

Disaster-related Statistics: Some Thoughts

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As an introduction

- ❖ The Forum's debates and exchanges show major progress in understanding disaster risk.
- ❖ There is a comprehensive theoretical framework for understanding the impacts and consequences on society, territory and economy.
- ❖ The framework proposes tools and recommendations for action, prevention and response to such events.
- ❖ These procedures highlight the role of information availability for evidence-based decisions.
- ❖ As well as considering the links between producers and users, as suppliers and demanders of data.



This presentation aims to contribute on the thinking of...

- ❖ The key nature and particularities that define disaster-related statistics.
- ❖ Outlined as open questions.
- ❖ Bearing in mind the universe of data across the risk cycle.
- ❖ From an integrative perspective of the data production flow and transition into information.
- ❖ The linkage between producers and users.
- ❖ Possible future exercises.

Nature of disaster-related statistics

- ❖ Disaster-related statistics are part of a complex and multidisciplinary environmental/territorial/economic domain.
- ❖ Therefore, statistical treatment must take into account for biophysical as well as socioeconomic and institutional phenomena.
- ❖ Based on different data collection or compilation sources.
- ❖ Grounded on specific statistical methodologies.
- ❖ Duties and responsibilities are spread on different institutions, not always well coordinated.

Disaster-related statistics' requirements

- ❖ Such a conceptual spectrum requires specific scientific and technical knowledge for its production.
- ❖ Adequate technological resources and trained technical staff.
- ❖ The capacity to select and interpret data in order to draw truthful and accurate conclusion.
- ❖ A structure that enables the exchange of data and information capable of providing trust and credibility.
- ❖ A governance structure that enables participation and manages interdependencies among stakeholders.

Transition from *ad hoc* data to systematized data

- ❖ In the early stages, data needs related to disasters were addressed on *ad hoc* basis, driven by the urgency of an immediate response to the event.
- ❖ Advances in management and understanding of these phenomena promoted, not only immediate action, but the preparedness, prevention, and recovery of damage.
- ❖ Processes that require continuous, integrated and systematized information.
- ❖ Supported by statistical procedures and methodological guidance.

How to meet data demand?

- ❖ We have pointed out that disaster-related data requirements span a broad and multidisciplinary spectrum.
- ❖ They arise from countries' international agenda commitments.
- ❖ From national requirements tied to goals and objectives of risk-management strategies, contingency plans and recovery actions.
- ❖ From local plans and/or policies with specific, targeted demands.

How to meet to data demand?

- ❖ This leads us to consider segmenting demand according to the stages of the risk cycle.
- ❖ Along with identifying the data required at each stage.
 - ¿ Who what and when?
- ❖ Based on identifying data sources along with the responsible institutions.
 - ¿ Who produces what and how?

Role of National Statistical Offices and National Statistical Systems

- ❖ NSOs play a central role in the data ecosystem about disaster-related statistics, as coordinators of the institutions that integrate the National Statistical Systems (NSS), because they have:
 - ❖ Technical expertise to meet data demands within their own institutions and across partners.
 - ❖ Methodological and operational expertise to support the production, processing, exchange and dissemination of diverse data.
 - ❖ Also, NSOs ensure availability and confidentiality of data at the same time that they endorse the comparability.



Role of National Statistical Offices and National Statistical Systems

- ❖ NSOs ensure the use of common standards, classifications, and terminology.
- ❖ NSOs are mandated to provide data based on professional independence, quality criteria as well as the use of robust, transparent, and agreed methodologies.
- ❖ NSOs guarantee accessibility to all users.
- ❖ Also, the NSSs are the solid institutional network and integrate the experience coordinating multiple information producers.

Fundamental principles of official statistics

Some questions arise here:

- ❖ How can we overcome the gap between single data to timely and systematic data?
- ❖ How can we respond to the demand for data in a comprehensive, coordinated manner, supported by methodological standards, and sustainable over time?
- ❖ Is it feasible for disaster-related statistics to be part of a country's official statistics?
- ❖ How can we certify that such data follow the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics?

Fundamental principles of official statistics

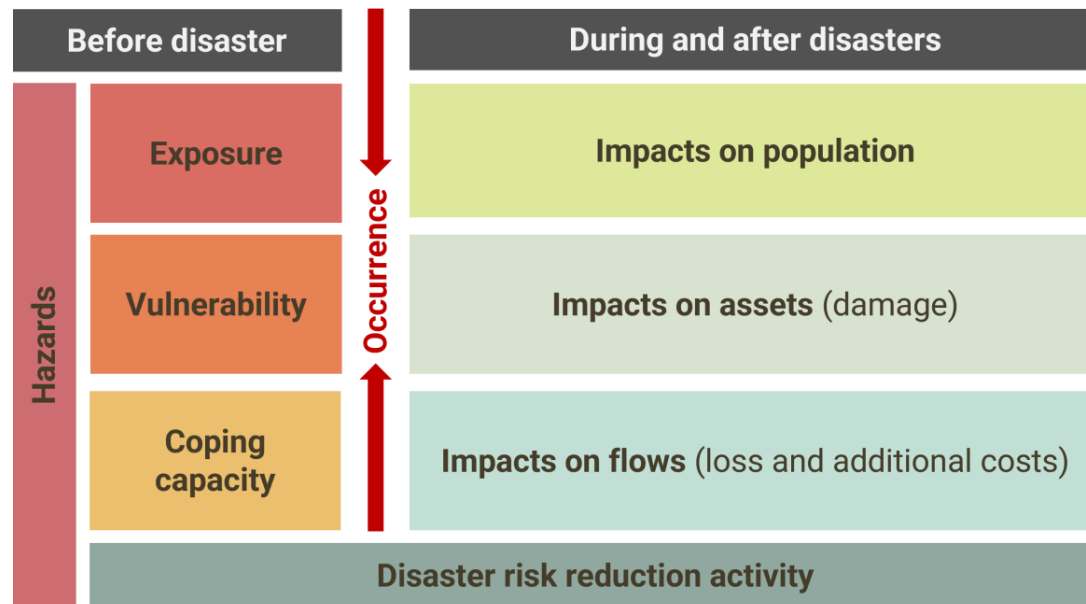
- ❖ Principles that promote methodologies and statistical production of quality data.
- ❖ Allowing users to apply criteria for data accuracy, validation, consistency, and comparability across time and space.
- ❖ Essentials for analyzing data and drawing accurate conclusions.
- ❖ Endorsed by statistical community of all countries.



Global Framework for Disaster-related Statistics (G-DRSF)

- Represents major progress in establishing a foundation for compiling and using disaster-related statistics.
- It proposes standardized statistical methodologies, conceptual definitions, classifications, and new data sources.
- Emphasizing that the availability of accurate and consistent data is essential for effective action.
- Such data must be articulated within a common statistical framework.
- To enable better understanding of risk, support evidence-based planning and policies.
- To facilitate consistent comparisons across time and space.

Global Framework for Disaster-related Statistics (G-DRSF)



- ❖ The conceptual framework is structured around three measurement areas:
 - ❖ Risks
 - ❖ Impacts
 - ❖ Risk reduction
- ❖ Data are required for different moments
 - ❖ Before the event
 - ❖ During the event
 - ❖ Post-event



Global Framework for Disaster-related Statistics (G-DRSF)

- ❖ Bringing the three areas together leads to the identification, characterization, and understanding of the set of associated phenomena.
- ❖ However, as highlighted in the global framework, data availability is only partial.
- ❖ Limitations are observed.
- ❖ Certain conceptual definitions require operationalization and delimitation of statistical units.
- ❖ There is a need for precision in collection/compilation methodologies.
- ❖ Use of harmonization and standardization criteria.
- ❖ Definition of both quantitative and qualitative units of measure.
- ❖ Documentation and preparation of methodological sheets.

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Table 3.1: Illustrative examples of organizations producing disaster-related statistics

	Data produced	Organizations
Hazard data	Geospatial (atmospheric, marine and land surface processes) data	• National Geospatial Office
	Hydrography and hydrographic data	• National Hydrographic Office
	Geology and geological processes data	• National Geological Survey
	Meteorological data	• National Meteorological Office
	Groundwater hydrology and hydrologic processes data	• Groundwater Authority
	Land cover and land use data	• Forestry Administration
	Industrial location, activity and processes data	• Industrial development Administration • Energy Administration
	Other data	• Academia & Research Institutes
Disaster risk reduction data	Hazard mitigation data	• Disaster Risk Management Authority
	Reduction of vulnerability data	• Maritime Search and Rescue
	Reduction of exposure data	• Fire response system
	Increasing coping capacity data	• Food Safety Agency
	Instruments for emergency planning data	• Animal Health Agency
	Resources for emergency preparedness data	• Health Security Agency
	Resources for early warning data	• Environmental Protection Administration • Infrastructure Administration • Energy Administration • Road & Aviation Transportation Administration

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140 Table 4.1: Exposure statistics (in physical or monetary units)

Hazard type	Population	Exposure elements									
		Assets					Flows				
		Asset i	Asset ii	Asset iii	Asset iii	...	Flow i	Flow ii	Flow iii	Flow iii	...
Hydrological and meteorological											
High exposure											
Medium exposure											
Low exposure											
Total											
Extraterrestrial											
High exposure											
Medium exposure											
Low exposure											
Total											
Geological											
High exposure											
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Low exposure											
Total											
Environmental											
High exposure											
Medium exposure											
Low exposure											
Total											
Chemical											

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04 *Table 5.1: Occurrence statistics (unit: number of occurrences)*

Hazard type	Geographic units									Total events across geographic			Adjustment for multiple counting			National total		
	Geographic unit 1			Geographic unit 2			Geographic unit...											
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
Hydrological and Meteorological																		
Extraterrestrial																		
Geological																		
Environmental																		
Chemical																		
Biological																		
Technological																		
Societal																		
Total																		

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66 Where:

67 A = Hazardous events without impacts

68 B = Hazardous events with impacts

69 C = Disasters

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Recent work in the LAC region

- ❖ SCA/ECLAC Working Group on the Measurement and Recording of Indicators Related to Disaster Risk Reduction (WG-DRR)
- ❖ It was created in November 2017 within the framework of the IX Meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA/ECLAC) to attend:
 - ❖ The commitments made with the adoption of the Sendai Framework
 - ❖ The adoption of the report and recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Indicators and Terminology Related to Disaster Risk Reduction (OIEWG).

SCA/ECLAC WG on the Measurement and Recording of Indicators Related to Disaster Risk Reduction

Some results achieved during the three work periods were:

- ❖ Identify certain limitations for indicator analysis on cross country comparison.
- ❖ Difficulties in identifying common sources.
- ❖ Lack of methodological procedures, formats, definitions, concepts, and calculation methods for indicators.
- ❖ Monetary values expressed in different units across the region.
- ❖ Data reported as absolute values instead of rates, for example.

SCA/ECLAC WG on the Measurement and Recording of Indicators Related to Disaster Risk Reduction

The WG produced a set of documents, tools and instruments for:

- ❖ Helping to improve validation, timeliness and quality of data.
- ❖ Highlighting the need to implement systems for documentation and systematization of information.
- ❖ Adopting statistical standards that ensure continuity, sustainability and accountability of calculation processes and reporting.
- ❖ These materials are available on the website: <https://www.undrr.org/es/datos-estadisticos-marco-de-sendai>
- ❖ The website seeks to be a multisector space for actors involved in monitoring and reporting disaster-related indicators.
- ❖ It helps as a didactic user-friendly online training resources, with agreed terminology and gender-sensitive language, summarizing and describing the WG's activities and products by biennium of implementation.

Estructura de la página web

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Constituye un espacio virtual que sintetiza los resultados y productos del GT-RRD de la CEA desde su creación a finales del año 2017, por período de implementación

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Medición y registro de indicadores sobre Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres en las Américas y el Caribe

Herramientas y materiales de referencia para fortalecer la construcción de indicadores del Marco de Sendai y ODS relacionados con desastres en países de América Latina y el Caribe

El presente es un espacio virtual construido sobre la base de los avances del Grupo de Trabajo sobre la Medición y Registro de Indicadores Relativos a la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres en América Latina y el Caribe (GT-RRD) de la CEA desde su creación en el año 2017 en adelante. De los retos más comunes entre los países está la confiabilidad de los datos y la sistematización de cada país, de conjunto de datos provenientes de diferentes fuentes y generados por distintas instituciones.

En este sentido, este Portal web pretende ser un espacio de interés multisectorial, de actores involucrados en el proceso de monitoreo y reporte de los indicadores y partes interesadas en el seguimiento del avance en la agenda del Marco de Sendai y los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres.

Grupos de Trabajo CEA CEPAL

El Grupo del Trabajo sobre la Medición y Registro de Indicadores Relativos a la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres (GT-RRD) fue creado en noviembre del 2017 en el marco de la IX Reunión de la Conferencia Estadística de las Américas (CEA/CEPAL) de manera que responda ante los compromisos adquiridos por los Estados Miembros de las Naciones Unidas con la adopción del Marco de Sendai para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres 2015-2030 y la adopción en febrero del 2017 del informe y recomendaciones del Grupo de Trabajo Intergubernamental de Expertos de Composición Abierta sobre los Indicadores y la Terminología Relacionados con la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres (OIEWG) a través de la Resolución A/RES/71/276 de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas. Estos

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Conclusions and recommendations

- ❖ NSSs coordinated by NSOs are well placed to respond to information demands.
- ❖ They have expertise in producing high-quality, comparable statistic data over long periods.
- ❖ However, they do not always clearly understand the requirements of risk-management agencies.
- ❖ They often face limitations in including new topics.
- ❖ They need to advance the adoption of new technologies and new data sources.

Conclusions and recommendations

- ❖ Disaster risk-management agencies do not always have a complete picture of the information available within the NSS.
- ❖ Nor of the methodological criteria for data production.
- ❖ Quoting data sources.
- ❖ The need of defining the answer before the question, query or data capture—together with the statistical unit, variables and the consistent unit of measure.

Conclusions and recommendations

- ❖ Strengthen coordination between disaster risk and the statistical community to implement statistical tools and methodological processes throughout the entire information cycle.
- ❖ This will underpin the inclusion of disaster risk management within countries' National Statistical Systems, with a clear mandate integrated in the statistical plans.

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