

△ OUR IMPACT

2018—2019 Accomplishments



DisasterAWARE used by 18 countries and AHA Centre for ADMM+ Exercise

Better solutions.
Fewer disasters.

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Worldwide Engagements (2018-2019)

## **Reducing disaster risk** at home and around the world



Pacific Disaster Center (PDC) provided significant research, science, and technology to help communities in the U.S. and nations abroad—many located in the most disaster-prone regions of the world-to reduce disaster risk and save lives. During 2018 and 2019, PDC worked with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to build national capacity for early warning, hazard monitoring, and decision support in nine countries throughout Southeast Asia. It also conducted significant exercises, regional risk assessments, and performed National Disaster Preparedness Baseline Assessments in 11 countries—all with a focus on improving resilience for the most vulnerable populations.



#### 2018 - 2019

# **52** Major projects with

National Governments Regional **Organizations** 



Argentina

Brunei

Australia





















Cabo Verde



Chile





India



Indonesia















Malaysia











Tonga

Laos



Trinidad &

Tobago





Singapore



United States Venezuela



Thailand

**Viet Nam** 

MORE...



**Disaster Preparedness and Response Exercises Worldwide** 

**Participating Nations** 



**National Disaster Preparedness Baseline Assessments (NDPBA)** 



**National Early Warning and Decision Support Capacity Development Projects** 



**Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (RVA)** 



3.5+ Billion

People living within project areas

2.5+ Billion (72%) **Low-Moderate Resilience** 



## TOP TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS



## What's new



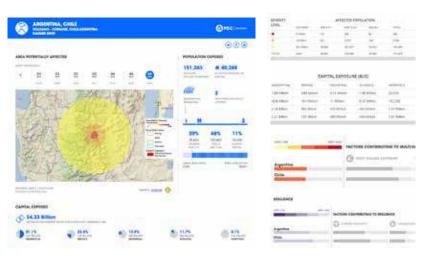
Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Innovations

#### **HAZARD BRIEF**

The DisasterAWARE Hazard Brief now uses PDC's All-hazards Impact Model (AIM)® to provide big data computations of potential hazard impacts to populations, as well as building and infrastructure losses. Hazard Brief aids decisions makers with an at-a-glance analysis of what, where, and how severe a hazard's impacts might be before an event occurs or within seconds of its occurrence.

#### **SMART DESCRIPTIONS FOR HAZARDS**

PDC's machine-generated natural language algorithm assembles data points about a hazard and generates descriptive text that can be easily understood by decision makers and the public.



#### **BEFORE**



TROPICAL CYCLONE
Tropical Cyclone - Kenneth

A message for Tropical Cyclone - Kenneth was issued by NWS at August 23, 21:00:00 GMT for the E Pacific Ocean. Maximum Sustained Winds: 35 kt, 40 mph, 65 kph Wind Gusts of: 45 kt, 52 mph, 83 kph.

#### AFTER



TROPICAL CYCLONE
Tropical Cyclone - Kenneth

A tropical cyclone forecast has been issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) on August 23, 2019, 21:00:00 GMT. Tropical Cyclone - Kenneth, currently equivalent to a Category 4 hurricane (on the Saffir-Simpson scale), is located in the S Indian Ocean with maximum sustained winds of 222 km/h (138 mph), and wind gusts up to 268 km/h (167 mph). According to this forecast (#11), the cyclone is headed West at about 20 km/h (13 mph) and is expected to weaken over the next 24 hours. It is cautioned, however, that the storm's actual position may shift significantly over the next few days.



## **Geopolitical Hazard Monitoring**

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types of geopolitical hazards

Professional versions of DisasterAWARE now include hazard monitoring for geopolitical hazards. With PDC's proprietary severity algorithm, organizations can now quickly identify incidents that may pose a threat.

## **New Cloud Computing**

On-demand capacity ....

Automatic software updates ....

Faster deployments ....

Greater computing power ....

Instant recovery ....

99.9% uptime ....

Additional security layer ....



## **Key Advantages**

Scalable. Reliable. Flexible. Fast.

To ensure maximum uptime, speed, and scalability for our users, PDC transitioned its DisasterAWARE application and data services to the cloud. We now have on-demand ability to increase bandwidth and storage while providing greater security and reliability.

**Disaster Alert**™



Public App Usage

18%
(2014-2018)
1.72 million users

Disasters happen fast. We alert you faster.



# Disaster AWARE®

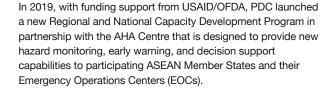
## **REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS (2019)**

**Regional and National Capacity Development Program** for Hazard Monitoring, Early Warning, and Decision Support

## We build more than great technology. We build long-term capacity.





















Program and funding support:



**USAID / OFDA** 

## **National EOCs** 1 Regional EOC

**DEPLOYMENT OF NEW CUSTOM SYSTEMS** 

> Customize and deploy new national versions of DisasterAWARE.

- **PhilAWARE** (The Philippines)
- MyAWARE (Malaysia)

**UPGRADE AND** ENHANCE **EXISTING SYSTEMS** 

> Previously implemented systems will be upgraded and enhanced.

- **DMRS** (Regional System)
- InAWARE (Indonesia)
- **ThaiAWARE** (Thailand)
- VinAWARE (Viet Nam)
- **LEVERAGE AHA CENTRE SYSTEM**

Institutionalize the operational use of AHA Centre's Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS) with select ASEAN member states.

- **Brunei**
- Cambodia
- **Lao PDR**
- **Singapore**

## 645 Million

people within the ASEAN region

Ensure sustainability

**Exercise** 

skills

4 **Provide disaster** 

management

foundational

training

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**Customize and** 

3 Train officers,

administrators,

users, future

trainers

Create concept

of operations /

procedures for

use of system

implement **DisasterAWARE** system

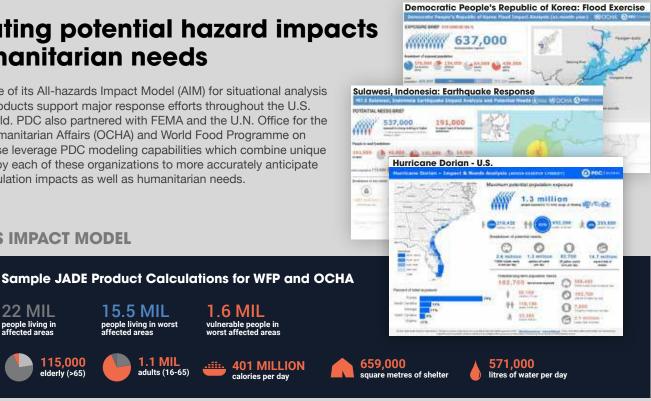
| Brunei 4 M      | Myanmar 56 M      |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Cambodia 16 M   | Philippines 104 M |
| Indonesia 261 M | Singapore 6 M     |
| Lao PDR 7 M     | Thailand 68 M     |
| Malaysia 31 M   | Viet Nam 96 M     |



## **ANTICIPATORY SCIENCE**



PDC broadened use of its All-hazards Impact Model (AIM) for situational analysis products. These products support major response efforts throughout the U.S. and around the world. PDC also partnered with FEMA and the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and World Food Programme on joint products. These leverage PDC modeling capabilities which combine unique datasets provided by each of these organizations to more accurately anticipate economic and population impacts as well as humanitarian needs.



## **ALL-HAZARDS IMPACT MODEL**



22 MIL

115,000

15.5 MIL





## **Converting science into action**

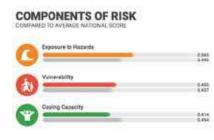
## GLOBAL AND SUBNATIONAL RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

PDC's global risk and vulnerability assessment (RVA) was utilized nationally and regionally. The assessment helps decision makers identify the probability of hazards and where they might occur, the likely severity of impact, and populations most at risk. Results are also used to determine where to invest in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief capabilities to build resilience, lower vulnerability, and save lives.



#### Sample Results





Below are the four thematic areas with the weakest relative scores:









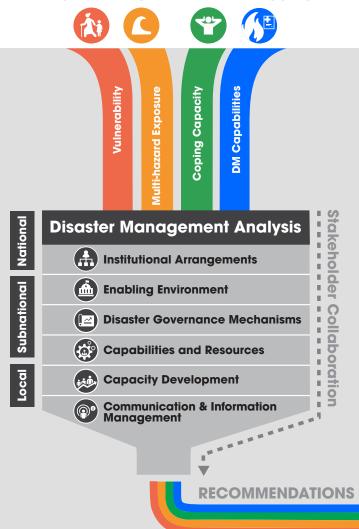
## **DATA & ANALYTICS**

NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS BASELINE ASSESSMENT (NDPBA) PROGRAM





## **RISK AND VULNERABILITY RESULTS**



## Enhanced data and analytics to address the urgent global crisis

The increasing frequency and severity of disasters requires a comprehensive and data-driven solution. PDC's National Disaster Preparedness Baseline Assessment (NDPBA) is more than just an assessment, it's a systematic approach to address the urgent crisis facing the world. The NDPBA is the first and only system designed to operationalize the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and the Priorities for Action defined in the U.N. Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The baseline assessment offers a roadmap to building disaster resilient communities into the future—providing the necessary tools, scientific data, and evidence-based practices for a safer world.





## **Disaster Management Analysis**

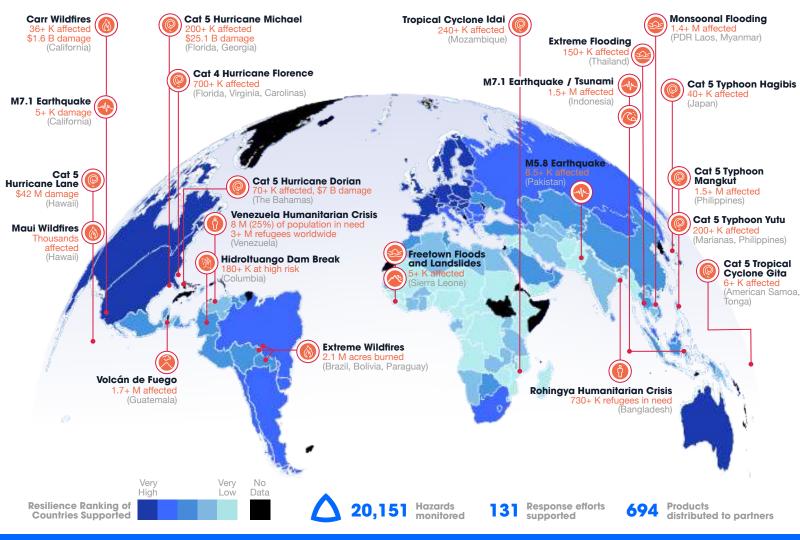
PDC's Disaster Management Analysis contextualizes risk and vulnerability to guide actions to reduce risk and build lasting resilience.

5-Year Action Strategy



## **GLOBAL DISASTER RESPONSE SUPPORT**

2018 - 2019 snapshot of major response efforts PDC supported





5-Year Trend





18 Floods and Landslides





Humanitarian



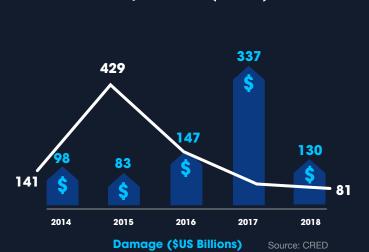
Wildfires





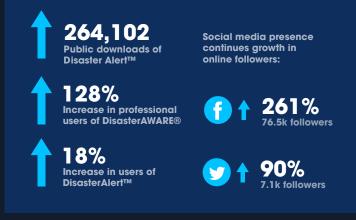
## Natural Disaster Impacts Worldwide

**People Affected (Millions)** 



## Information saves lives.

(2014-2018)



## 2019 HURRICANE DORIAN PDC Response and Relief Operations in The Bahamas In records going back over a century, there are no cases where an Atlantic Category 5 hurricane has impacted a land area for as long as Dorian battered the Bahamas. **Jeff Masters** Meteorologist, Weather Underground

#### Organizations we supported:



















**Hundreds of NGOs** 









**BNGIS Centre** 

CDEMA

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PDC's advanced modeling capabilities and mapped products helped accurately anticipate the nature and extent of impacts from Dorian so that we could protect the most at-risk communities and coordinate life-saving humanitarian relief. These products were used daily in planning and public outreach, and in briefing national officials, including the Prime Minister, to prepare effectively. In addition, PDC team members gathered, analyzed, and disseminated critical information that helped organize crucial emergency support functions with the responsibility for evacuation and relief, public health and human services, search and rescue, and the restoration of critical public infrastructure.

Captain Stephen M. Russell Director, National Emergency Management







#### **HURRICANE DORIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW**

**Displaced: 70,000** 

Missing: 400+ Deaths: 60+

PDC Support: 187 pre- and post-impact analysis products



PDC information, maps, and analytical products support disaster relief efforts by U.S. Northern Command, including logistics for deployment of USAID.





PDC provides disaster response leadership and coordination for Emergency Support Function 5 (ESF-5) Information and Planning Unit at The Bahamas National Emergency Operations Center (EOC), as well as on the most heavily impacted islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama.

## **PARTNER** AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

**PDC** leading with technology and best practices



## Increasing global cooperation and preparedness

**ADMM+ 18-COUNTRY MULTINATIONAL EXERCISE** 













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JULY 29 - AUGUST 2, 2019 - Based out of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 18 nations came together, alongside regional and international organizations, for the Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) communications and staffing exercise sponsored by the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus. The exercise was one of the most ambitious combined disaster response exercises in Southeast Asia to date, for which PDC developed the scenario and script and enabled communications with DisasterAWARE.



PDC was invited by ASEAN to co-host a panel examining advanced applications of Artificial Intelligence in disaster risk reduction during

# Growing visibility of AI and Big Data in Disaster Risk Reduction



the ASEAN Workshop on Disaster Reporting and Big Data for Disaster Management in Jakarta, Indonesia (March 2019).



# Partnering on new disaster management capacity

PDC signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the Philippines during kick-off of project for PhilAWARE and National Disaster Preparedness Baseline Assessment (NDPBA).



## 25 **EXERCISES SUPPORTED**

(2018 - 2019)

## 2019 Activities

Pacific Sentry Exercise CPX (Hawaii)

**APCSS Comprehensive Crisis Management TTX** (Hawaii)

Pandemic Coordination Workshop and TTX (Hawaii)

Malaysia HADR Civil-Military TTX (Malaysia)

Pacific Environmental Security Forum TTX (New Zealand)

**Restoration Island Cays TTX** (The Bahamas)

Makani Pahili Exercise (Hawaii)

**ADMM+ Expert Working Group TTX** (Malaysia)

Pacific Endeavor FTX (Papua New Guinea and Nepal)

Gobi Wolf TTX and CPX (Mongolia)

**Disaster Response and Medical Capabilities TTX** (Buhtan)

FTX = Field Training Exercise

TTX = Tabletop Exercise

**CPX =** Command Post Exercise (Functional Exercise)



**DisasterAWARE Trainings Supporting Preparedness and Response** 





Tabletop Exercises



**Functional** Exercises



**Full-scale** Exercises







# Safer World

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## Mahalo to our valued partners

We partner with so many outstanding organizations around the world, simply too many to list, for whom we are grateful. For 2018 and 2019, a special recognition goes out to:

- U.S. Department of Defense (INDOPACOM, NORTHCOM, SOUTHCOM, AFRICOM);
- ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance (AHA) Centre;
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA);
- ⇒ U.S. Interagency Partners (FEMA, USAID, NASA, USGS, NOAA);
- → World Food Programme (WFP);
- → International Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC);
- → ACAPS:
- → Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOTOSM); and
- → Many more partners with whom we've collaborated...