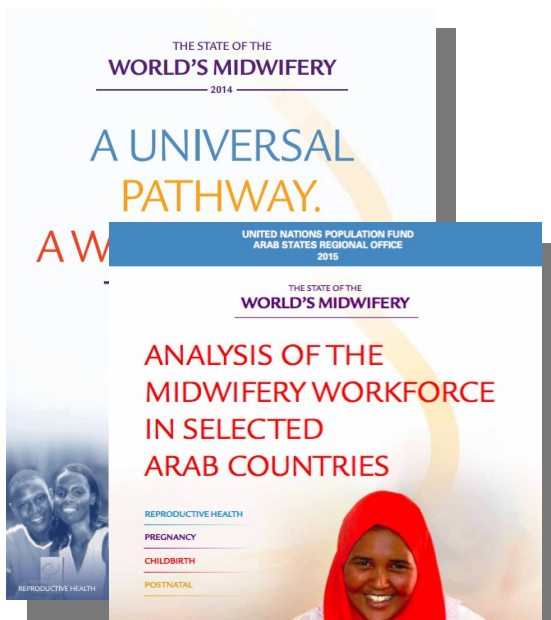
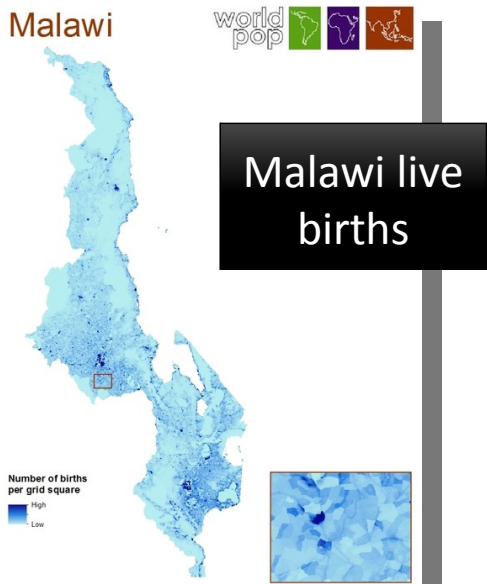
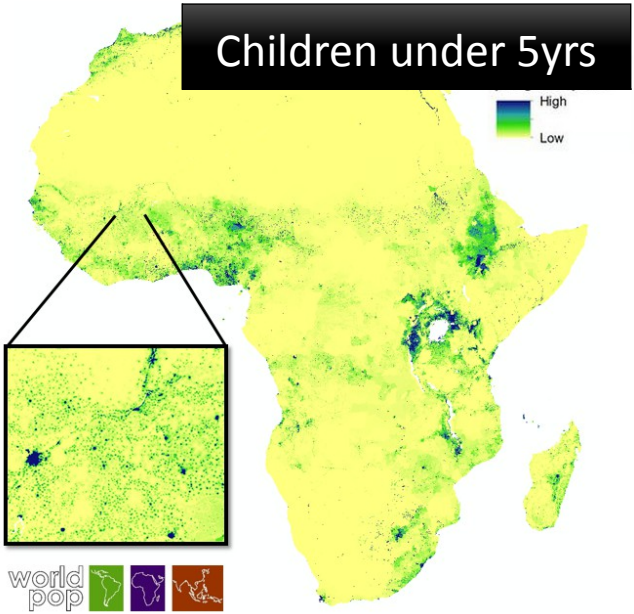
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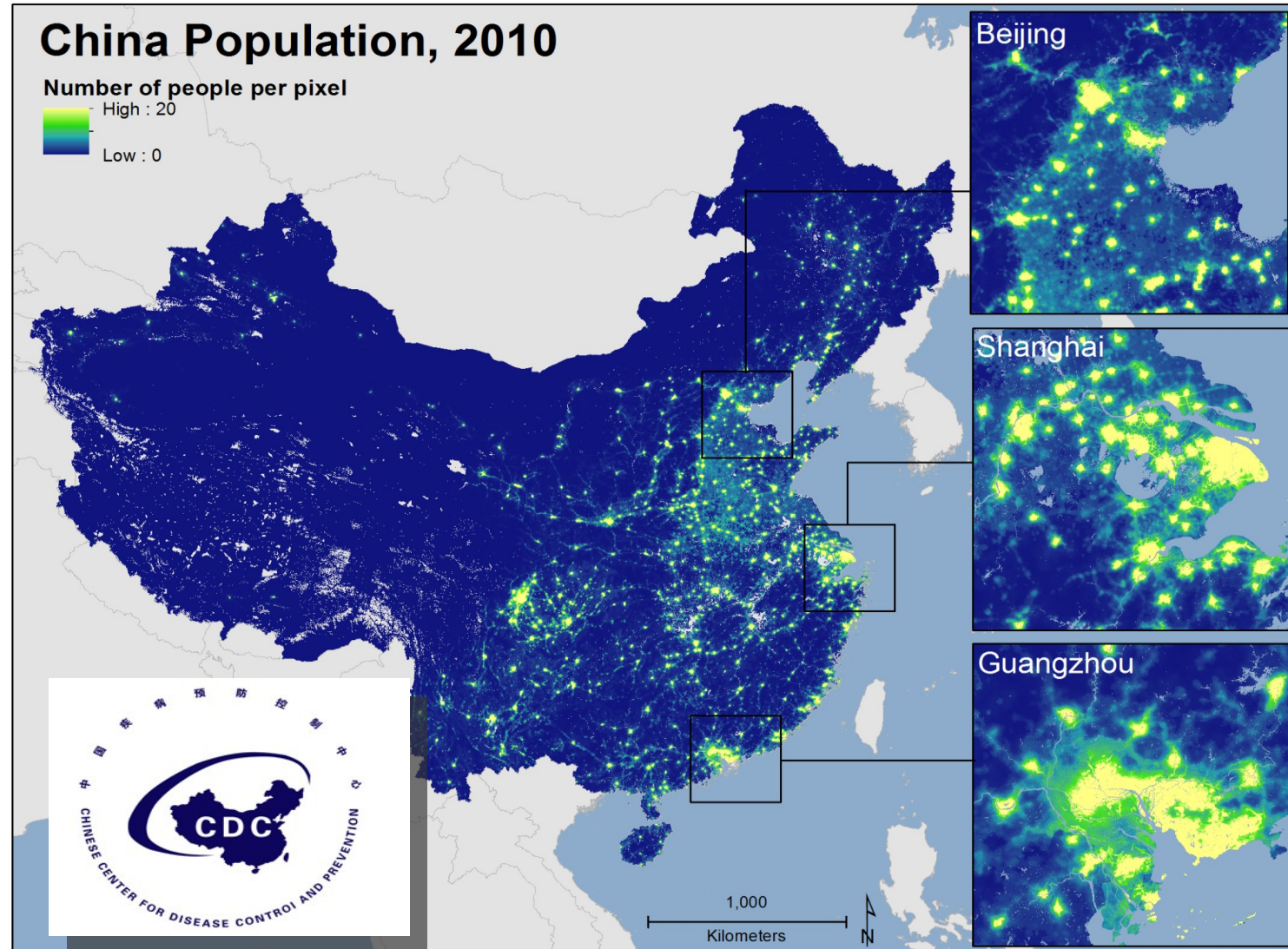
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Datasets, Methods in use Operationally

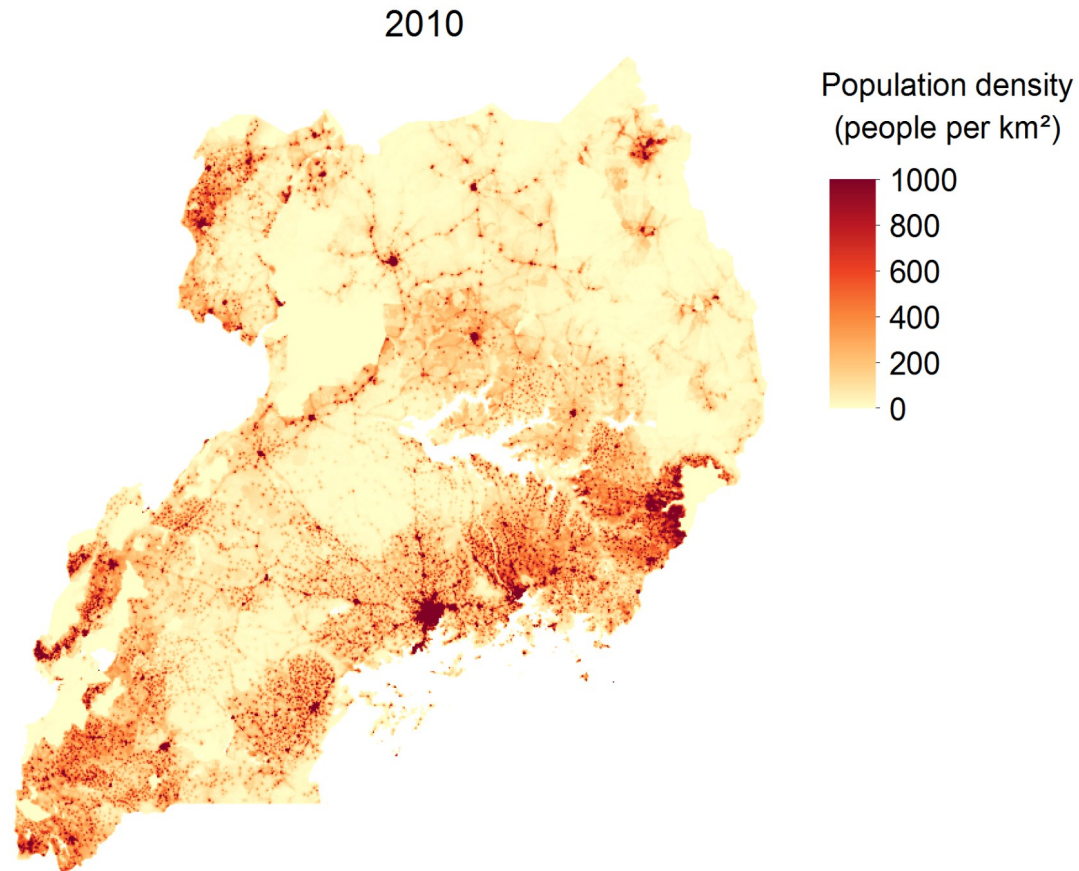


Temporal Change: Looking Back



*Ref: Gaughan et al.
Nature Scientific Data.
2015*

Temporal Change: Projecting Forward



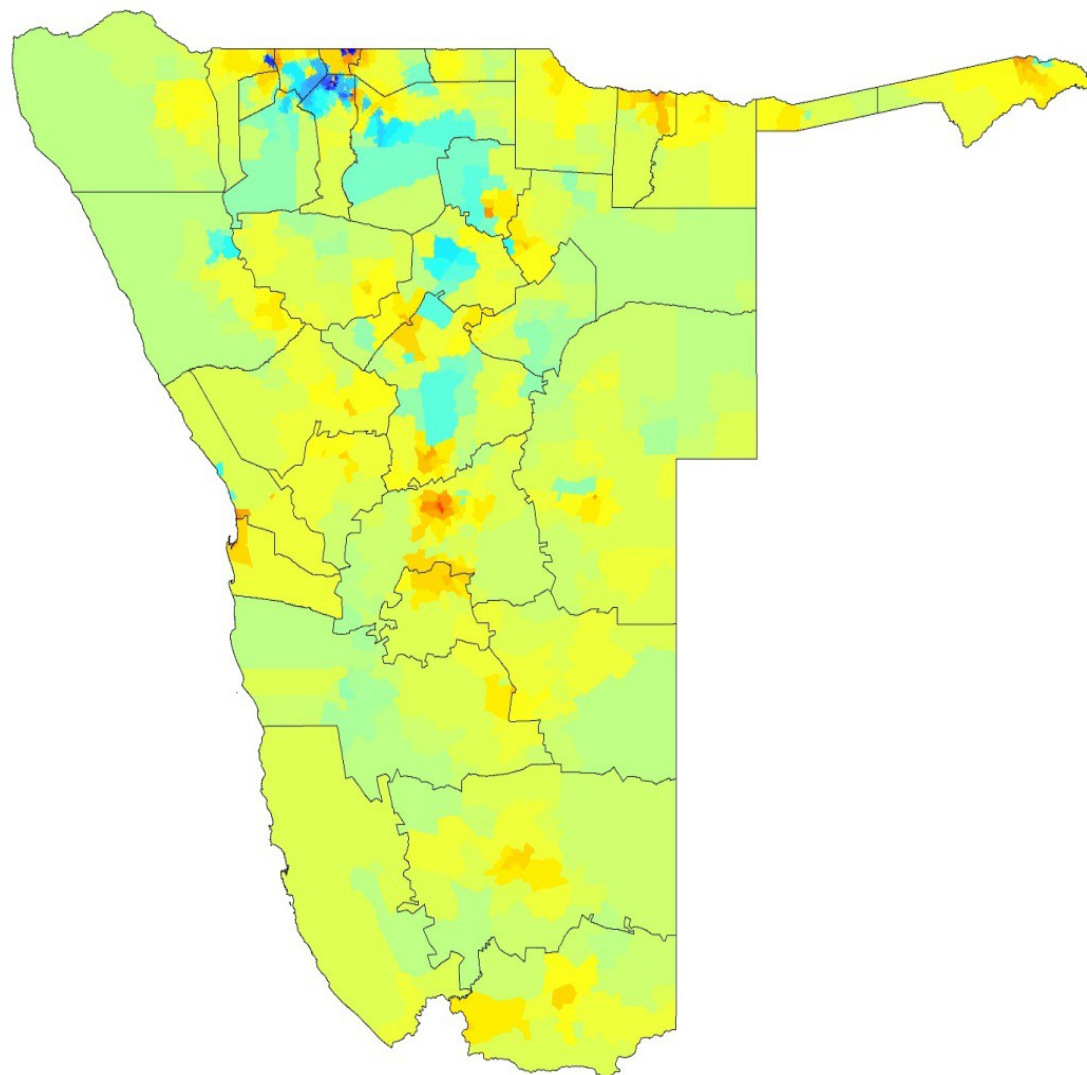
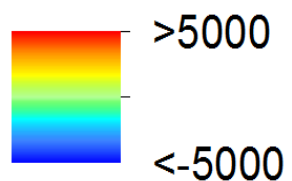
Populations Don't Stay Put...





Namibia Pop: 2.3
mill
MTC active
subscriptions: 2.1
mill

Pop density
change per
square km



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world
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Measuring Targets: Population Characteristics and Coverages

SDG targets



- 1.1. Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere



- 2.2. End all forms of malnutrition, including the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age



- 3.7. Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services



- 4.6. Ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy



- 6.2. Achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all

What can we use?



Spatial Data Integration

- Population characteristics measured in household surveys can be strongly related to features we can measure everywhere
- We can use these relationships to predict characteristics into unsampled locations using metrics from census, satellite and cellphone data to create maps of SDG-relevant indicators
- Importance of validation and the measurement and mapping of uncertainty



-Increasing distance from major roads = increasing poverty

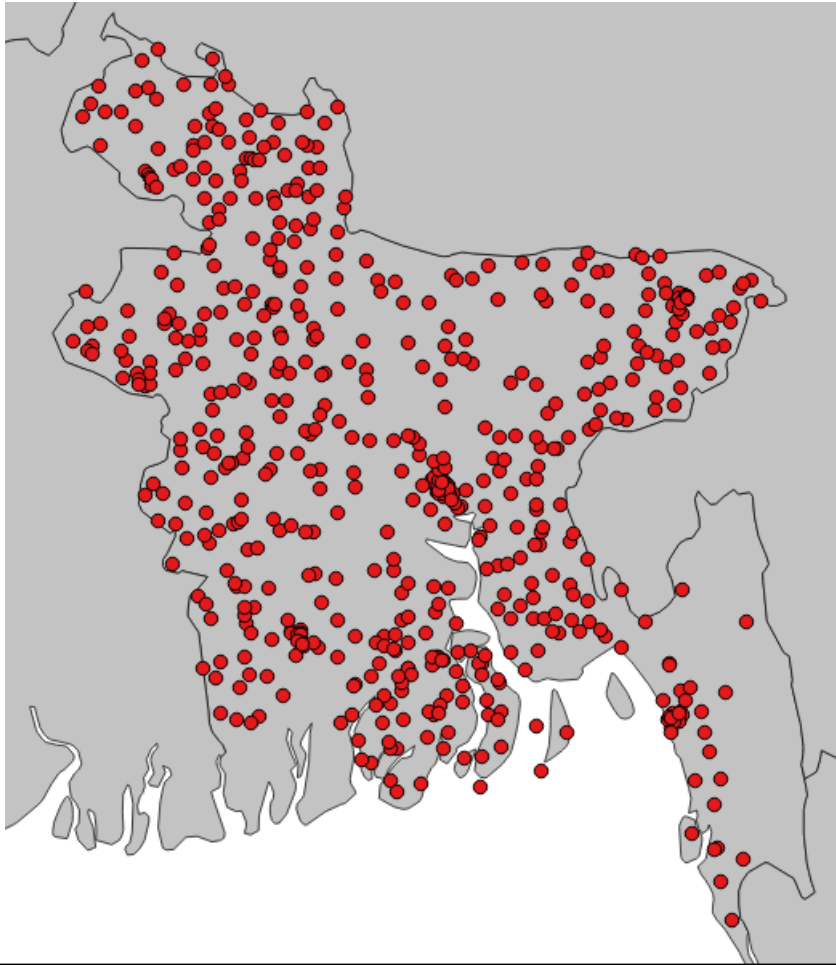
-Increasing urbanicity = decreasing poverty



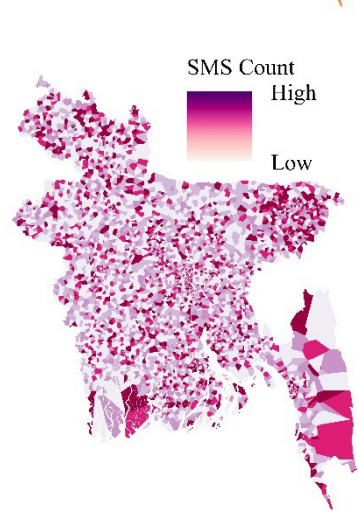
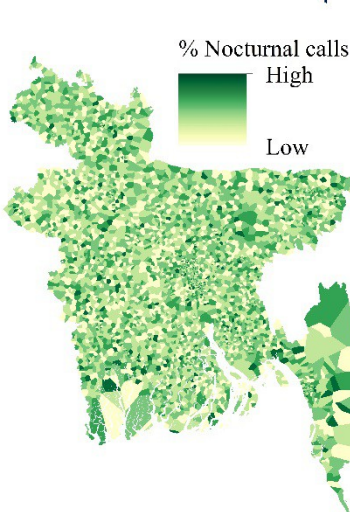
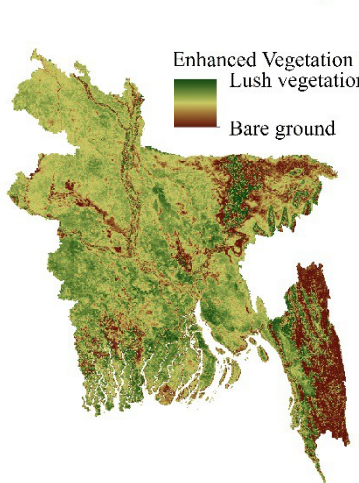
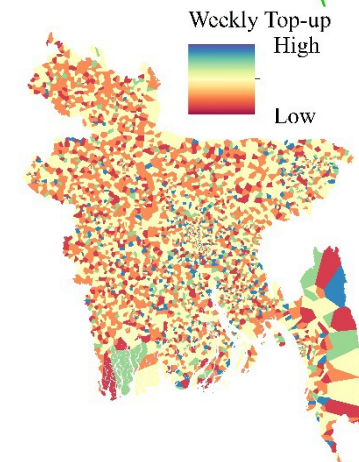
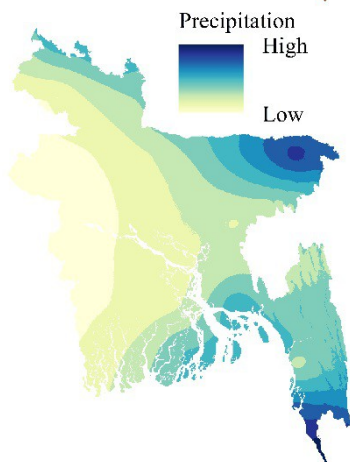
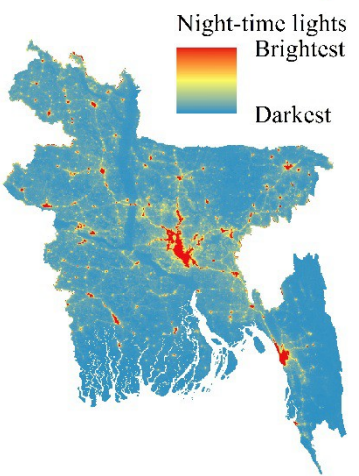
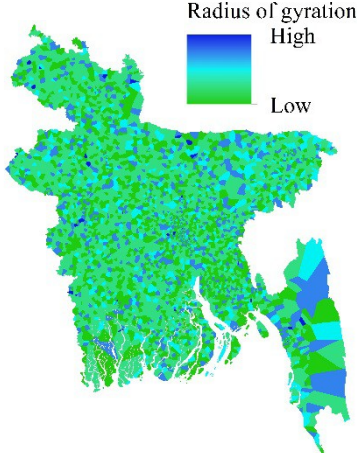
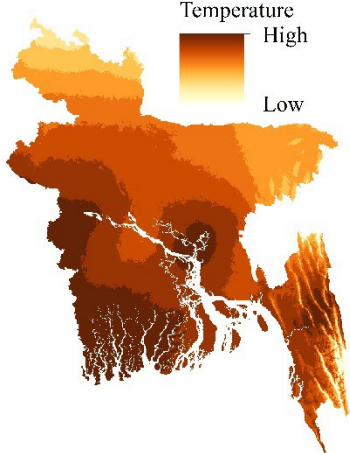
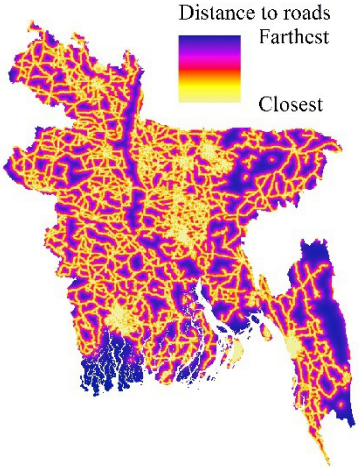
-Wider social network = lower poverty

-Large, regular credit top up = lower poverty

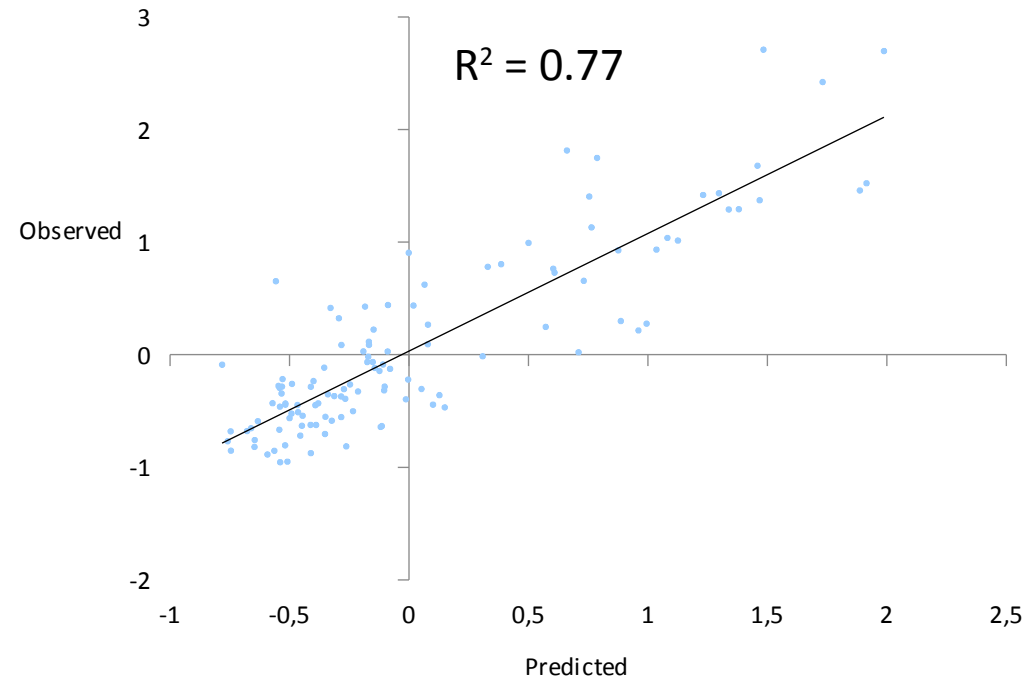
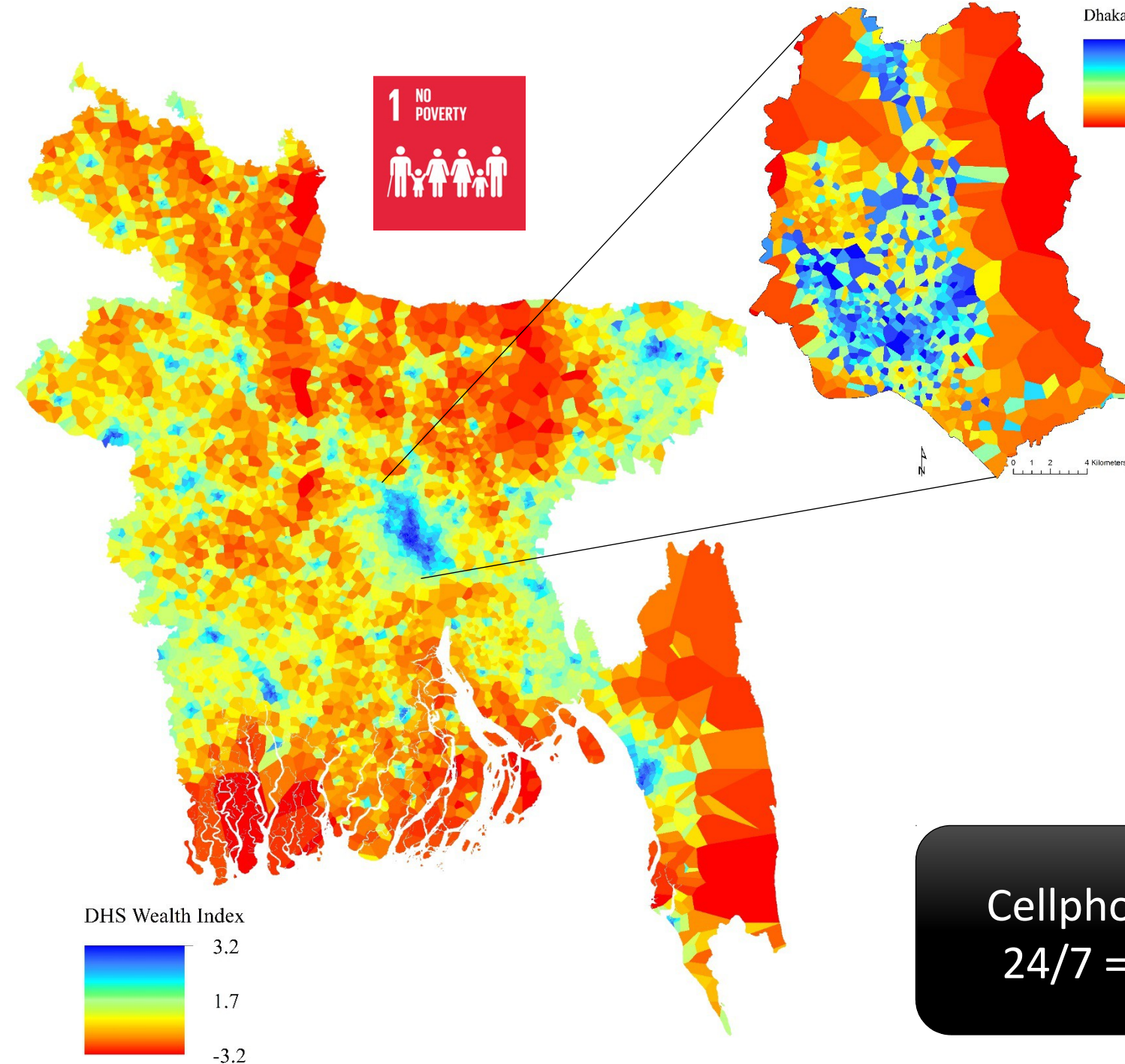
Improving Mapping of Socioeconomic Indicators



GPS-located survey cluster data

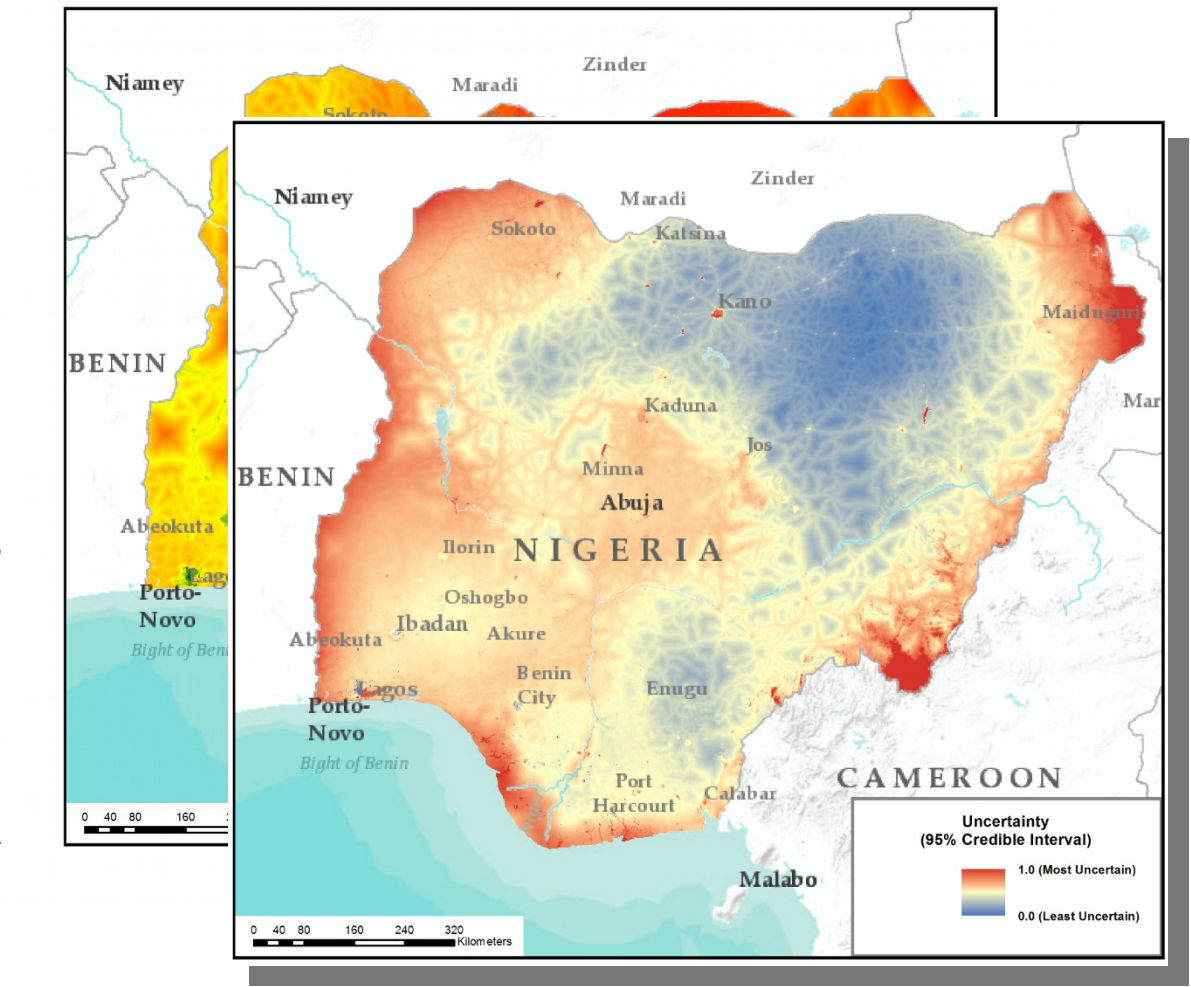
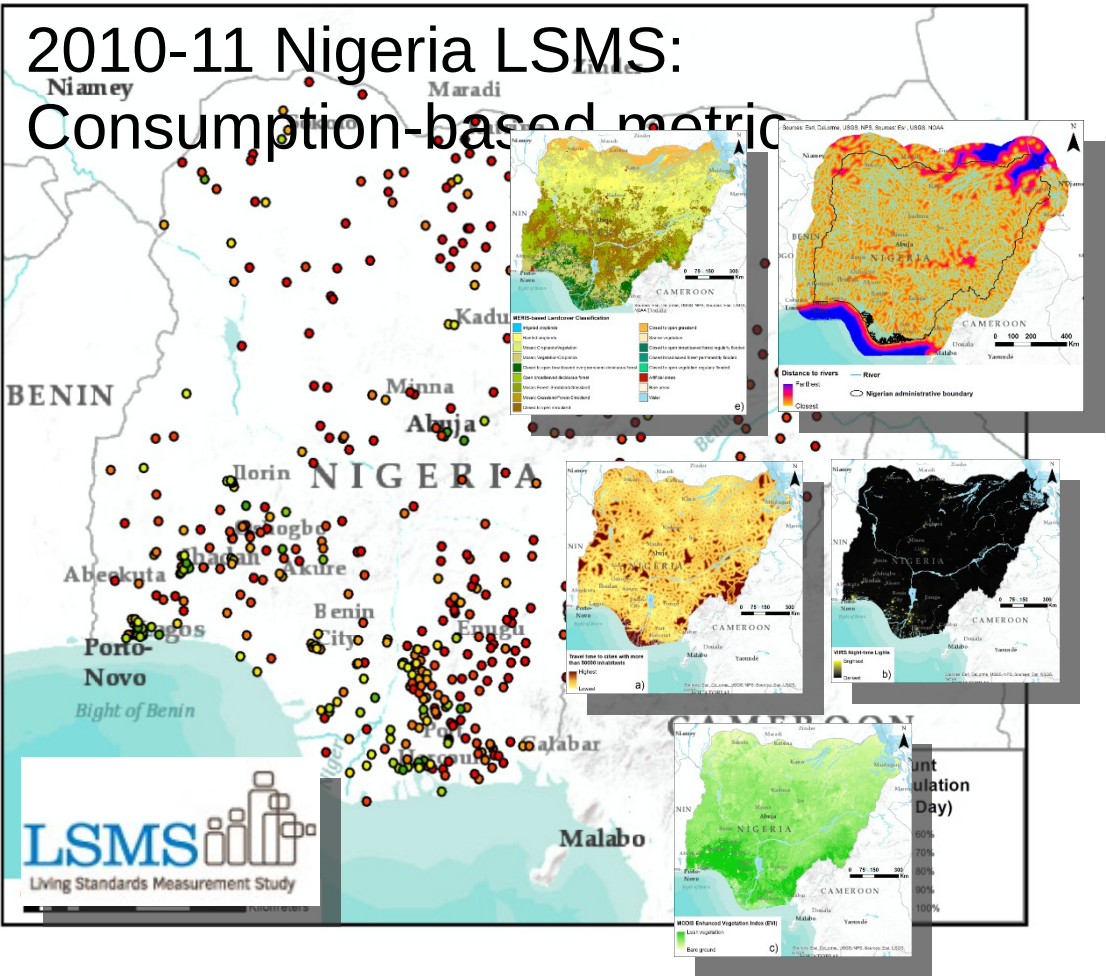


Example Output: Bangladesh wealth index



Cellphone and satellite data are collected
24/7 = Potential for ongoing monitoring

High-Resolution Poverty Maps



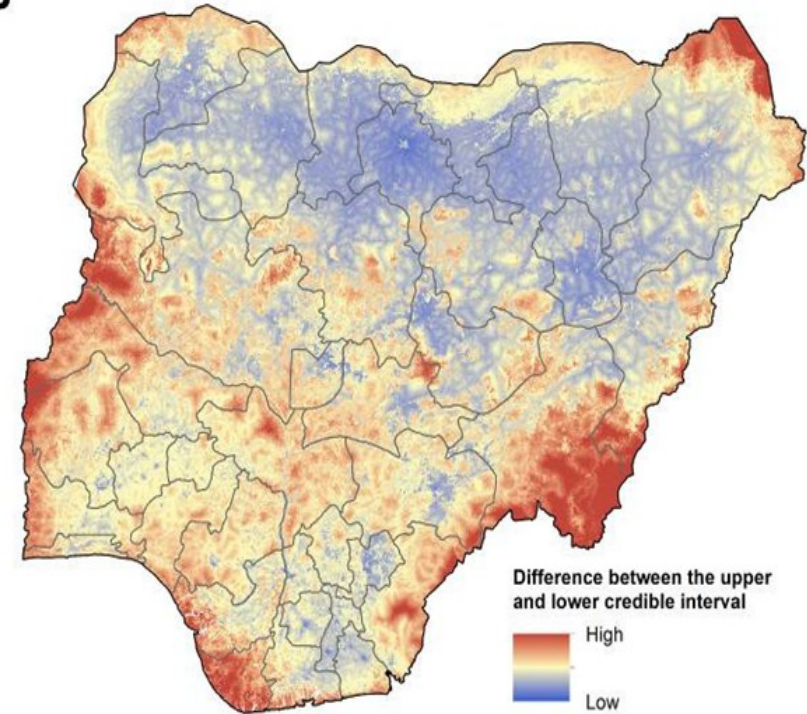
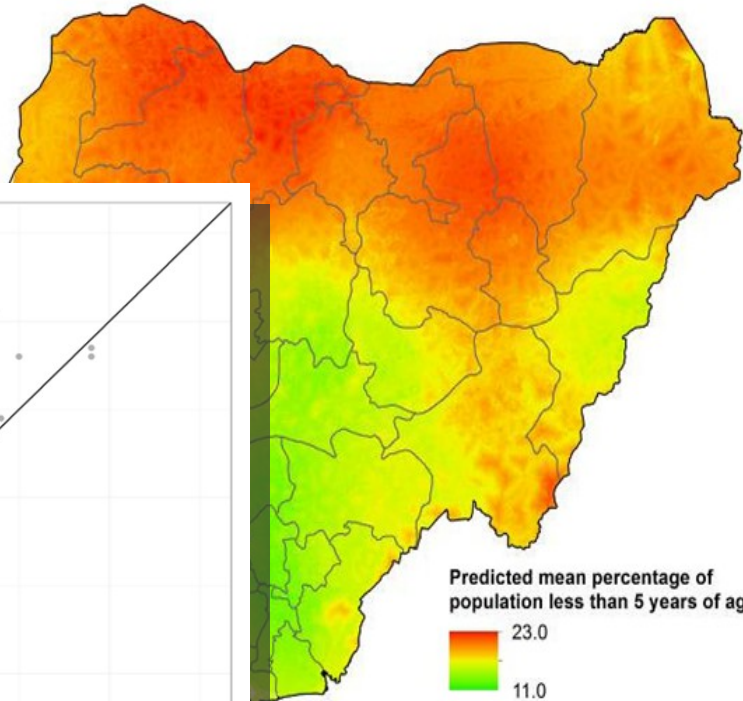
Polio Vaccination in Nigeria: Where are the <5s?



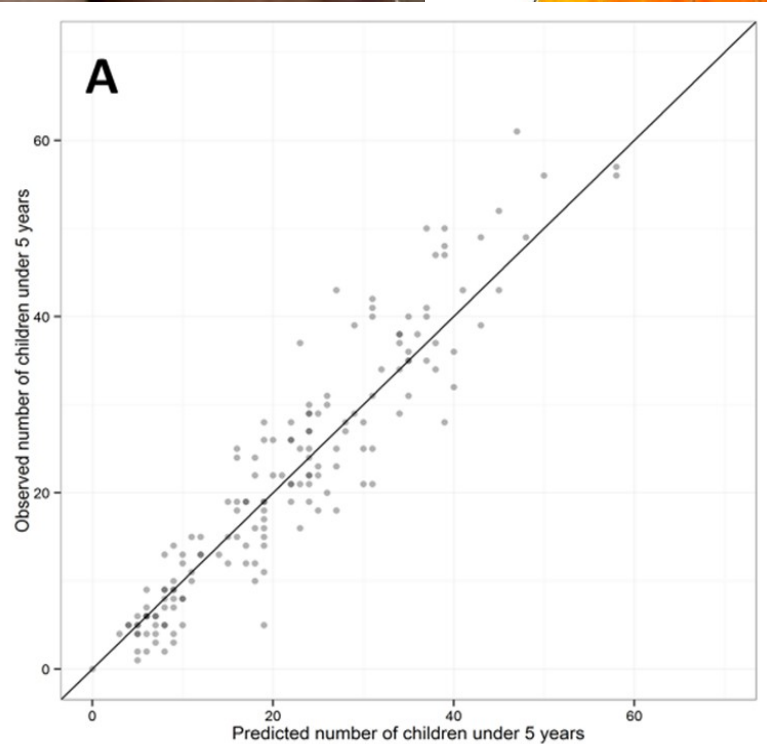
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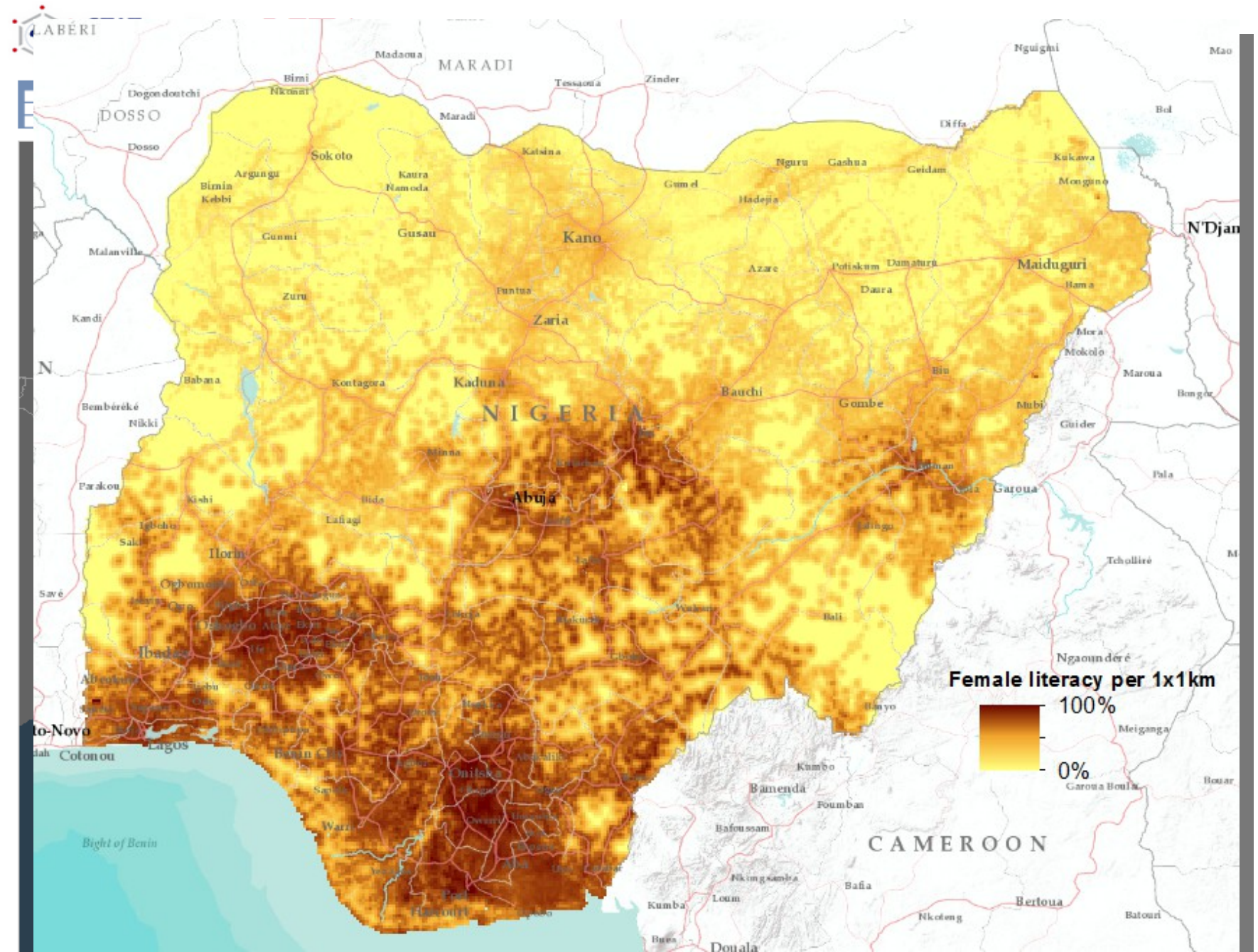
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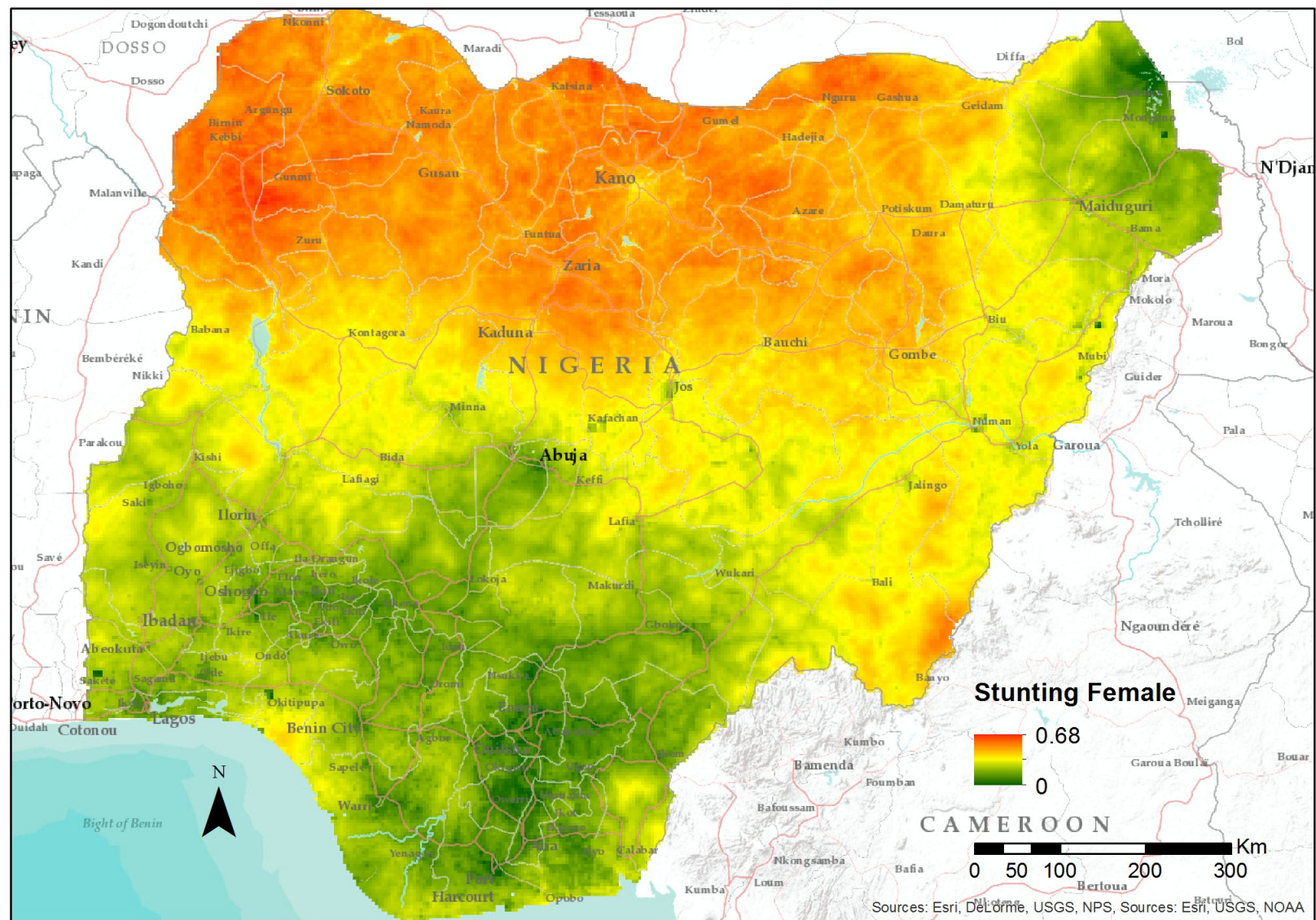
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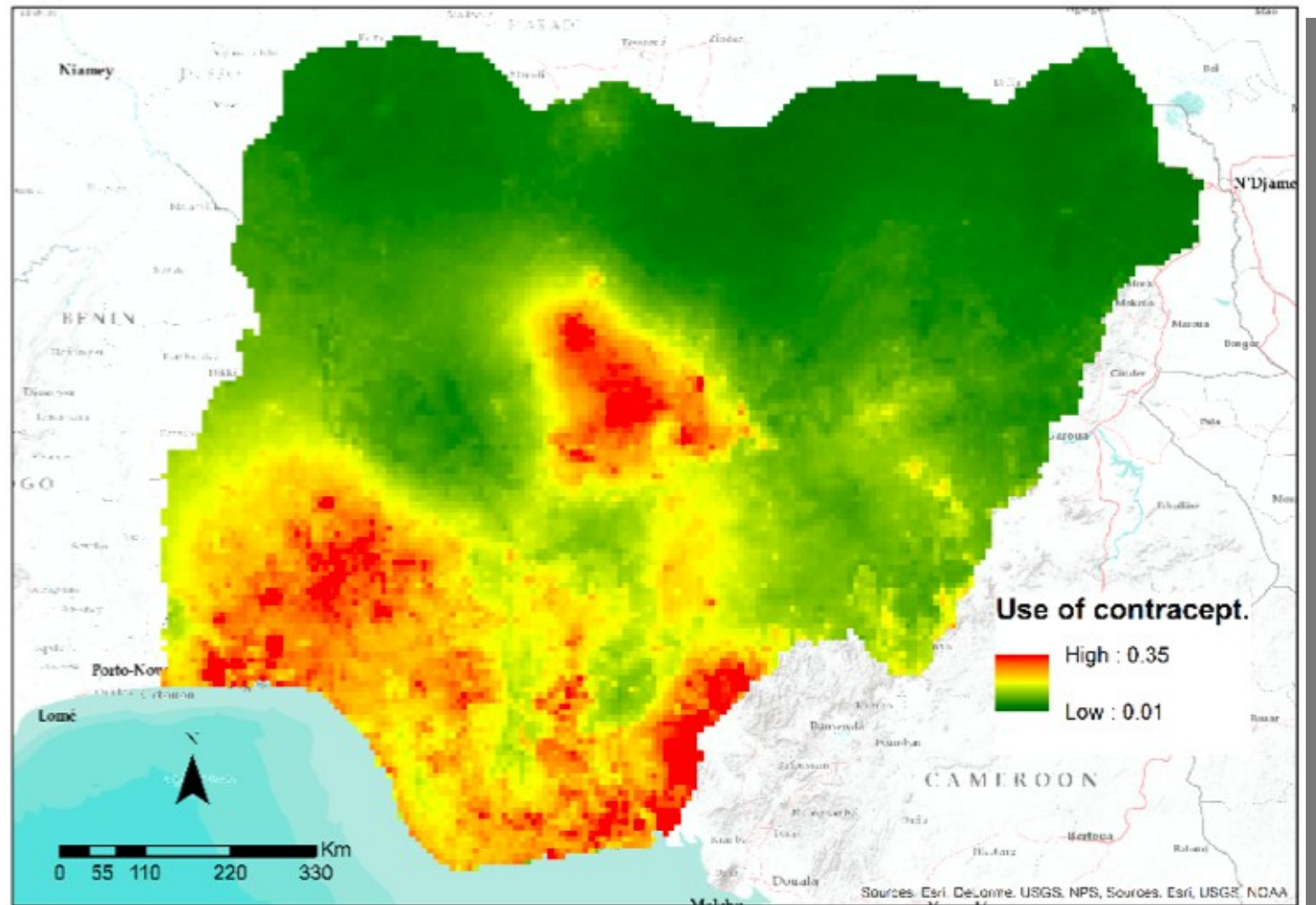
Nigeria: Proportion females who are literate



Stunting among girls Nigeria

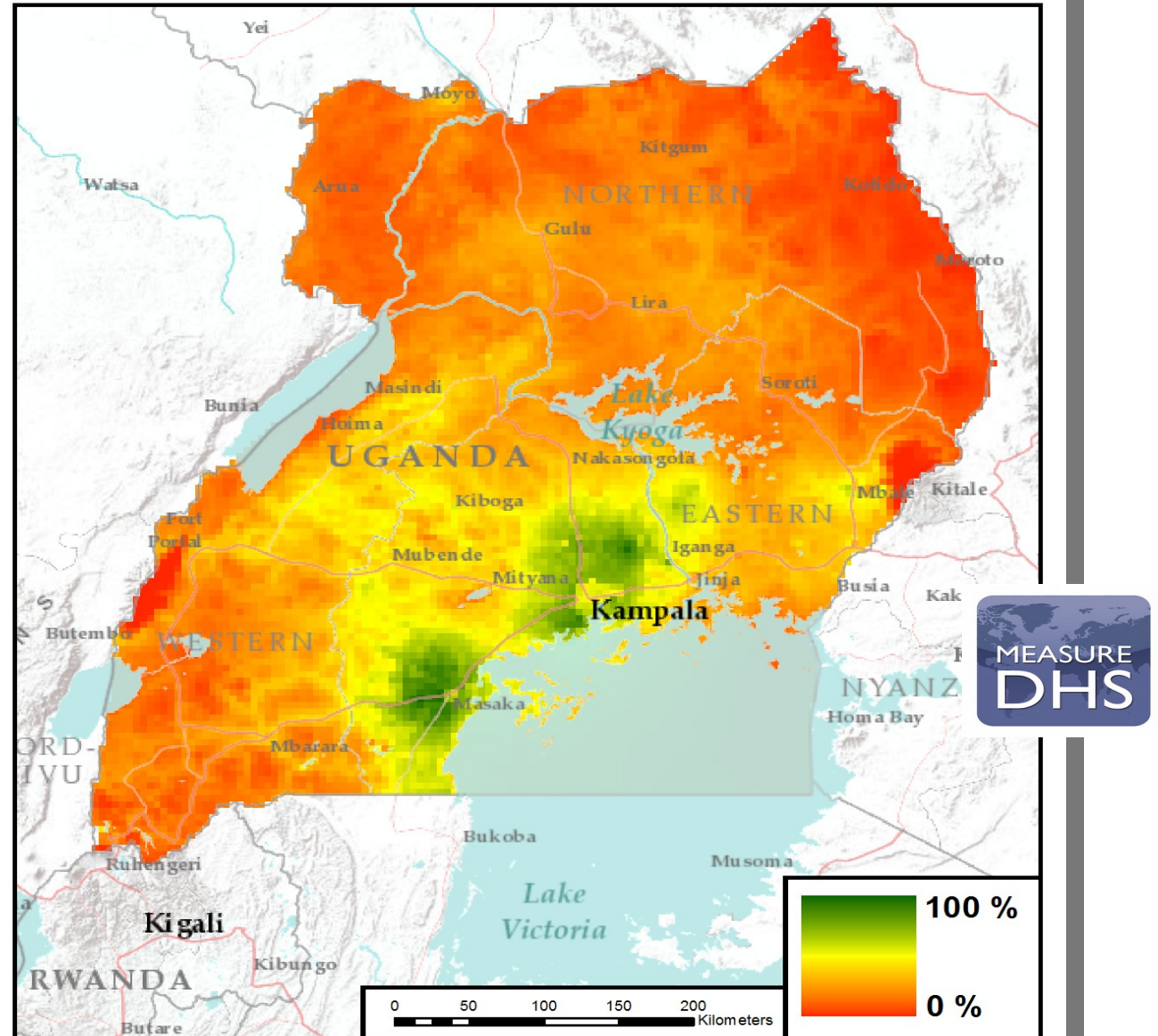


% women of
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Uganda: access to sanitation

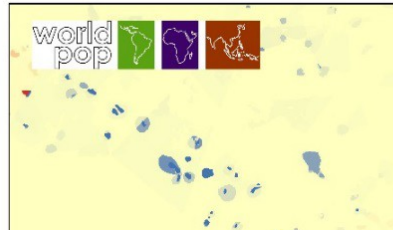
Percentage of Population with Access to Sanitation



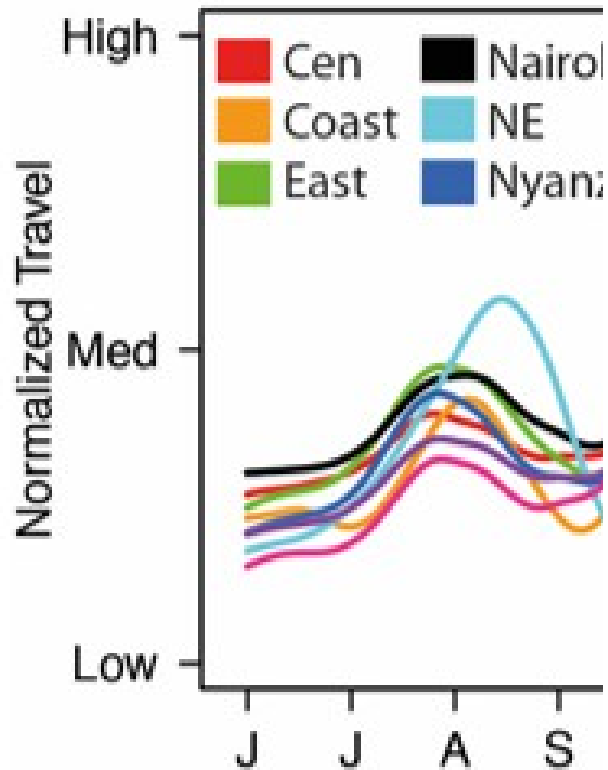
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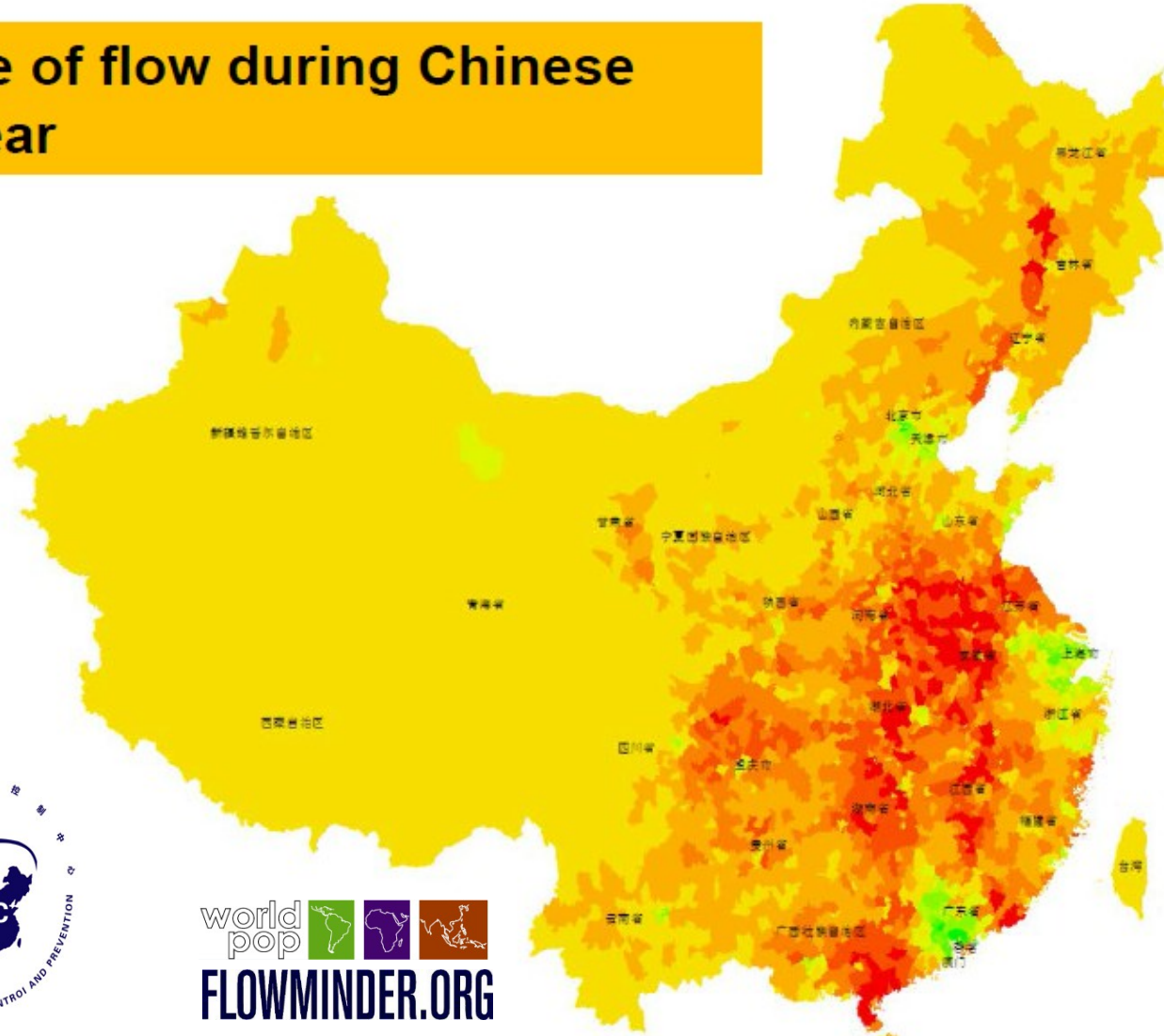
Mapping Population Movements



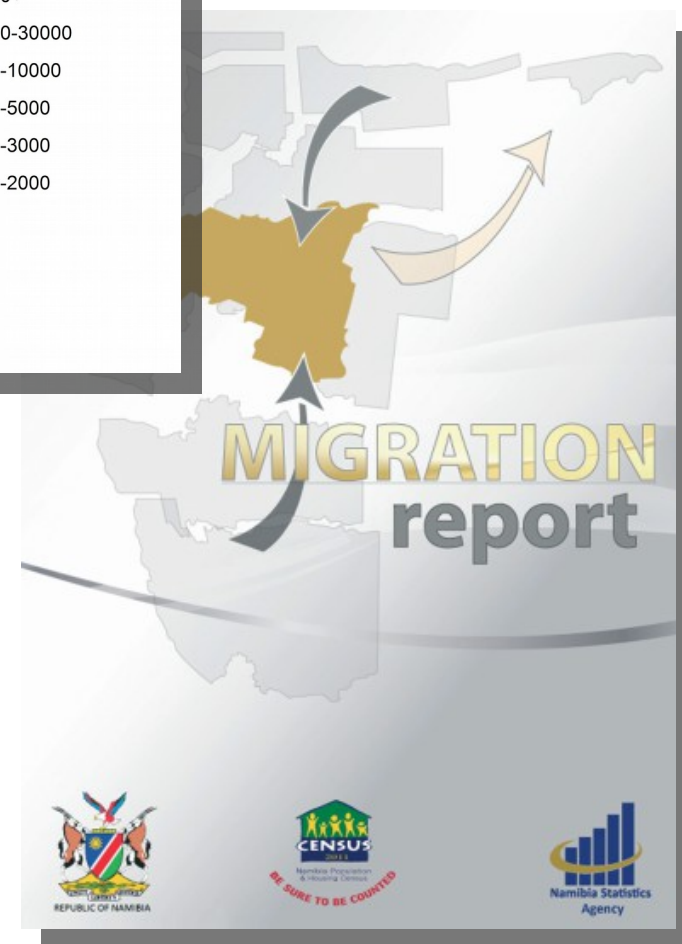
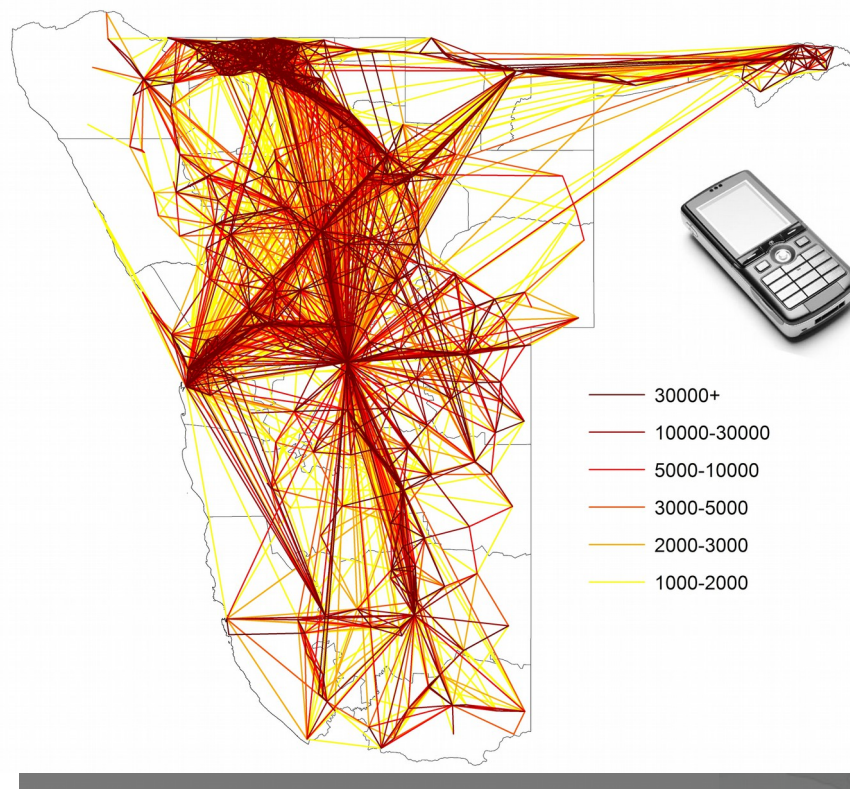
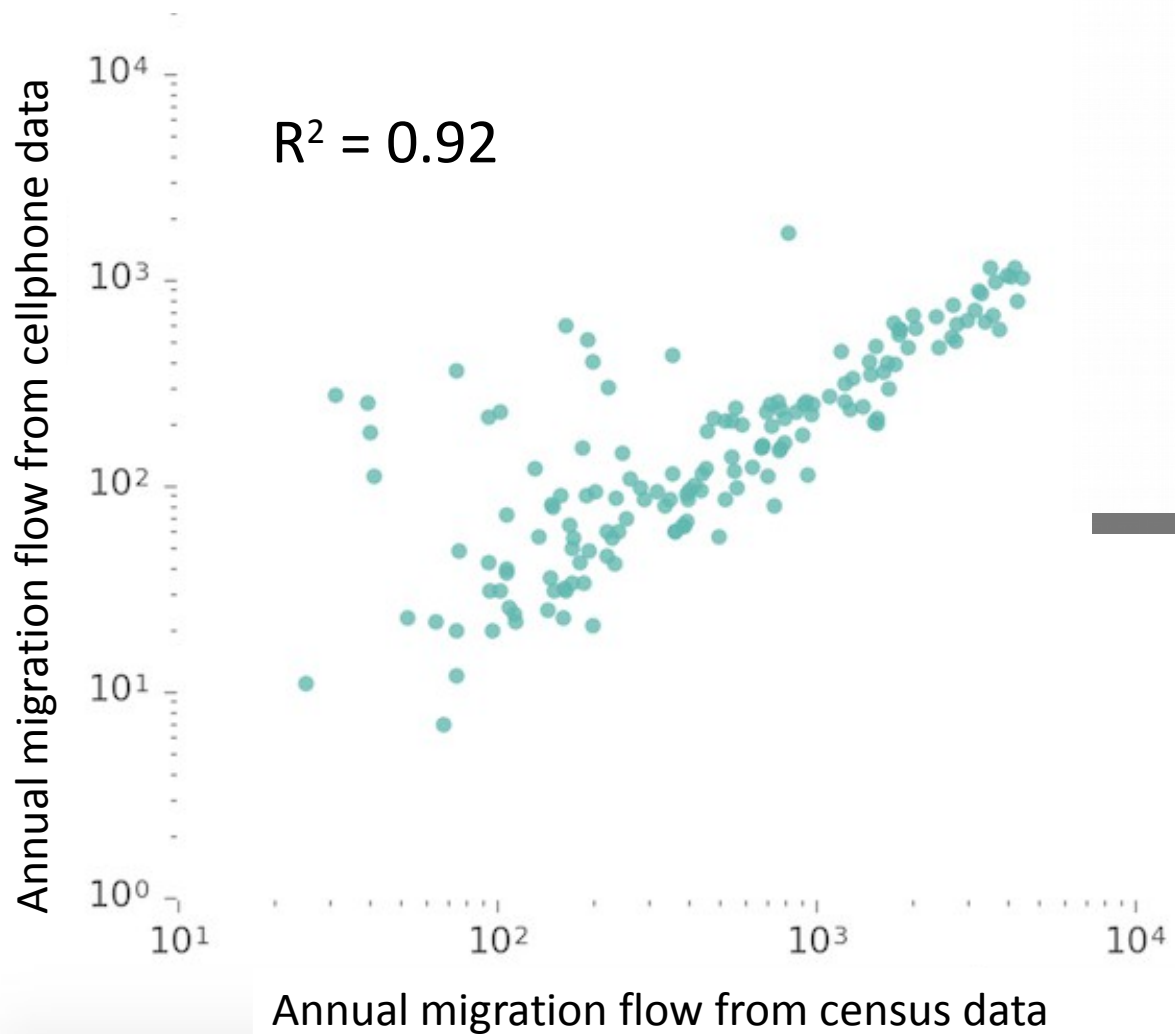
Change of flow during Chinese New Year



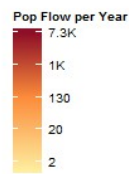
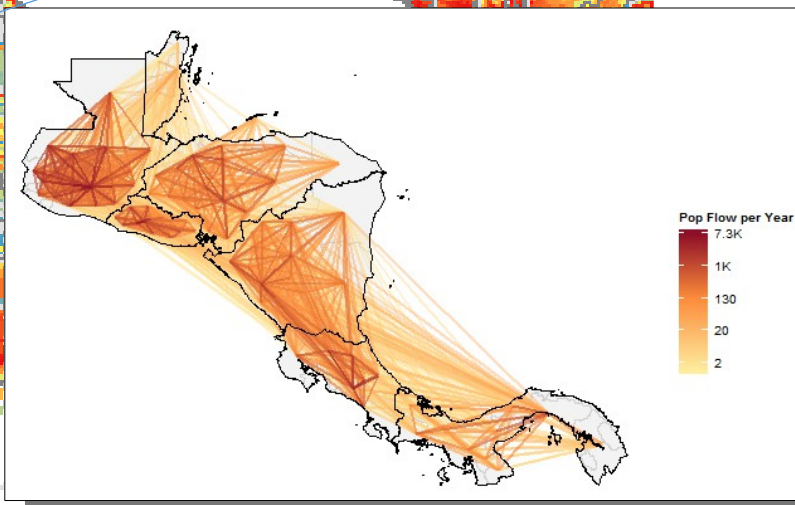
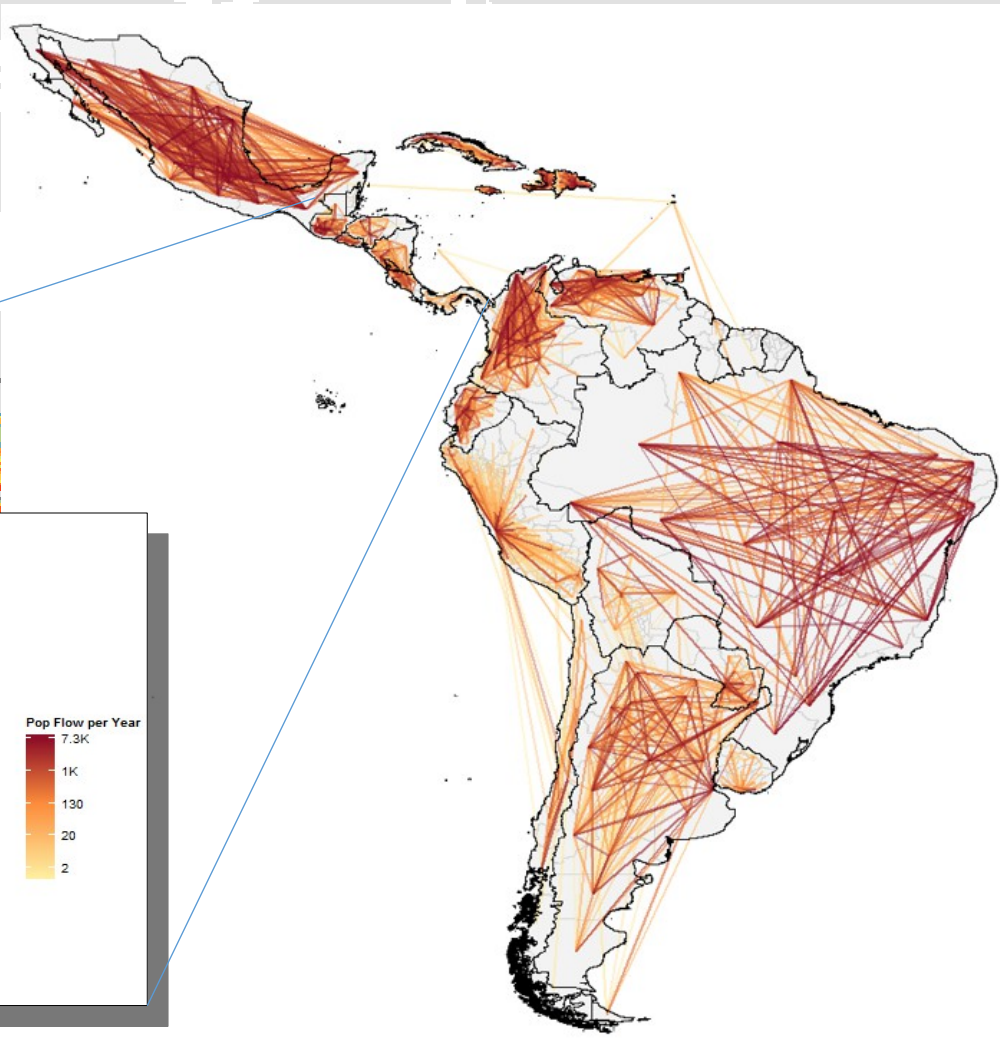
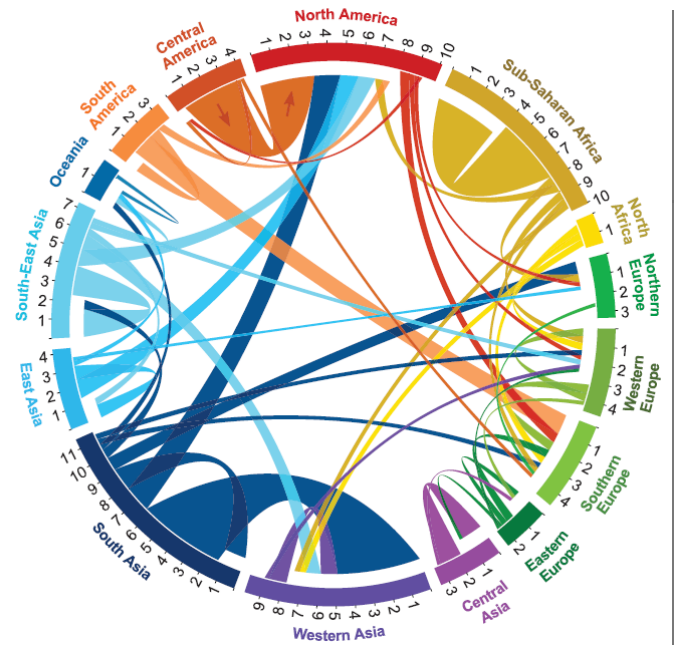
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Measuring Migration



Mapping Global Connectivity



Preparedness and Response to Disasters: Haiti Earthquake 2010



Reference: Bengtsson et al. PLoS Medicine 2011

Hurricane Matthew: Estimated population movement, 24 October 2016

- The map shows the estimated distribution of people for whom their home Section Communale in the pre-hurricane period was in either Grande Anse, Sud or Nippes département, and as of 24 October had moved to another Section Communale.
- Estimates are based on movements of de-identified SIM cards which made or received at least one call pre-hurricane and on 24 October 2016.
- The SIM card movements combined with available population data derived from estimates for the year 2015^[1].
- The table lists the locations with the largest number of arrivals

Location	Population pre-hurricane	Persons arrived	Ratio (%)
Port-au-Prince (Metropolitan area)	2870000	85700	3
Bourdet (Les Cayes)	71600	30100	42
Fond Rouge Daiyer (Jeremie)	27100	6950	26
Fond Rouge De Torbec (Jeremie)	26800	6790	25

[1] <https://data.humdata.org/dataset/estimated-population-of-haiti-2015>

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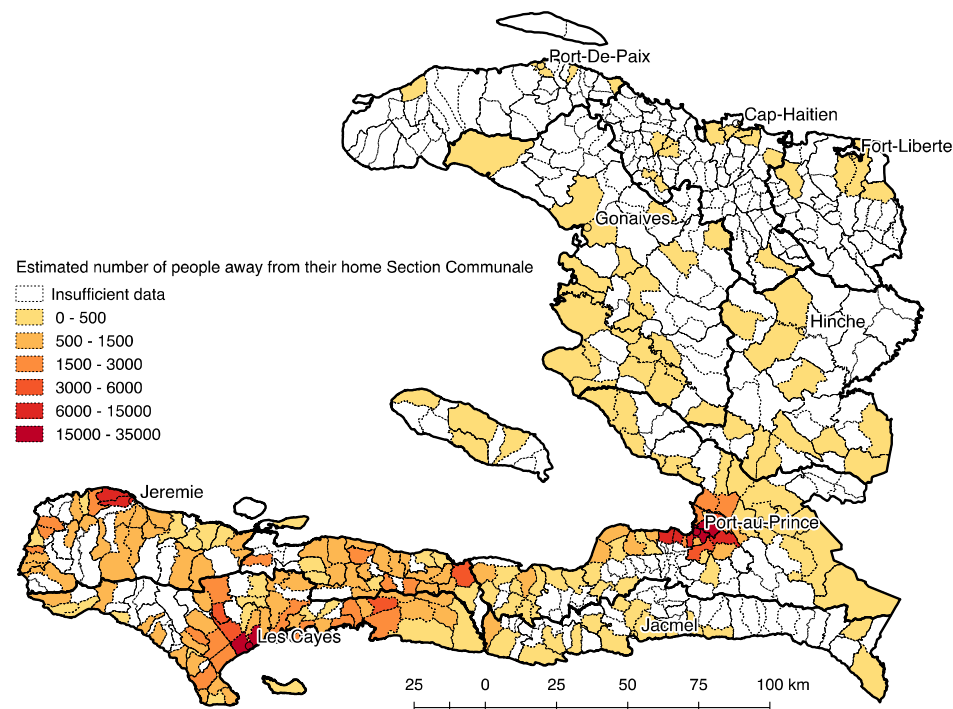
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Estimated population away from their home Section Communale^[2]:

HOME DEPARTMENT:	GRANDE ANSE	SUD	NIPPES
POPULATION AWAY FROM HOME:	77500	132000	51000
% AWAY FROM HOME:	18%	17%	15%

24 October 2016, location of people away from their home Section Communale (out of those living pre-hurricane in Grande Anse, Sud and Nippes only)^[3]



[2] Of the people normally resident within the given Département, we estimate the total number away from their home Section Communale on the given day.

[3] Section Communes are left blank where insufficient data is available.

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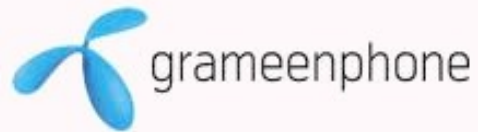
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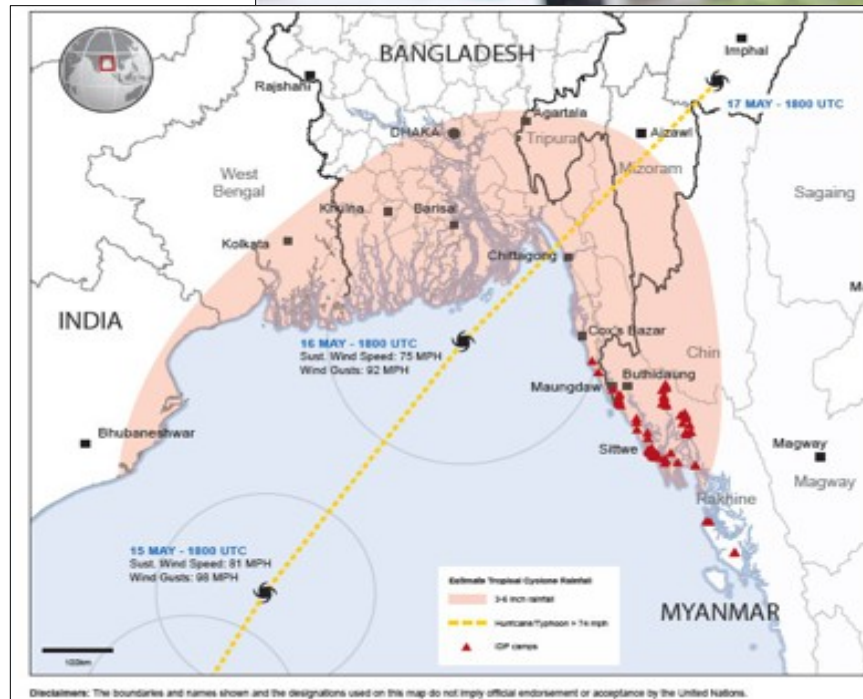


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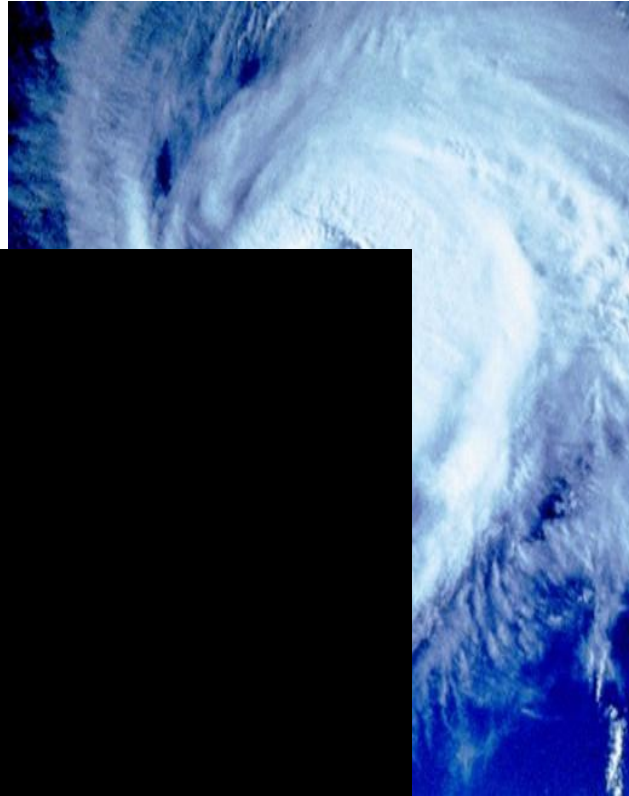
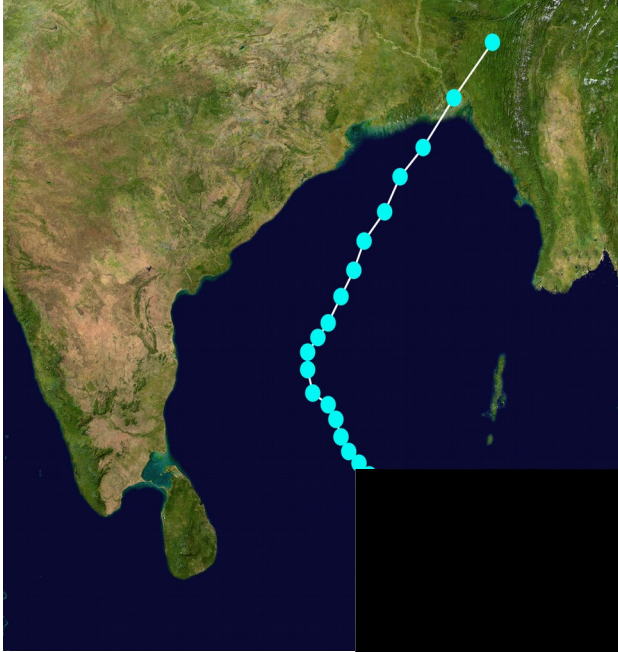


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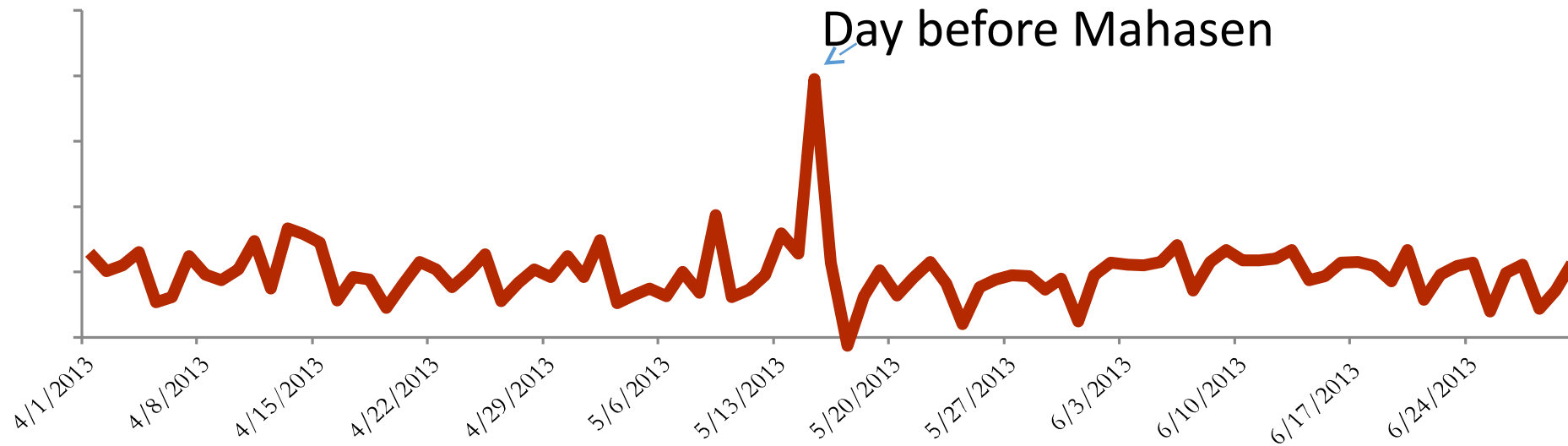
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Mahasen: 16 May



Large Spending on Airtime Before Mahasen: Ability to Communicate is Paramount in a Disaster



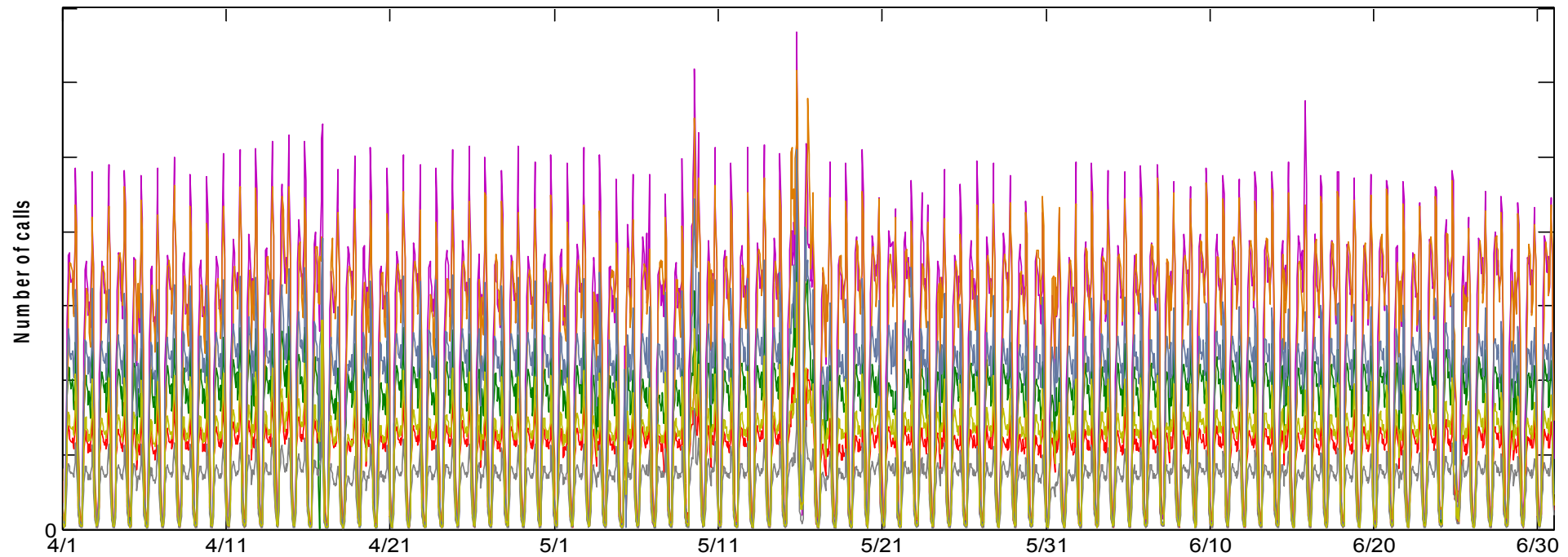
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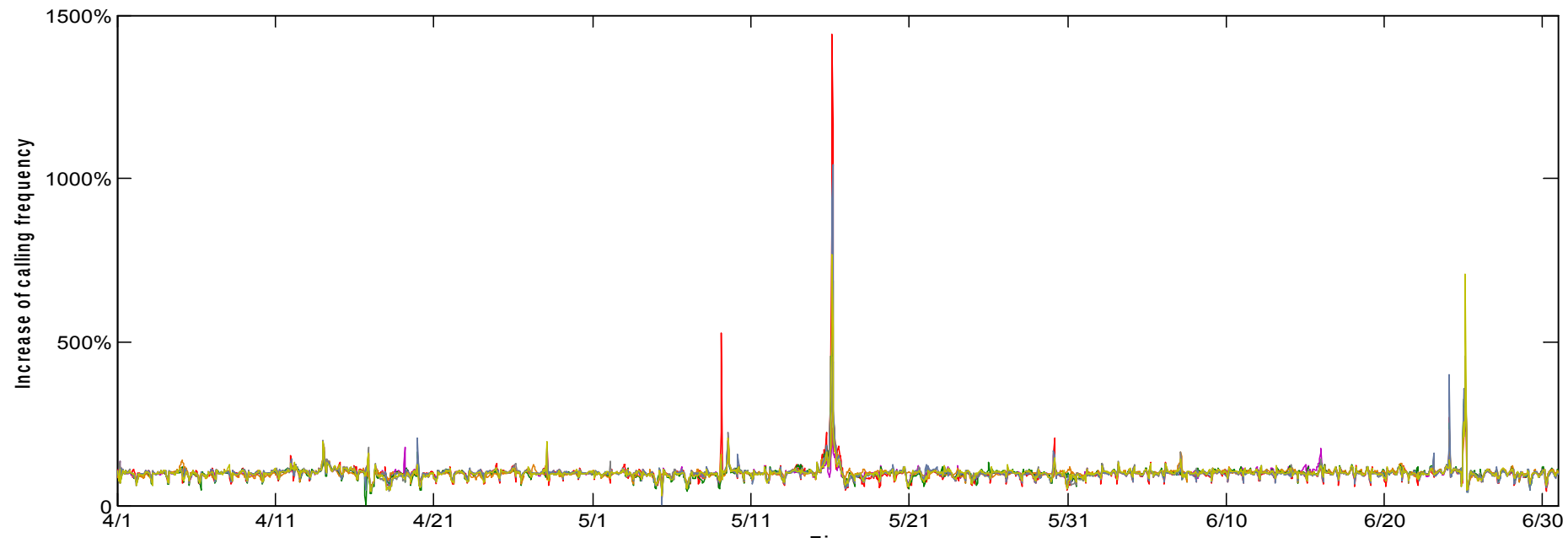


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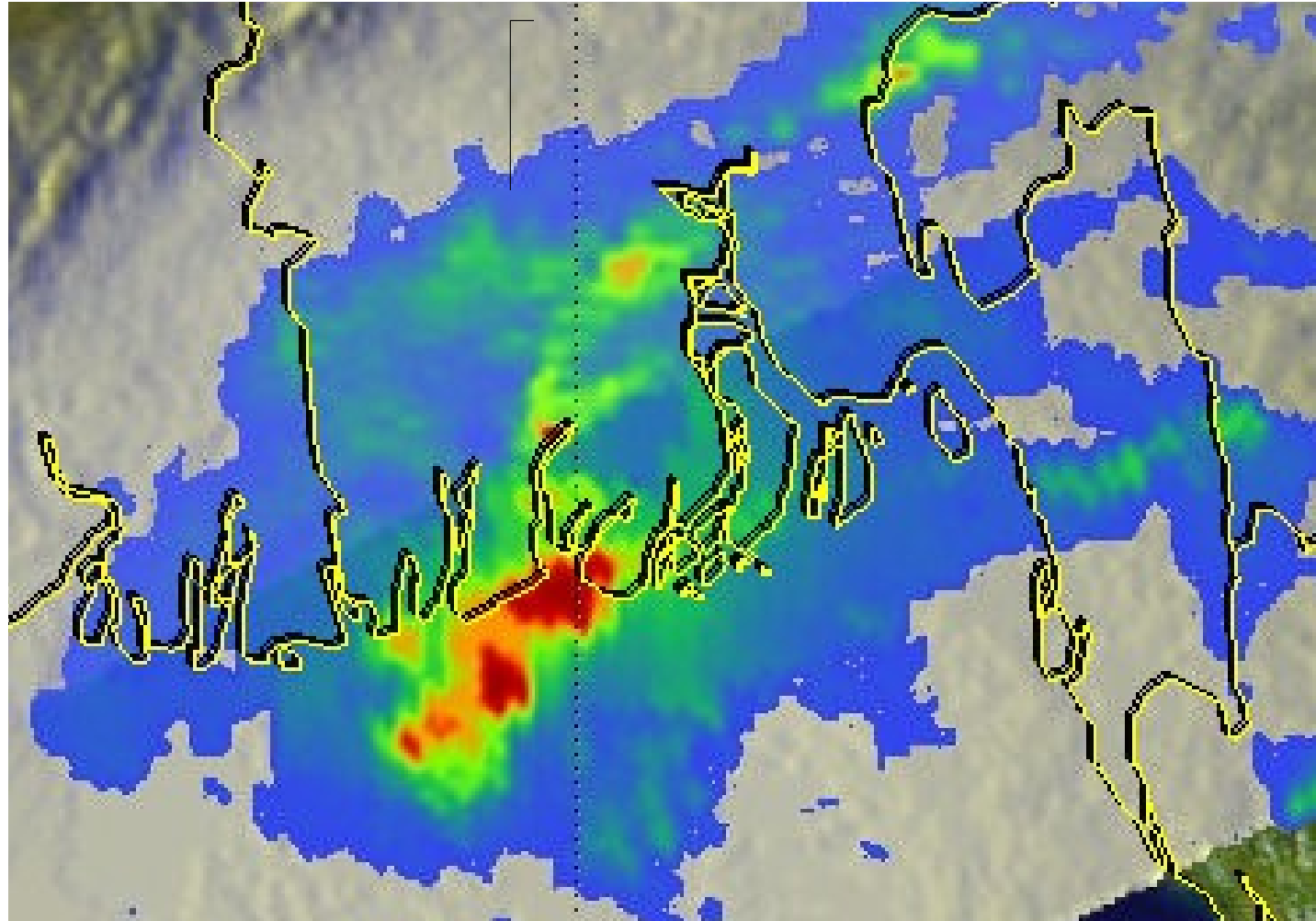
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Call Frequency Increased 1500% During Mahasen



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Increase in Calling Frequency Likely Indicate Impact



3.32 am on 16 May

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Nepal Earthquake 2015: Setup & First Insights Within 14 Days

Nepal Population Estimates
as of May 1, 2015

2.8m

+390,000
(246,000~540,000)

- 247,000
(- 155,000~ 339,000)

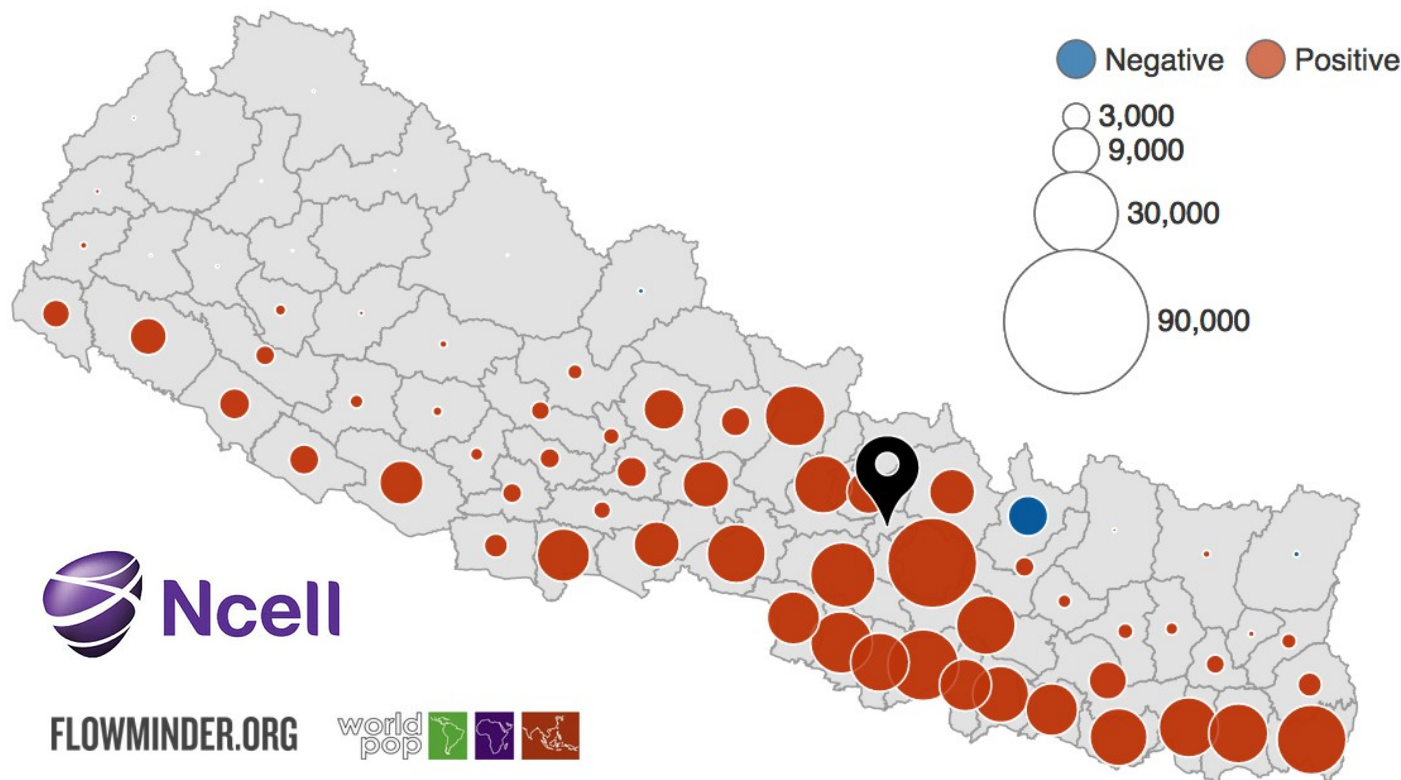
2. Kathmandu Valley

Kathmandu Valley is here defined as the districts Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur. Kathmandu Valley is one of the most densely populated areas in Nepal and home to ca 2.8 m people [1].

Key findings:

- An estimated 390,000 people more than normal had left the Kathmandu valley - comparing May 1 with the day before the earthquake April 24 (ratio to the population: 14%).
- An estimated 247,000 persons less than normal had come into the area during the same period (ratio to the population: 8.8%)
- People leaving Kathmandu Valley went to a large number of areas, notably the populous areas in the south and the Central and West Development Regions.

Above normal flows from Kathmandu Valley to other districts



Global Mobile Industry Recognition (Feb 2016)



“A brilliant example of how the application of big data analysis to mobile technologies can be used to accelerate emergency aid, and provide intelligence to help prepare for future disasters.”



The Star Trek Fallacy

1. Data is part of **the tool, not the solution**
 - Issue-driven vs. data-driven problem solving.
2. Remote sensing data and analytics can **augment but not replace census and surveys**
3. Very few studies of bias in mobile operator data
4. Mobile network data does not have stable properties:
 - Fundamental characteristics (subscribers) **constantly changing**.
 - Mobile data is **heterogenous** – market/operators.
 - **Representativeness** – what does a SIM card represent?
 - **Realtime mobile data without validation = realtime mistakes**

Summary

- In producing estimates for different geographical scales and time periods, the integration of multiple types of data to compliment traditional sources is often required
- Novel datasets (e.g. phones, satellite) are prone to biases, but each has advantages over census data in terms of the frequency of measurement and coverage
- Methods to account for biases, reporting uncertainties and providing clear metadata/documentation to inform users are all important
- ***Great potential in complimenting traditional sources to build strong demographic databases for measuring progress towards the SDGs***



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