A GUI for exploring financial solutions to flood-induced losses

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Current management of flood risk finance

- More industrialized countries: insurance & other financial instruments
- ► Less developed countries: low penetration of insurance; financial burden is *at best* on the government.



▲ Need to plan ahead (i.e disaster risk finance)

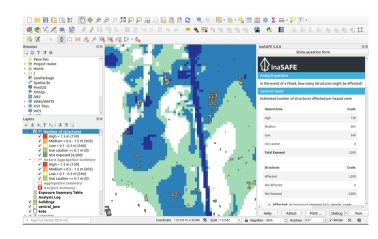
Need of user-friendly tools

- ► Modelling is necessary for insurance
- ► Catastrophe models are complex and expensive
- ► Local stakeholders need to simulate and visualize their exposure to flood risk and the potential cost of insurance



InaSAFE (inasafe.org)

- Free software extension to QGIS
- Estimate the number of buildings affected by a given event
- Integrates nicely with OpenStreetMap as source of exposure data



Challenges

- ► InaSAFE works on a event basis; economic simulation requires multiple events
- Exposure mapping (OpenStreetMap might be incomplete)
- ► Building value estimate
- Relation between water depth and damage (depth-damage curves)

Current state of the tool

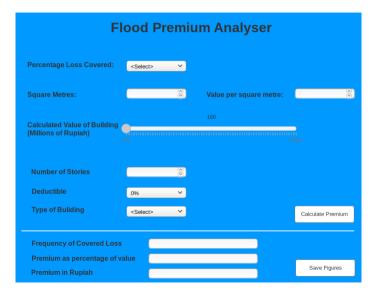
- ► Batch process of flood events
- ► Estimate financial losses
- ► Estimate insurance premium
- ► Display results in GIS

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Way forward

Allow user to:

- ► Change insurance parameters
- Do a hypothetical building analysis



Thank you

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