

## Remote Sensing for Cities Support on the Ground

Analytics and Spatial Indicators: EO4SD-Urban Experience

Speaker



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# Outline of the Presentation



- Context
- Level of support
- Products and Analytics and Indicators examples
- Conclusions
- Announcement

Massive urbanization is a global and challenging trend (especially in the context of nowadays climate emergency)

**2.5 billion** people i.e. **66%** of the global population will live in urban areas by 2050 (UN 2018) so the **Urban Development Agenda** is dominated by:

- Global Urban and Population Growth - **Sustainable Development**
- Climate Change - **Resilience**

- **Challenge** for governments and city authorities to manage such a growth and provide adequate infrastructure, housing, access to services and safety
- **Opportunity** to drive city on the sustainable development trajectory towards prosperous, green, inclusive and resilient cities



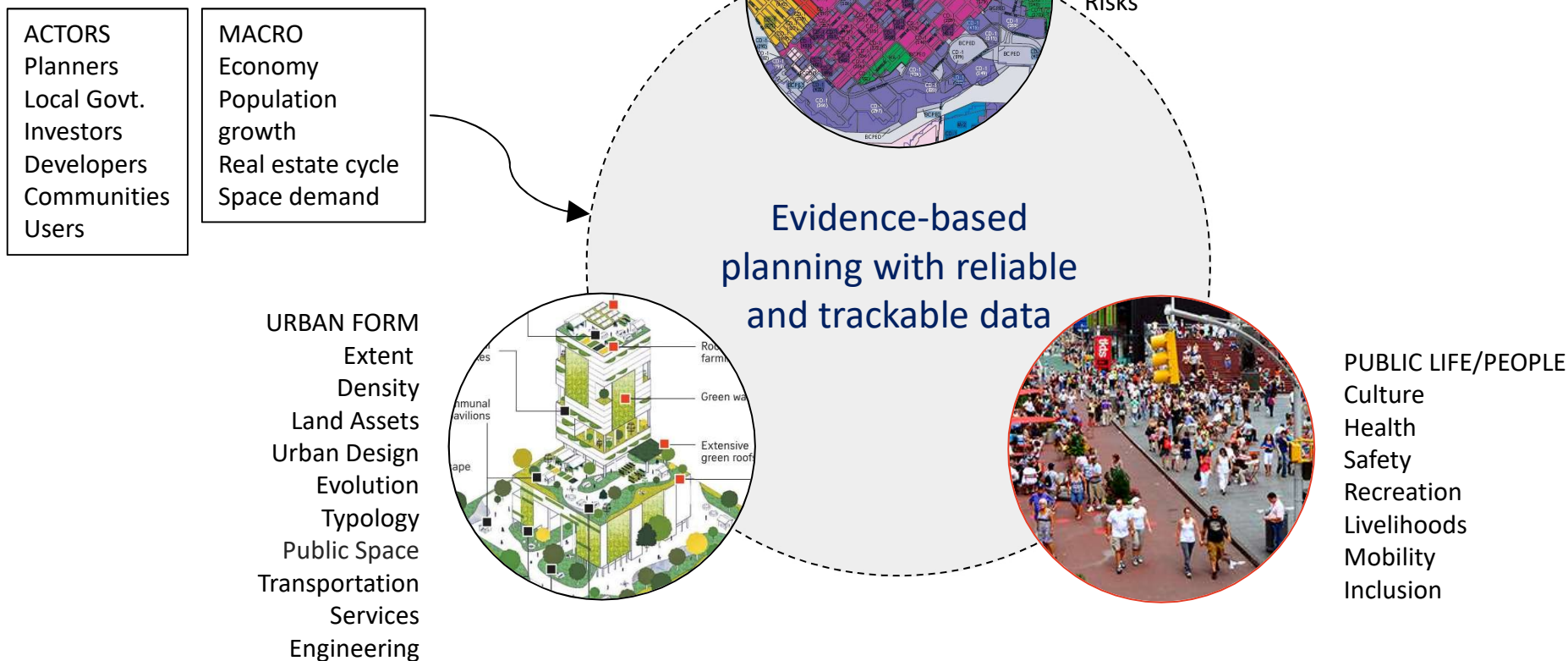
These challenges and opportunities are reflected and embedded in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

ESA EO4SD Urban Project addresses both by services providing multi-scale dedicated EO based information support

# Urban Planning and Earth Observation



Cities are complex,  
so the knowledge needed.  
Location is a key for integration



Urban planners need answers on many spatial-related questions like:

- What defines our city?
- How is the city arranged spatially?
- How is the dynamics of changes over time?
- What is the life quality in different neighborhoods?
- How many people live there?
- How they access to basic services?
- Are they in risk?

**Earth Observation has the unique capability to support** with spatial, quantitative data and information products on various topics, from the extraction of urban morphology to the detection of urban growth, surface temperatures, monitoring of traffic, assessment of population **with different spatial, temporal and thematic resolution.**

## Earth Observation supports on various levels

### Strategic

- City diagnostic
- Strategical planning
- Hot-spots identification
- Action prioritization

### Operational

- Operational action design
- Public consultation and transparency
- Implementation support
- Impact monitoring

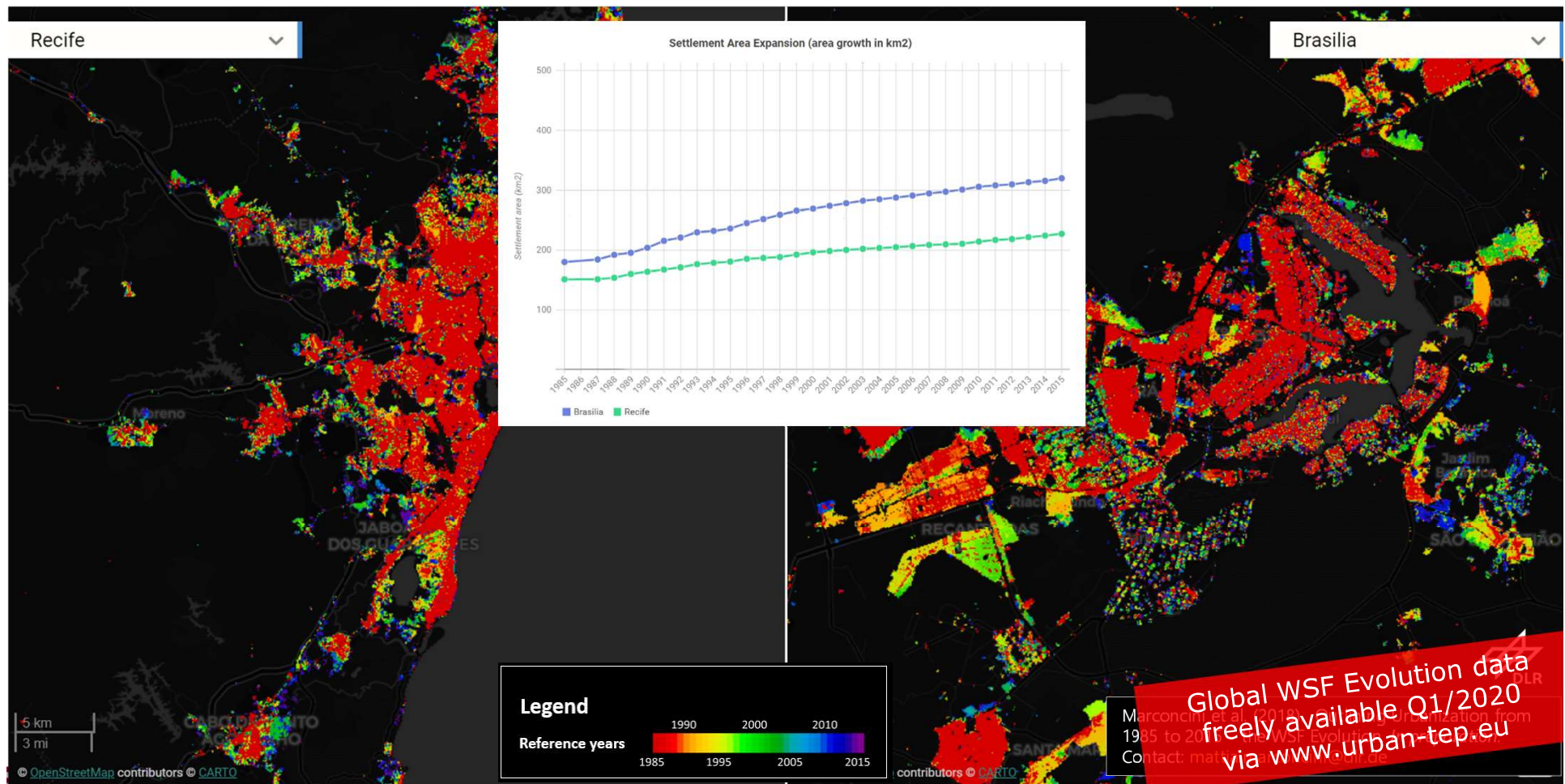
Actual potential for EO support depends very much on a local situation and capacity of a particular city

We work with partners to go beyond pixels and prepare and deliver information in a more tailored form of Indicators or/and Analytics

# Strategic Level Support Global City Diagnostic



## Understanding global urbanisation trends in last 30 years

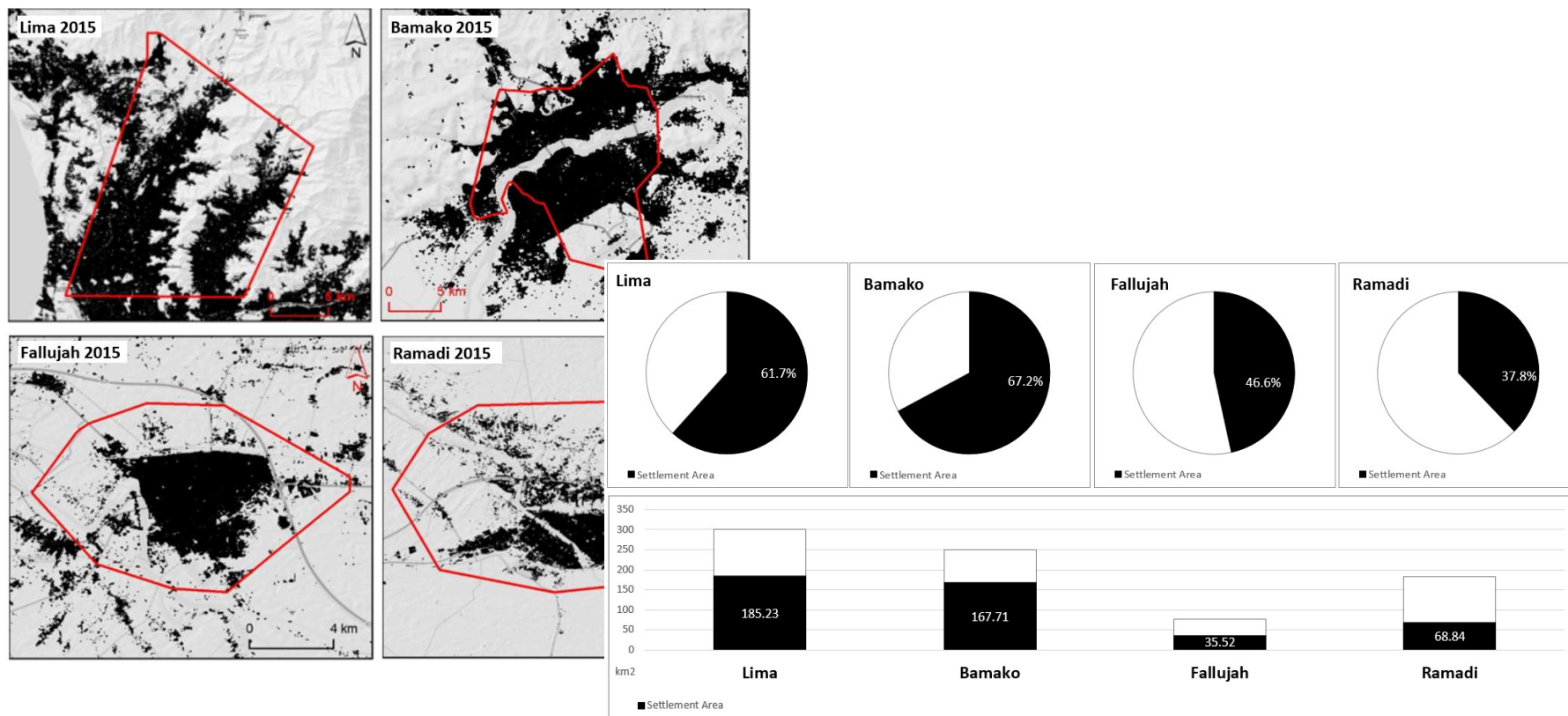




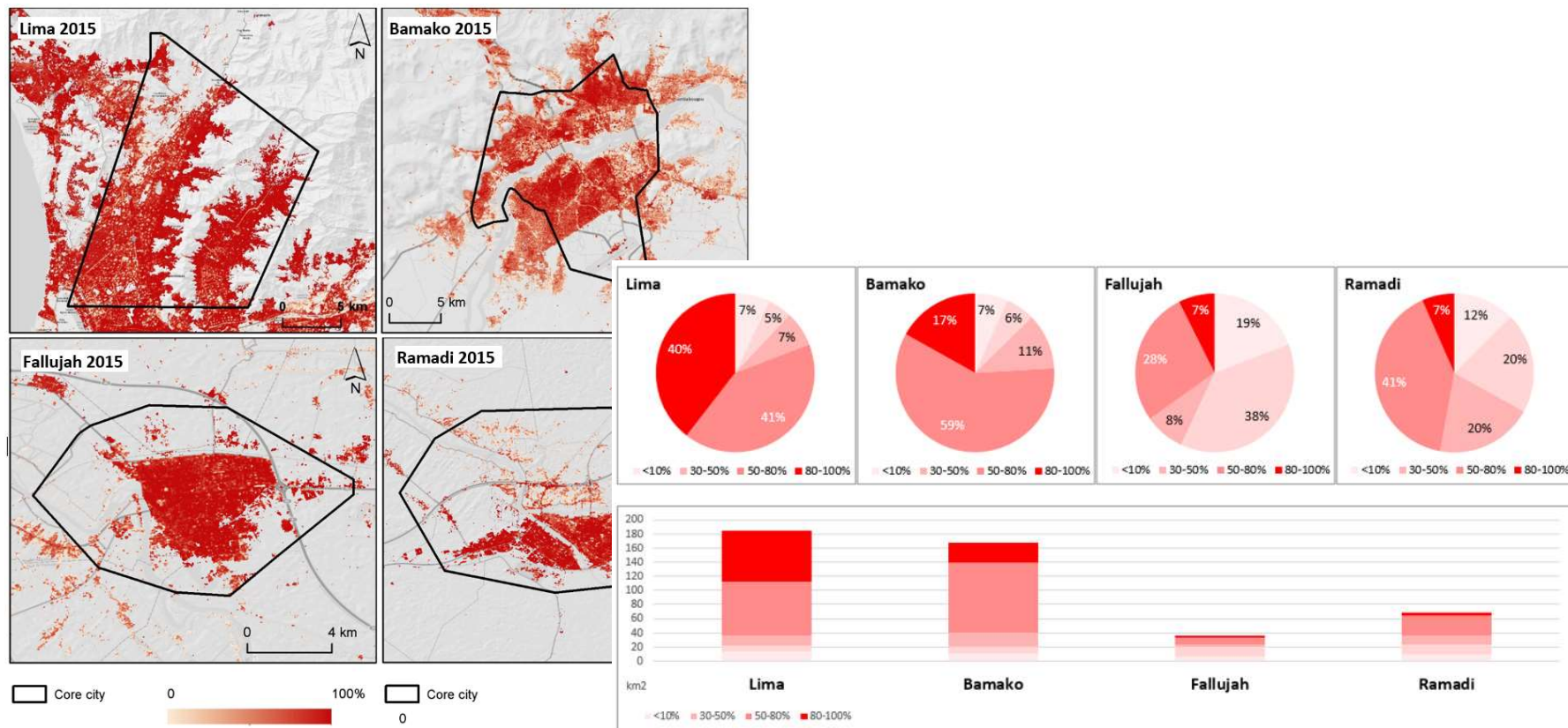
# Strategic Level Support Global City Diagnostic



## Amount and distribution of built-up area



## Sealing levels (aka level of imperviousness) distribution



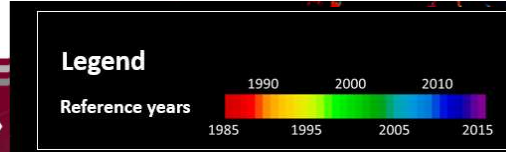
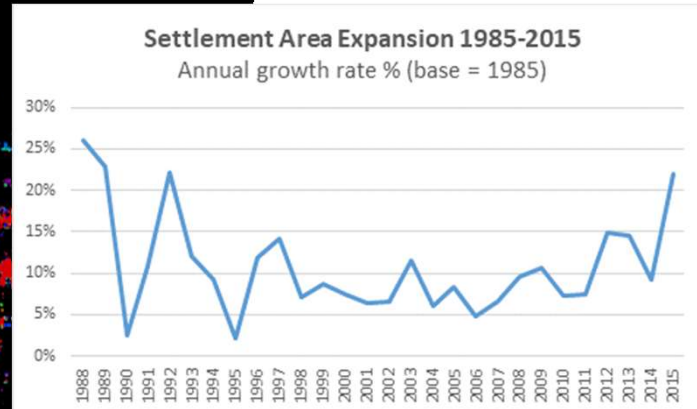
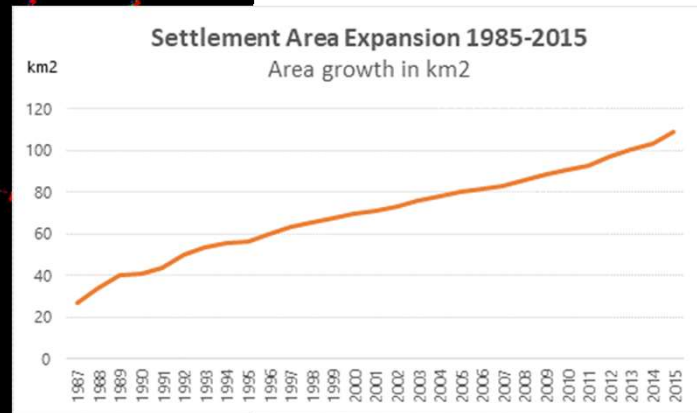
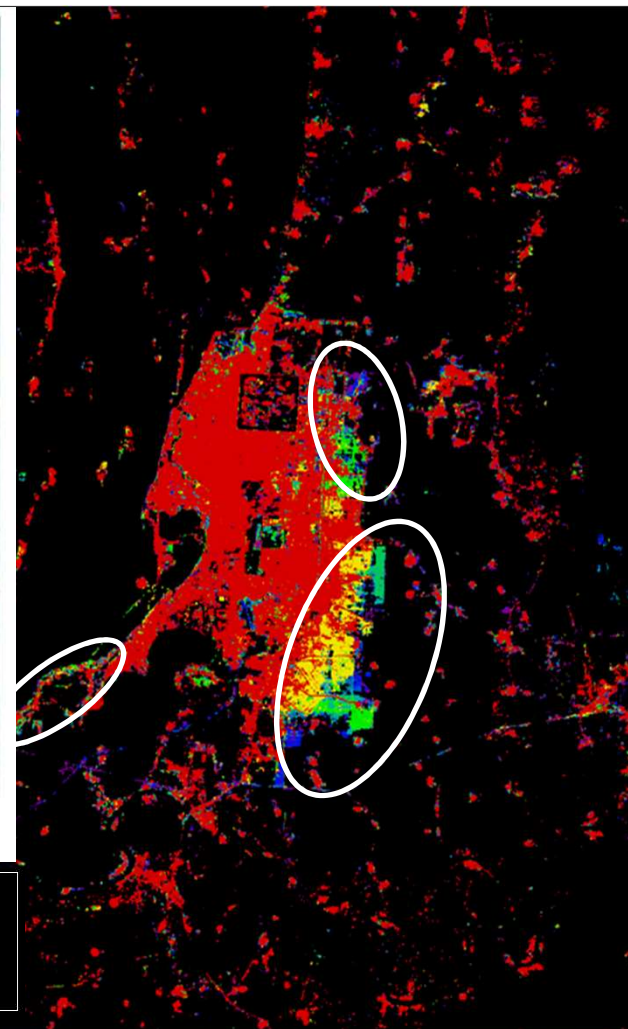
# Strategic Level Support Global City Diagnostic



## Change dynamic axes / corridors of development



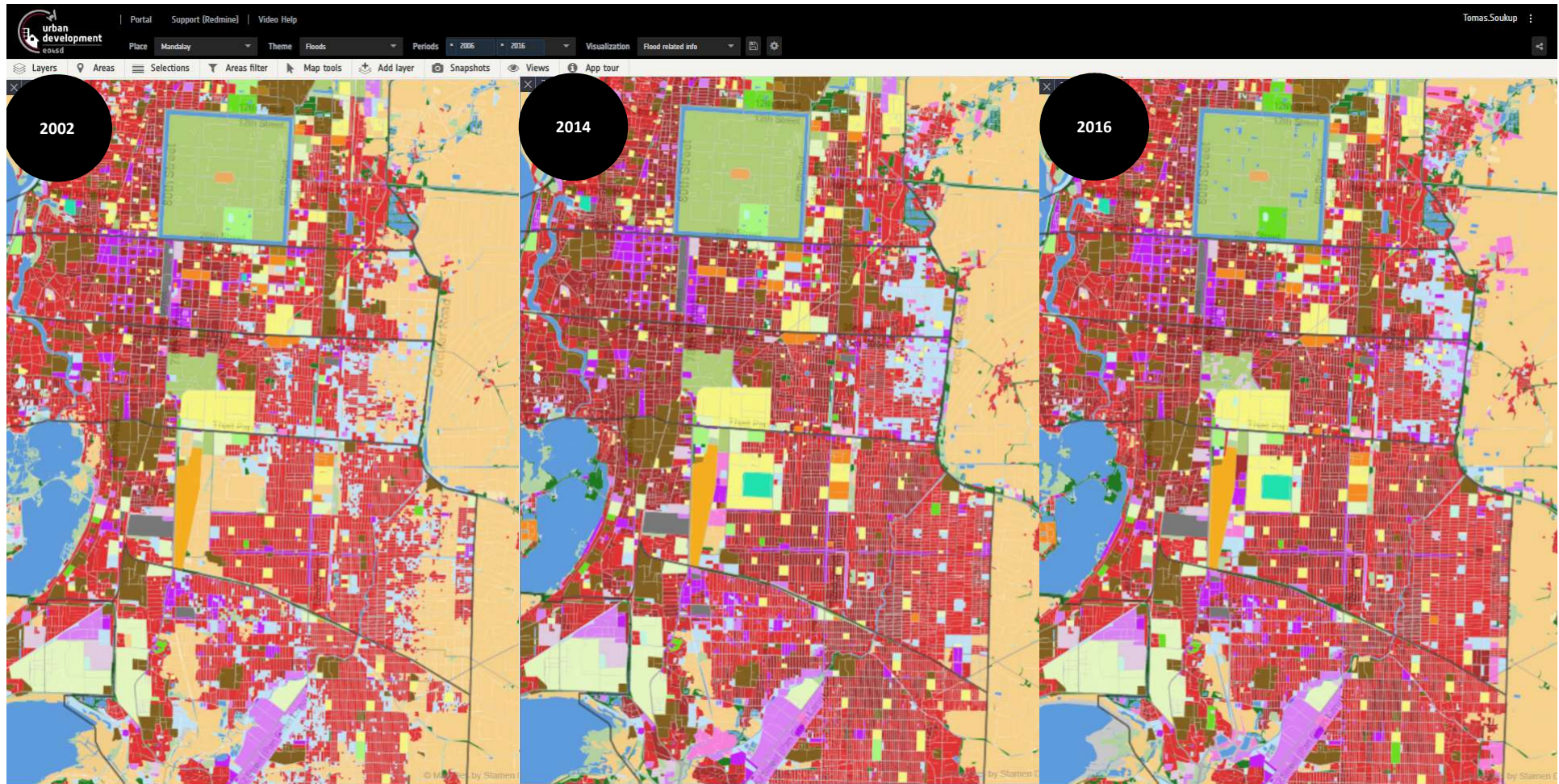
Source: Mandalay Urban Development Conceptual Plan, MOC



# Strategic / Operational Level Support Land Assets Management



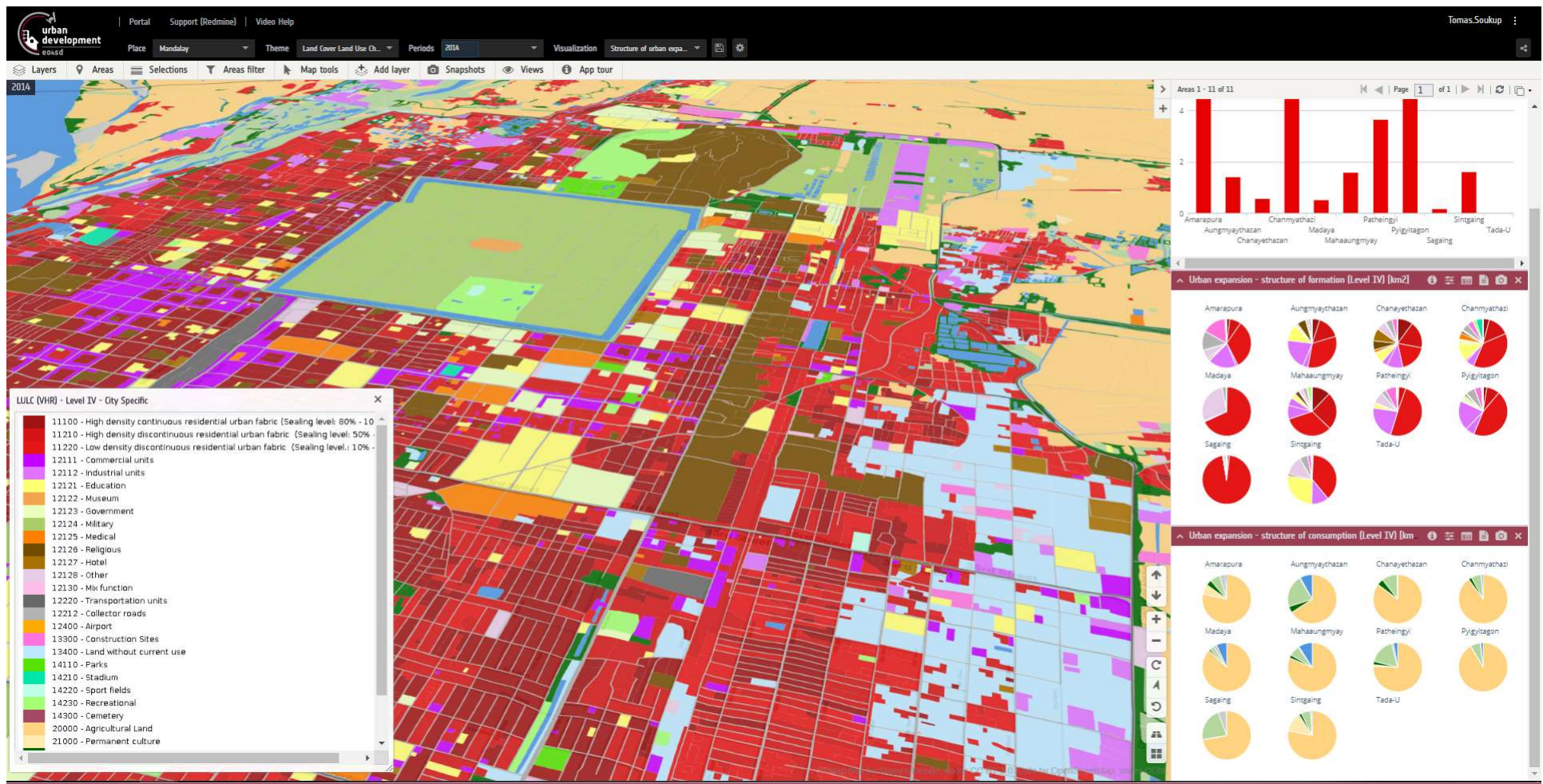
## Understanding City potential and limitation regarding land assets



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## Land Assets Statistics – Where, What, Quantity & Quality

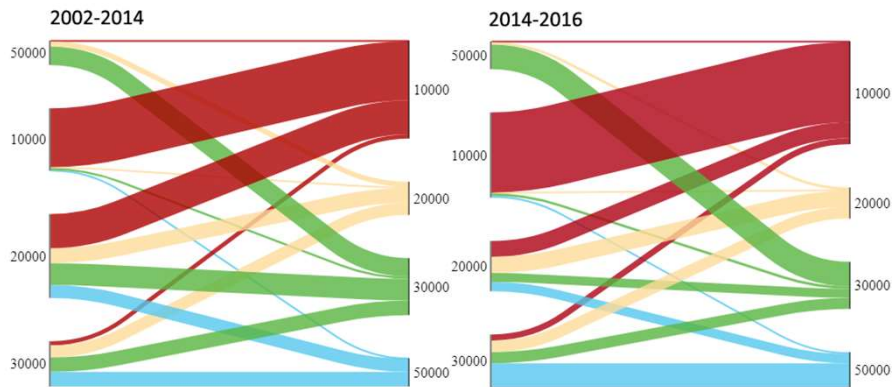


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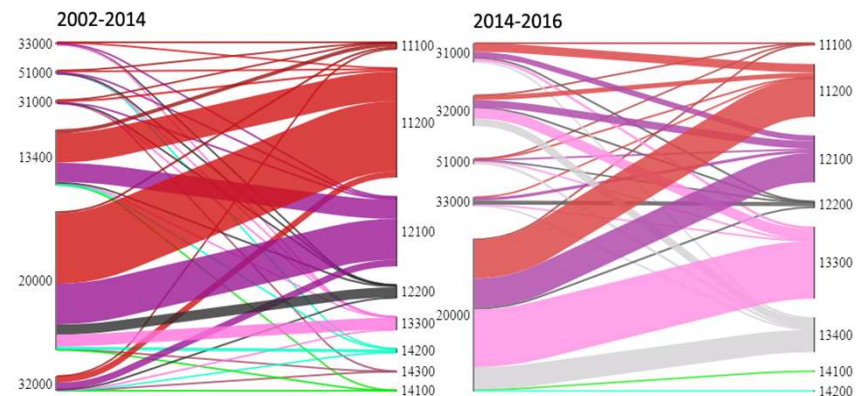


## Land Assets Statistics – Land Flows and Trends

Mandalay (Myanmar) - Land Cover Flows Analysis - Overall



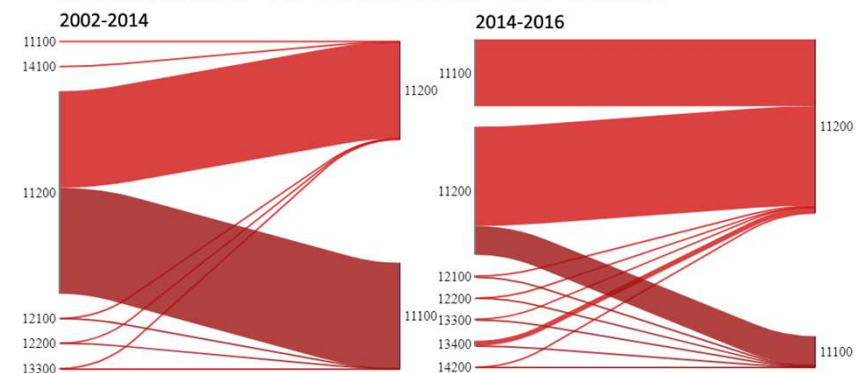
Mandalay (Myanmar) - Land Cover Flows Analysis - Urban Expansion



LULC (VHR) - Level IV - City Specific

11100 - High density continuous residential urban fabric (Sealing level: 80% - 10	12220 - Transportation units	20000 - Agricultural Land
11210 - High density discontinuous residential urban fabric (Sealing level: 50%	12212 - Collector roads	21000 - Permanent culture
11220 - Low density discontinuous residential urban fabric (Sealing level: 10%	12400 - Airport	31000 - Forests
12111 - Commercial units	13300 - Construction Sites	32000 - Other natural and semi-natural Areas including Wetlands
12112 - Industrial units	13400 - Land without current use	33000 - Bare land
12121 - Education	14110 - Parks	51000 - Inland Water
12122 - Museum	14210 - Stadium	
12123 - Government	14220 - Sport fields	
12124 - Military	14230 - Recreational	
12125 - Medical	14300 - Cemetery	
12126 - Religious		
12127 - Hotel		
12128 - Other		
12130 - Mix function		

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# Strategic / Operational Level Support

## Land Assets Management



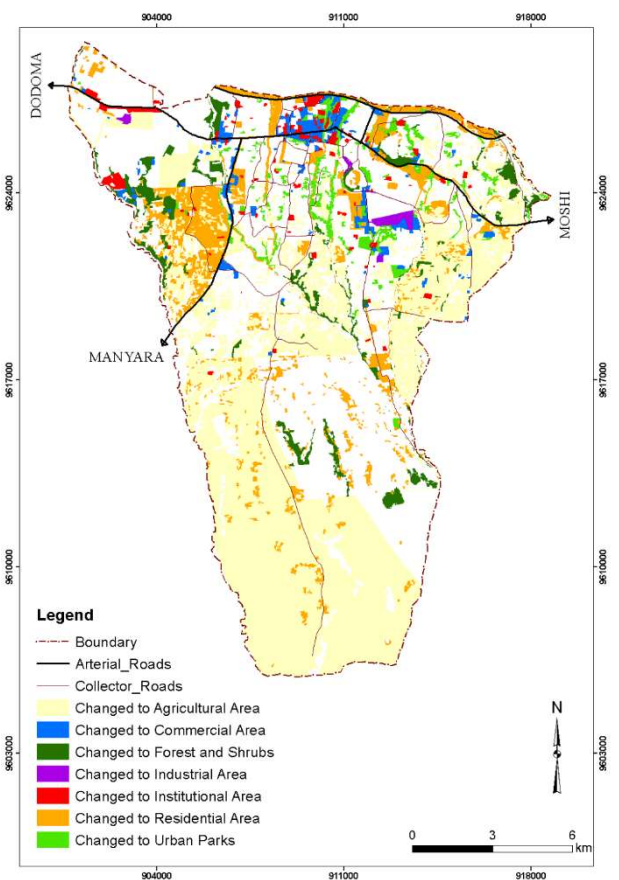
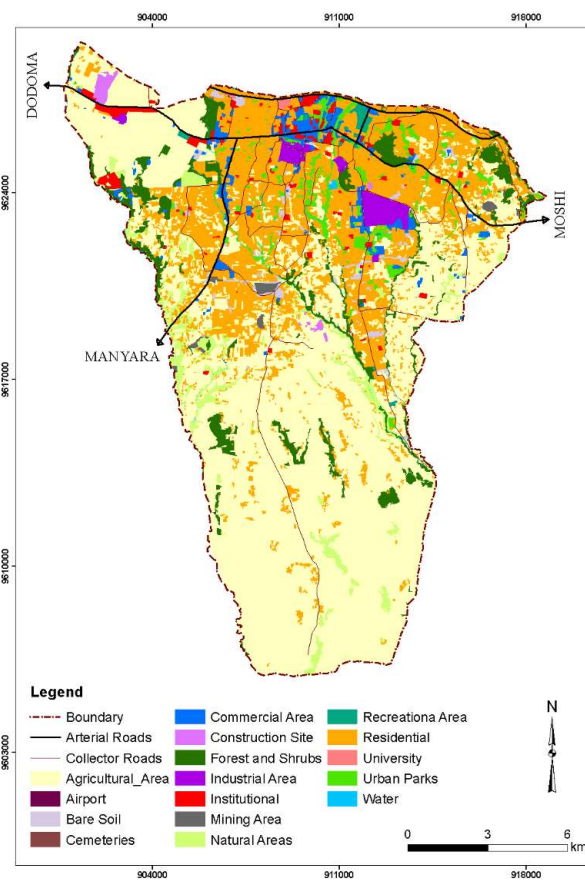
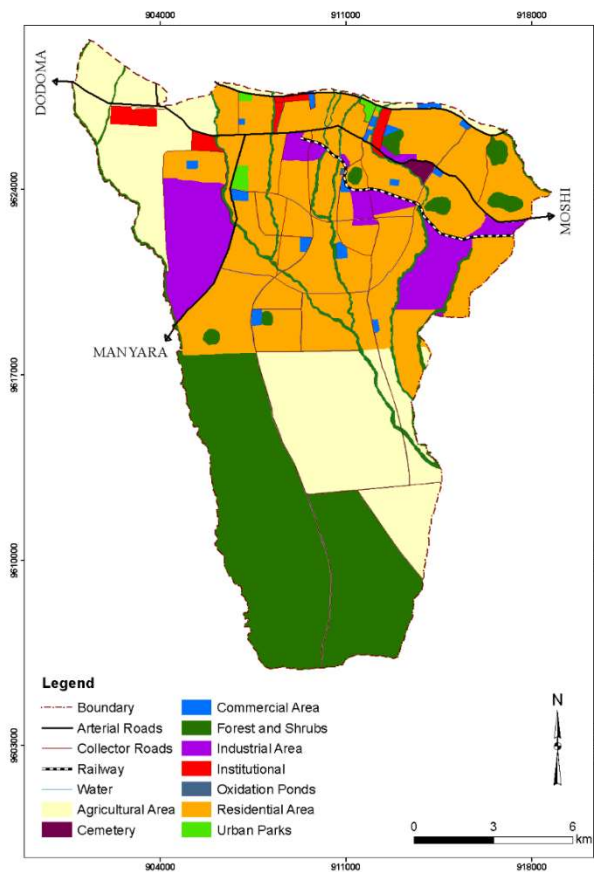
### Master Plan Reality Check

### Arusha, Tanzania

1985 Master Plan

2015 Actual Land Use

Diversion from proposed land use

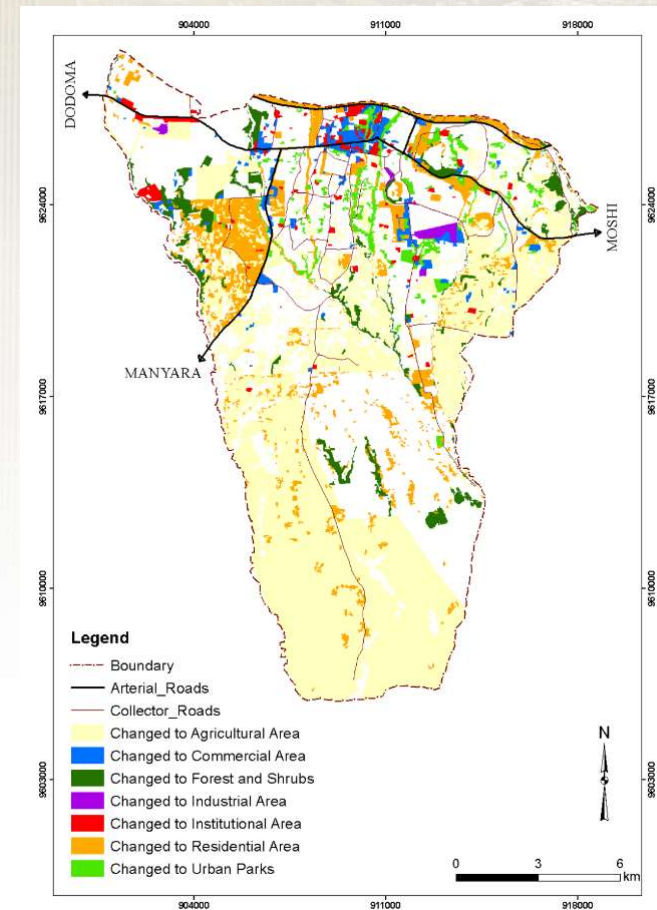
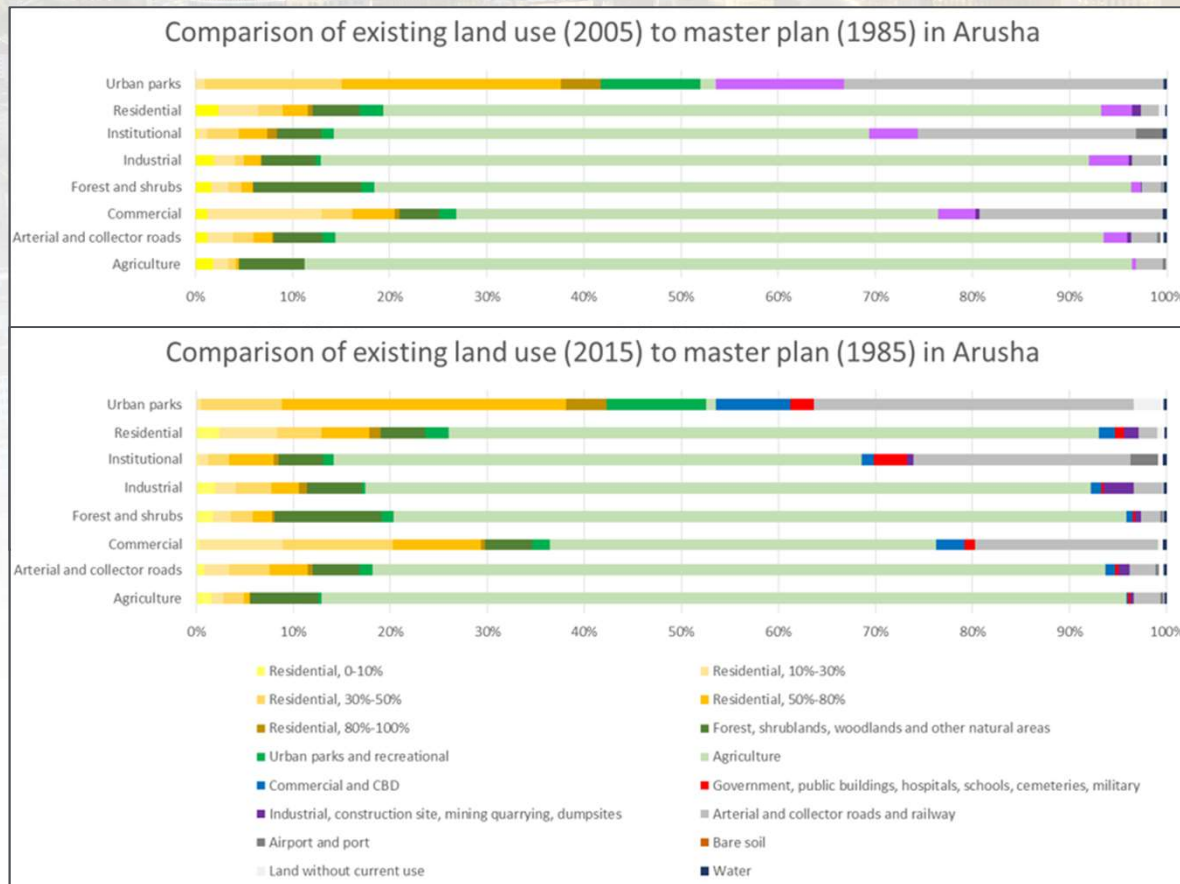


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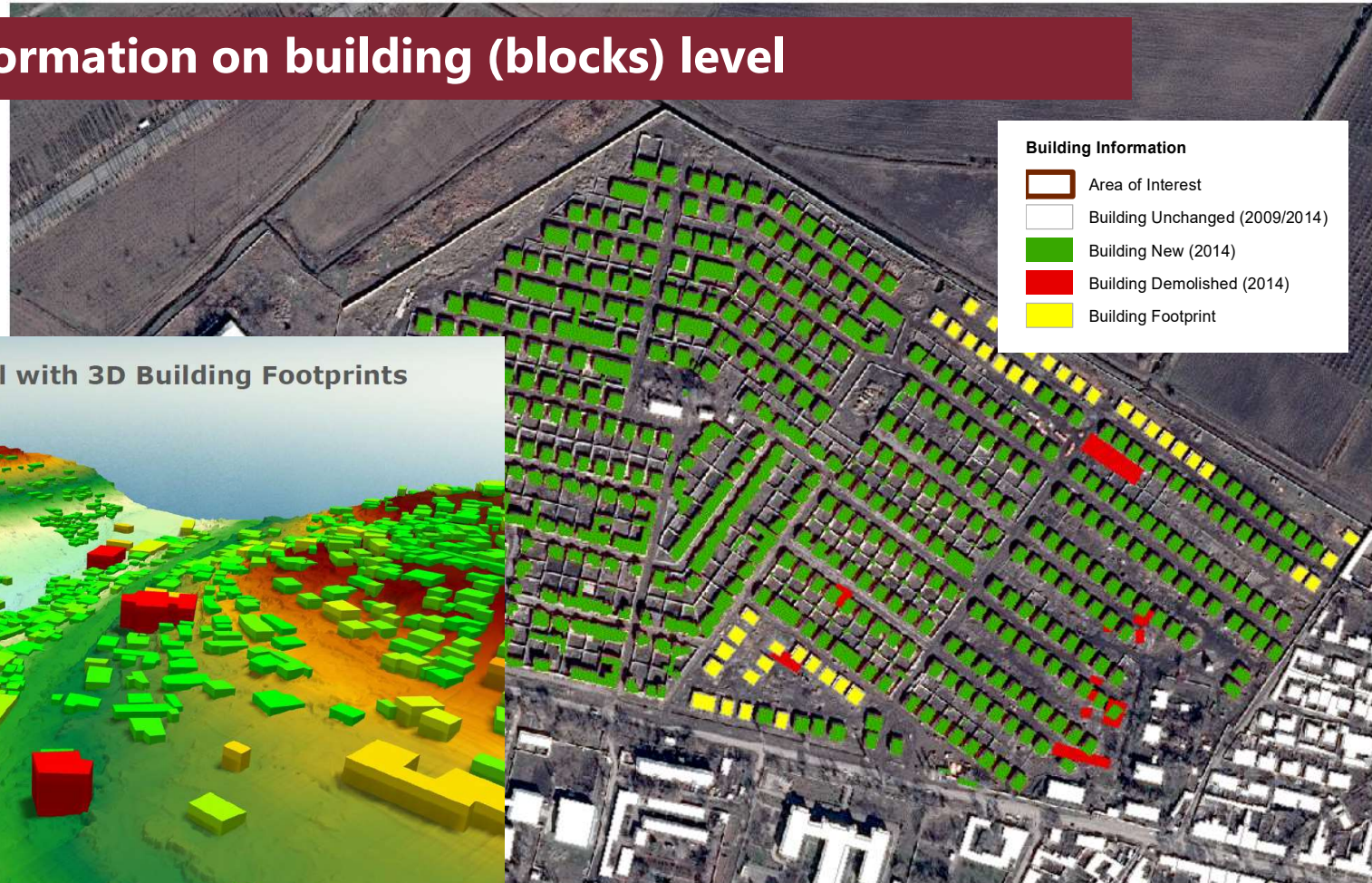
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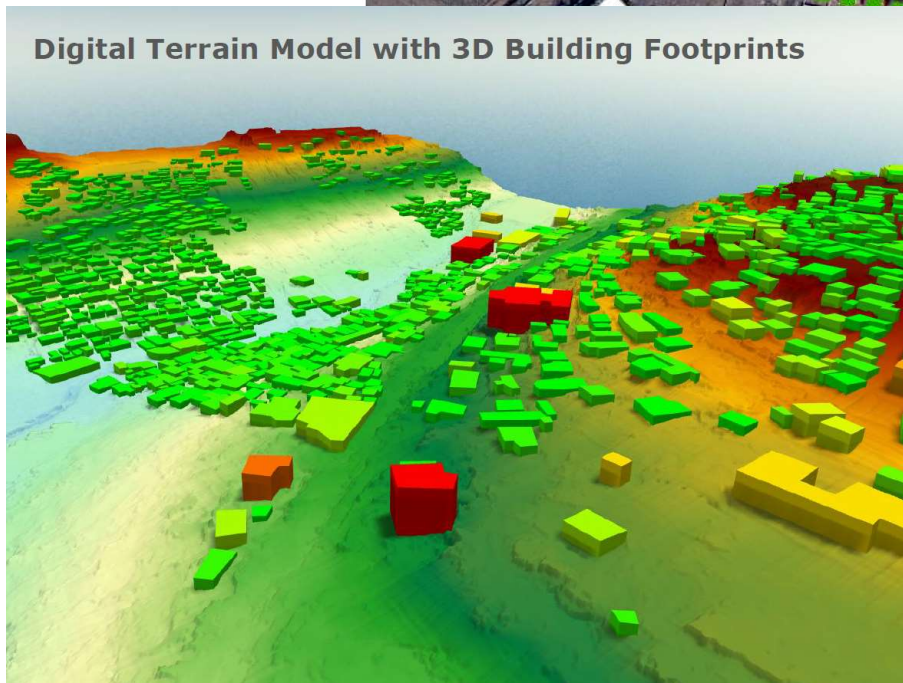
# Operational Level Support Building Footprint



## Detailed information on building (blocks) level



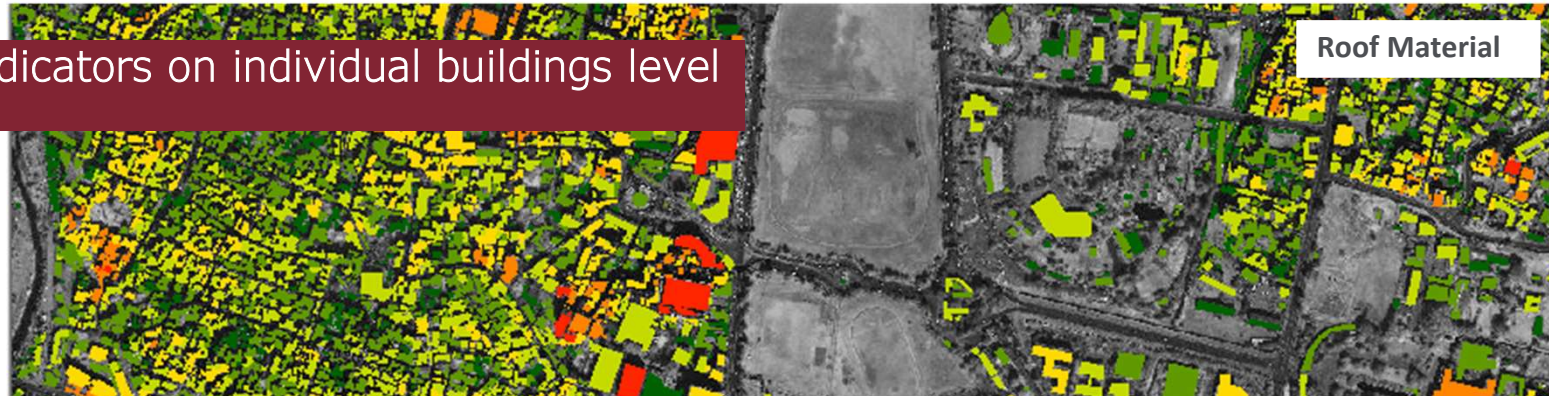
Digital Terrain Model with 3D Building Footprints



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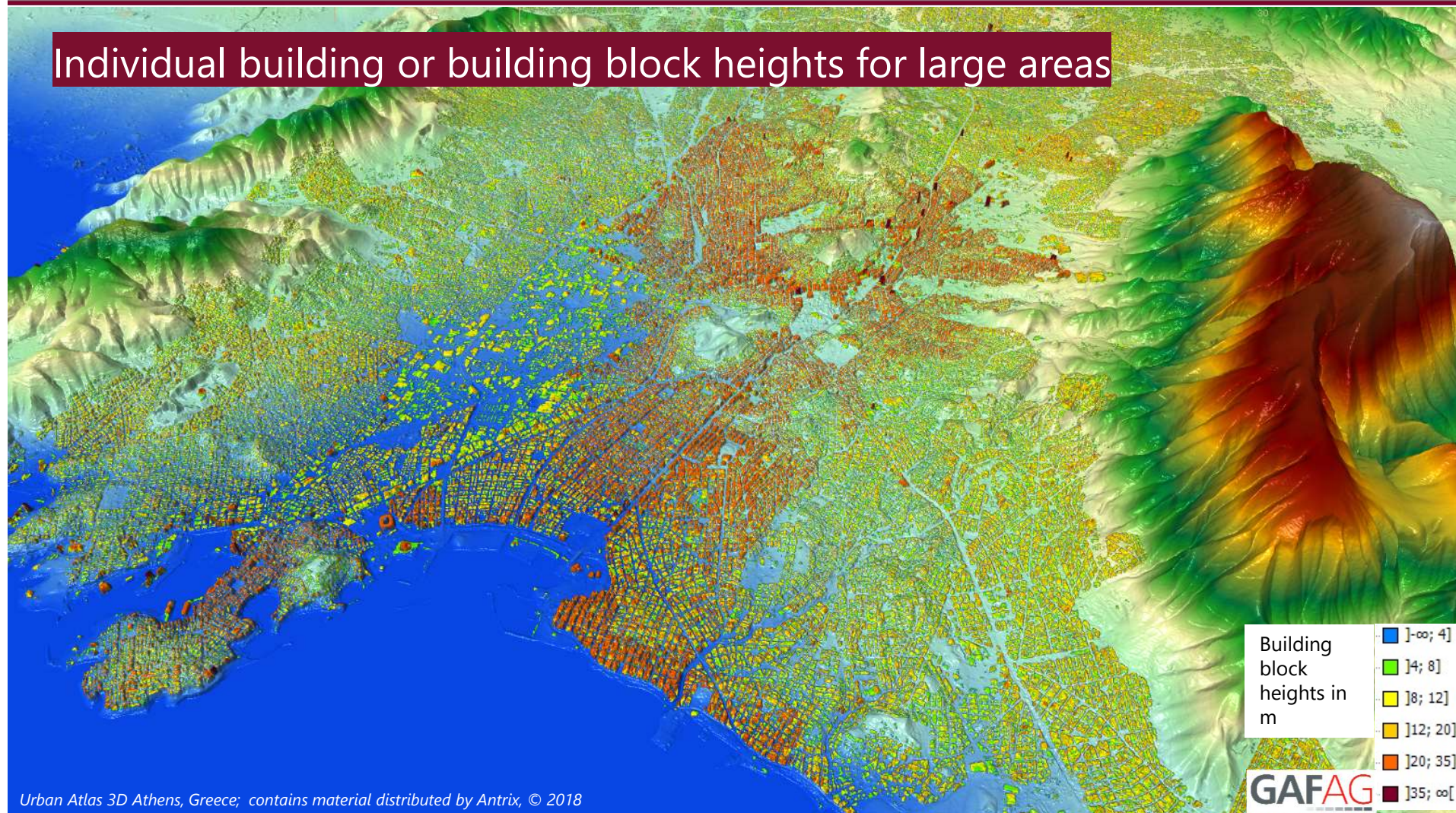
Structural indicators on individual buildings level



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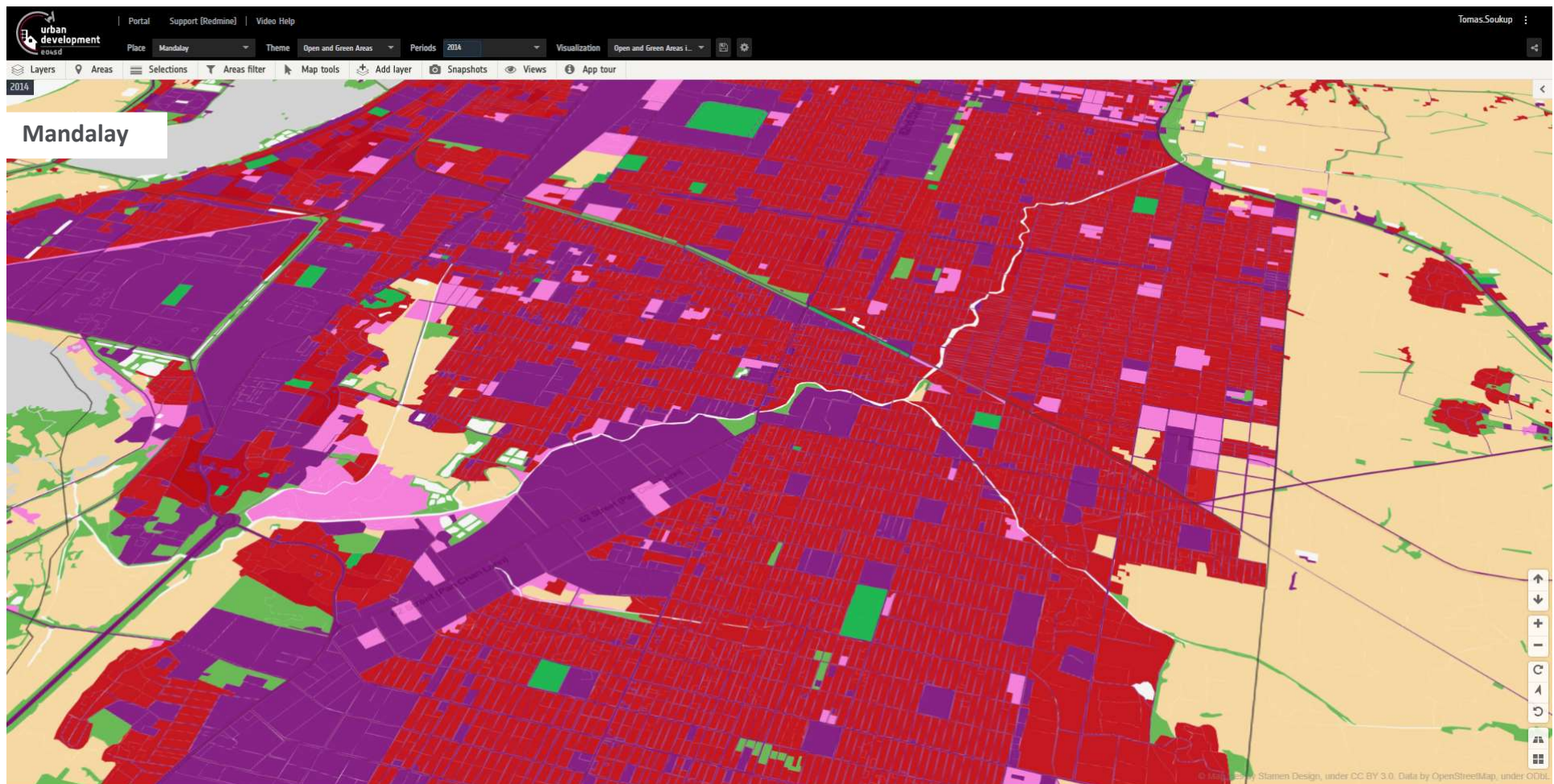
Individual building or building block heights for large areas



# Operational Level Support Population Distribution / Density



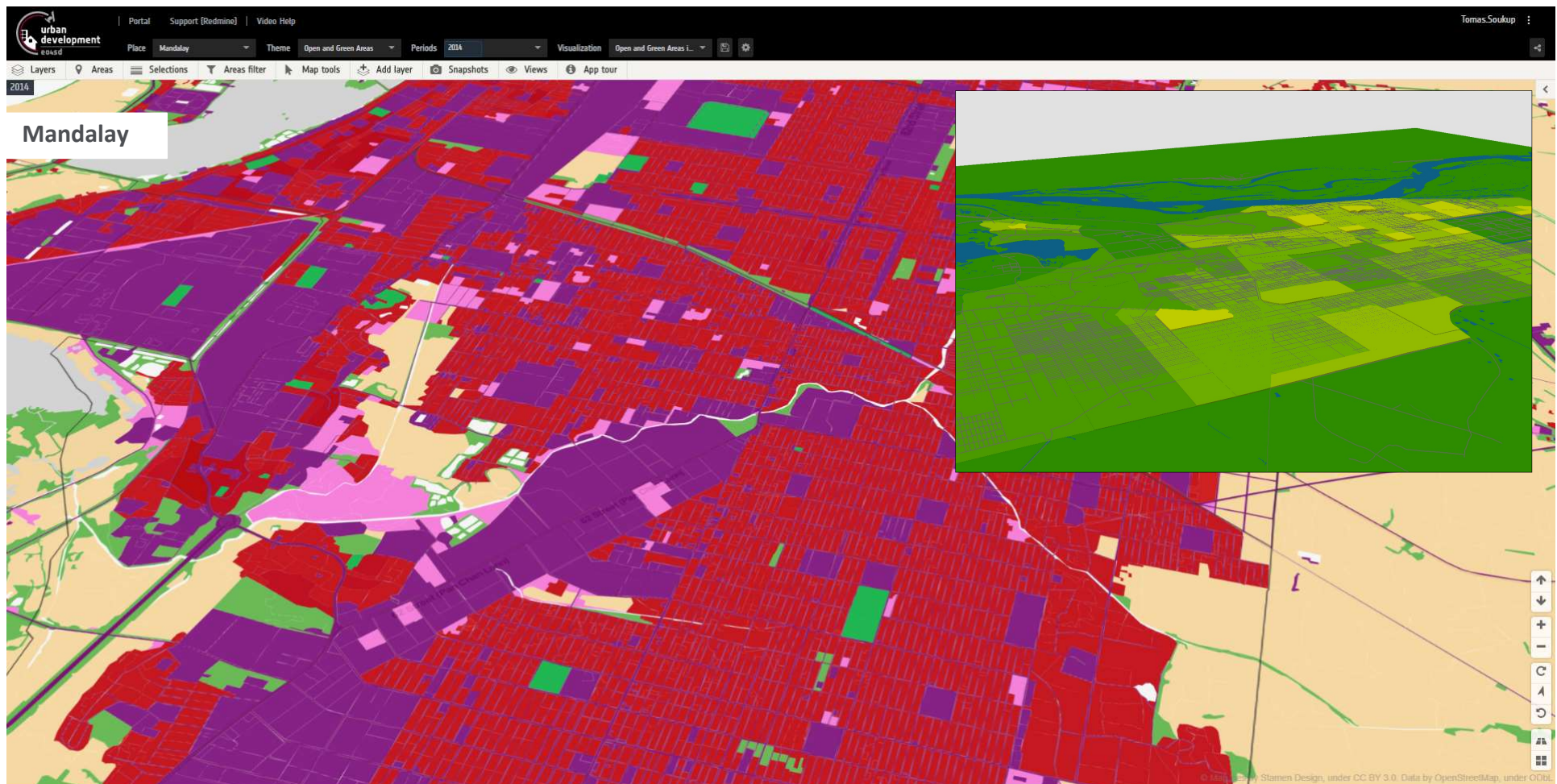
LULC, Census Data and VHR DSM for urban blocks



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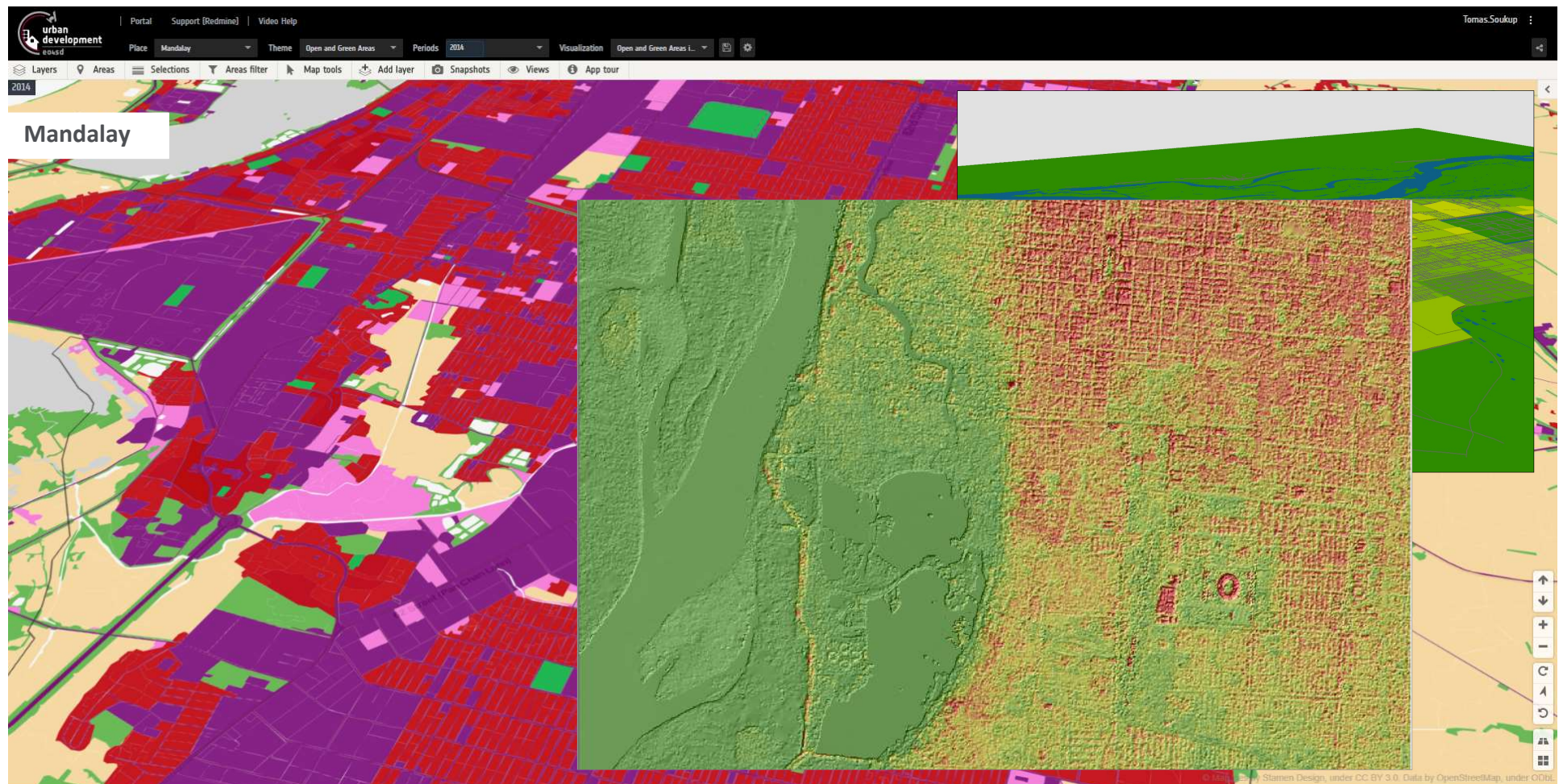
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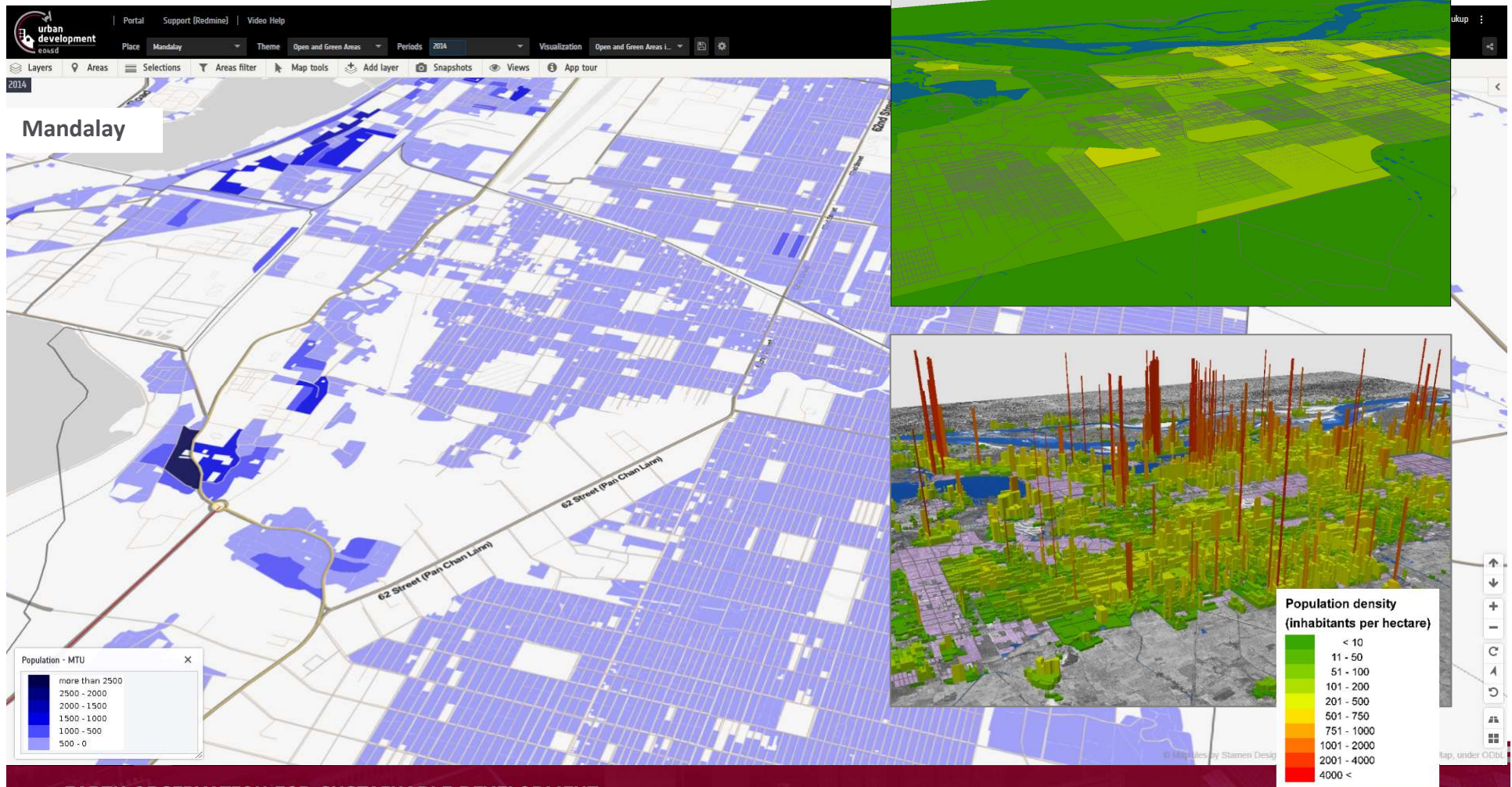
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Spatially enhanced population data



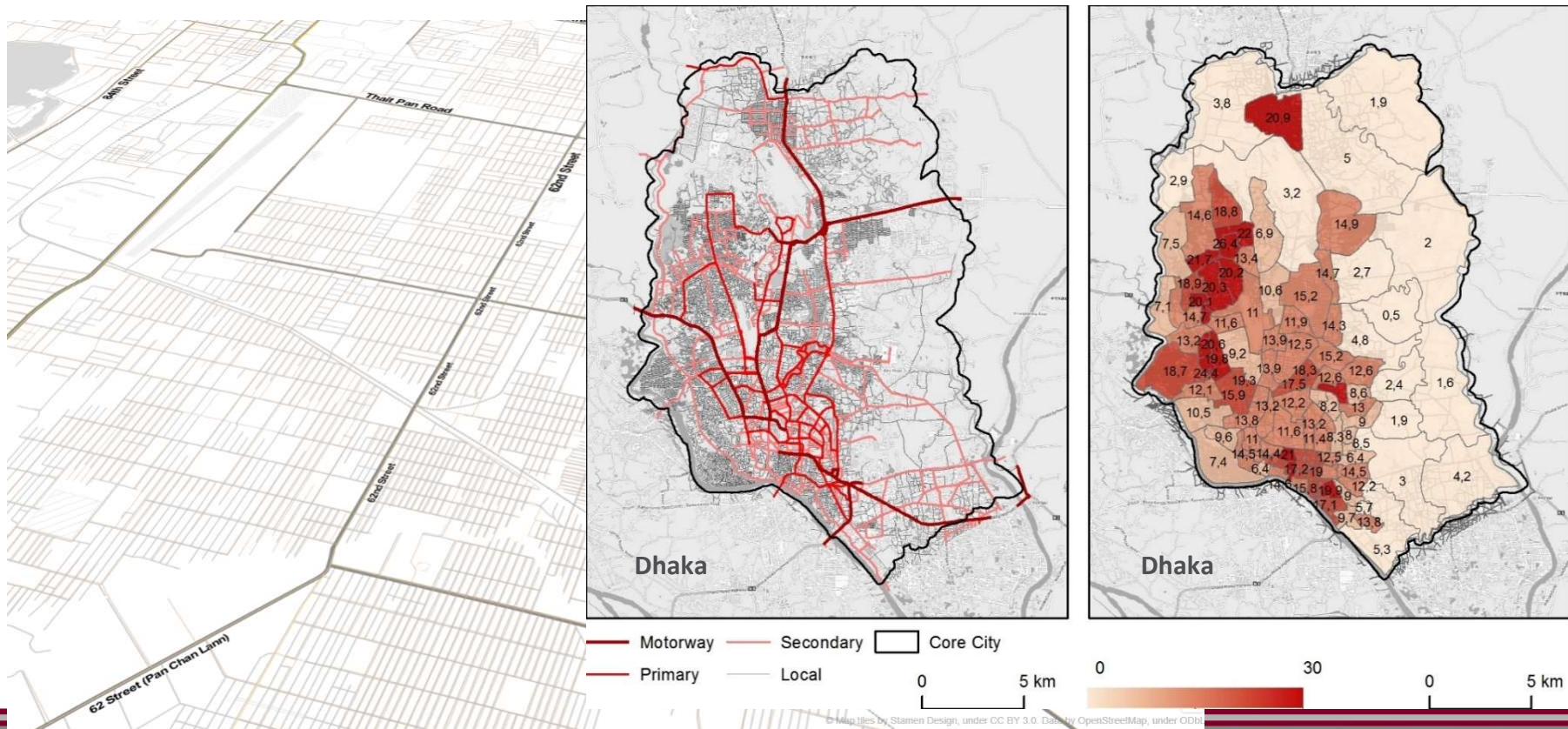
# Operational Level Support Transport



A street density (road surface / total area) gives a quick understanding about the typology of the City.

Transportation network map

Network density





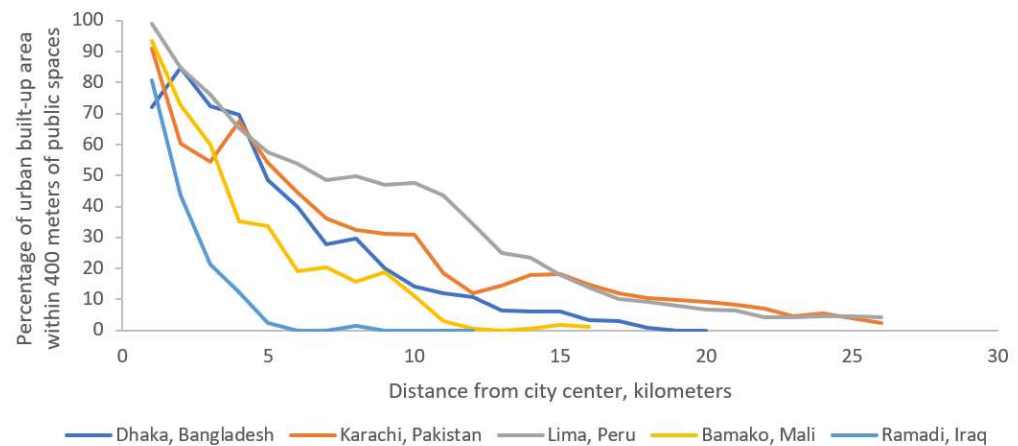
# Operational Level Support Transport



Street density and connectivity can be used as a proxy of **urbanity** (i.e. highly urbanized areas have denser street grids) and **walkability**.

## Inclusivity

It refers to a distance of 400 meters or less. The definition and locations of city centers are explained in each case study later this chapter; and the public spaces included in this analysis are parks, waterfronts, squares, and markets, excluding streets.



Source: World Bank, based on 2019 EO4SD-Urban data

# Operational Level Support Urban Green Areas



Green Areas help in reduction of the energy costs of cooling buildings effectively. Due to their amenity and aesthetic, green areas increase property value. Green areas in a city are also the social and psychological benefits.



# Operational Level Support Public Spaces



## Identification, quantification and characterization of potential public urban spaces

Coherent with SDG 11.7 implementation (UN-HABITAT)



Buildings



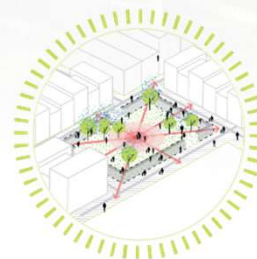
ACTIVE BUILDINGS

Streets

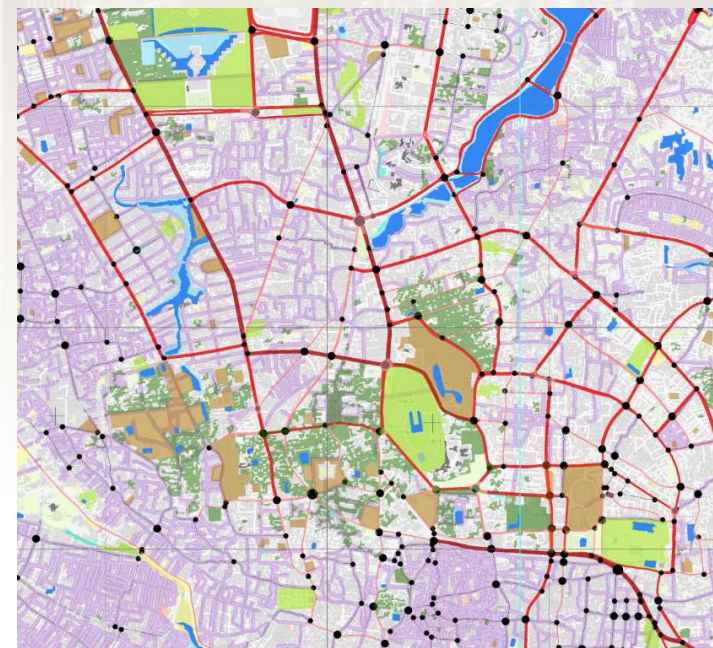


COMFORTABLE STREETS

Open and Green Areas



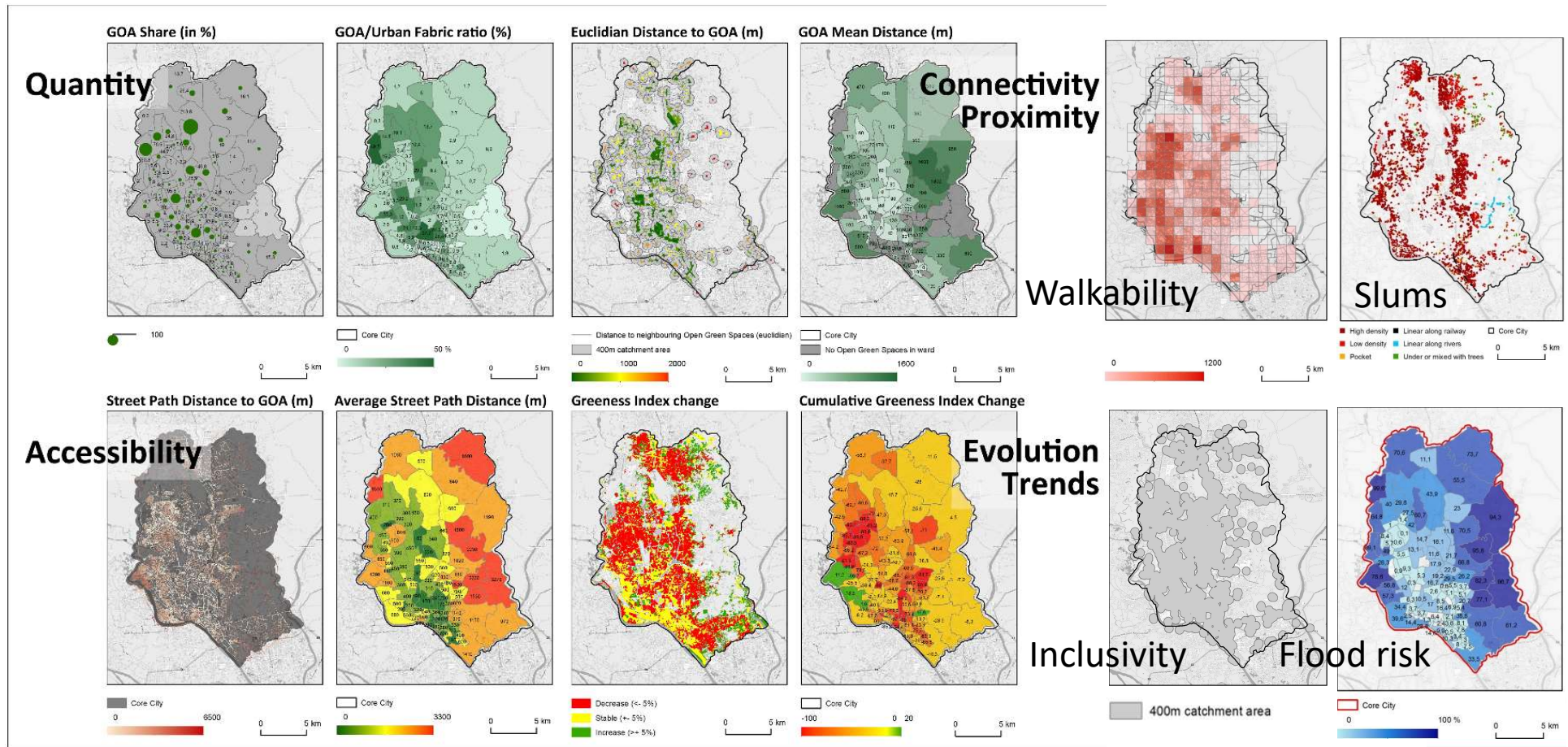
NATURAL OPEN SPACES



# Step II: City-wide Assessment Testing Analytics



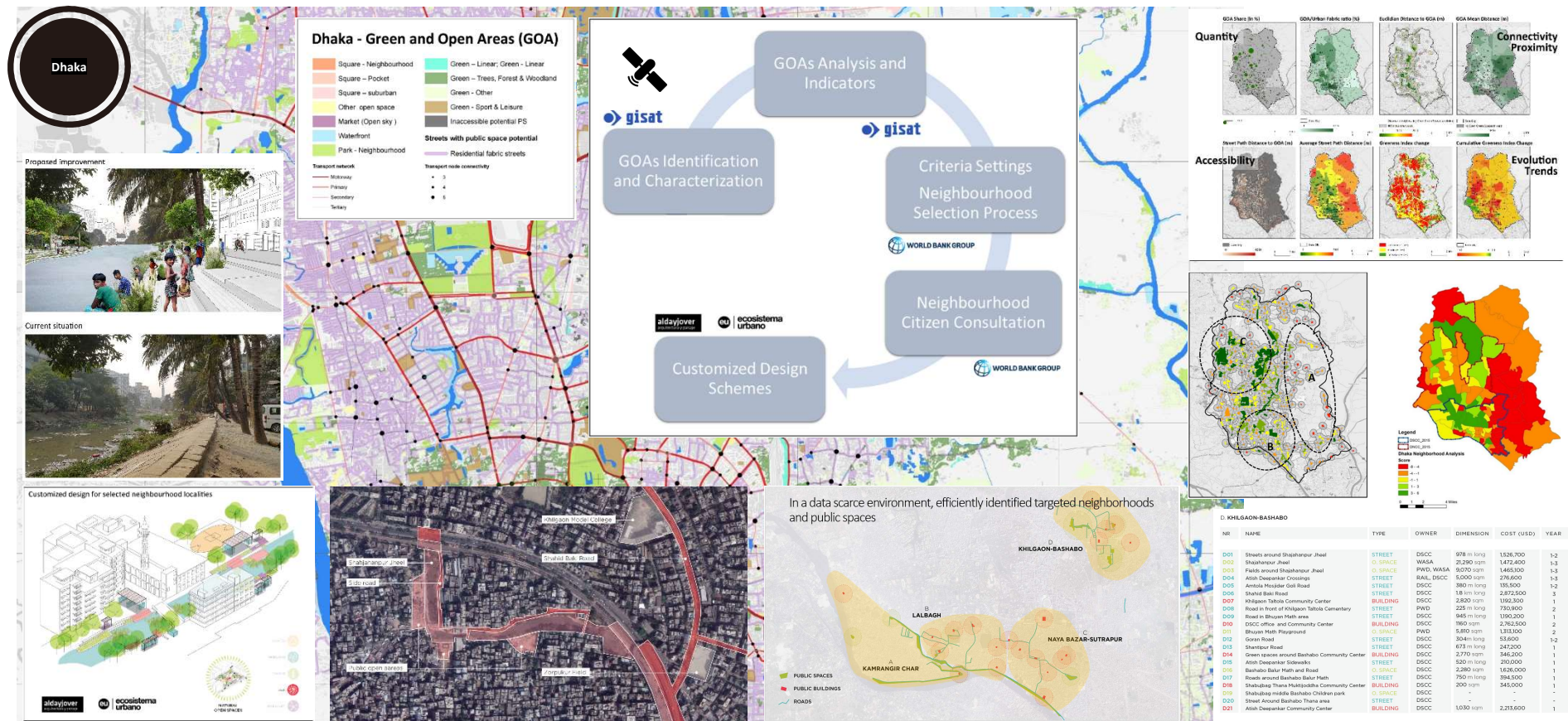
## Spatial Analysis describing public space network



# Operational Level Support Public Spaces



## EO supporting a full planning cycle



# Strategical / Operational Level Support

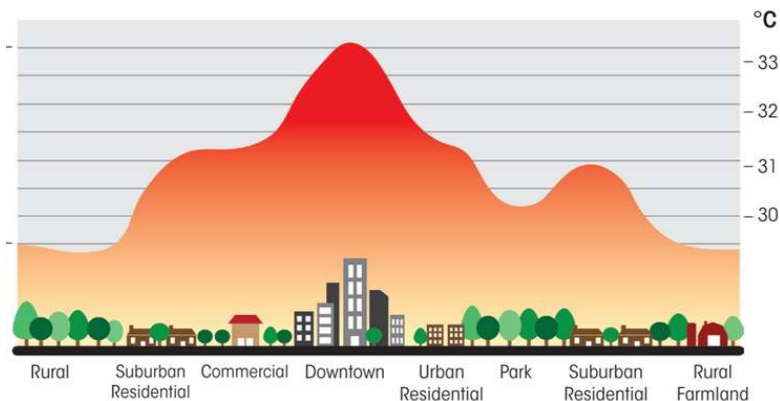
## Heat Intensity / Heat Stress



City structure (LU/LC) links to a climate conditions in the city (distribution of heat-stress)

- Lack of vegetation: low evapotranspiration/no shadows
- Heat absorbed by buildings and artificial surfaces
- Solar radiance reflected from building-walls etc.
- Decreased air-flux in „street canyons“
- Anthropogenic heat from air-conditioning and traffic exhalations

### Urban Heat Island effect

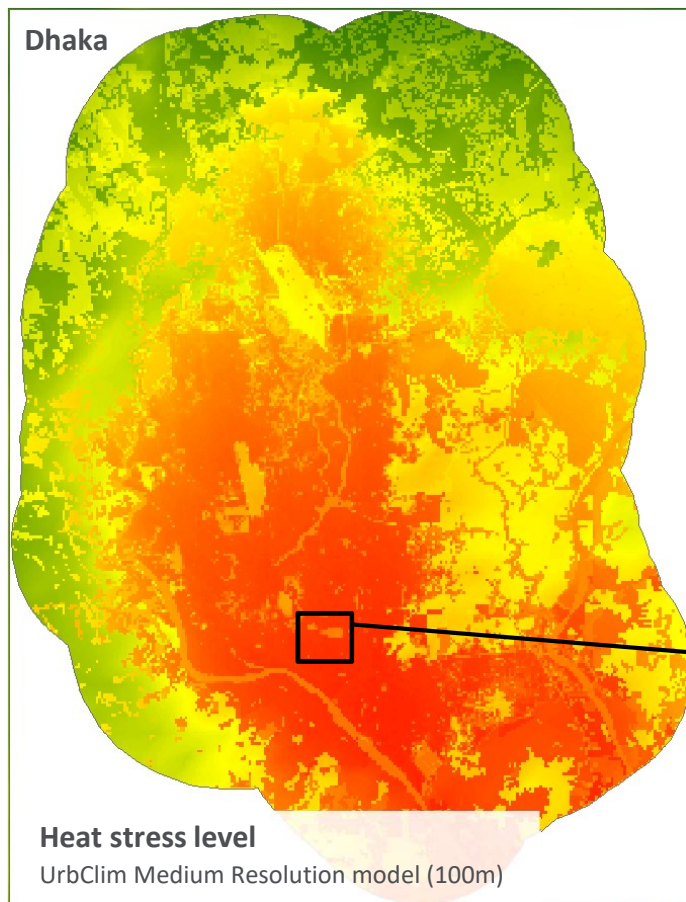


# Strategical / Operational Level Support

## Heat Intensity



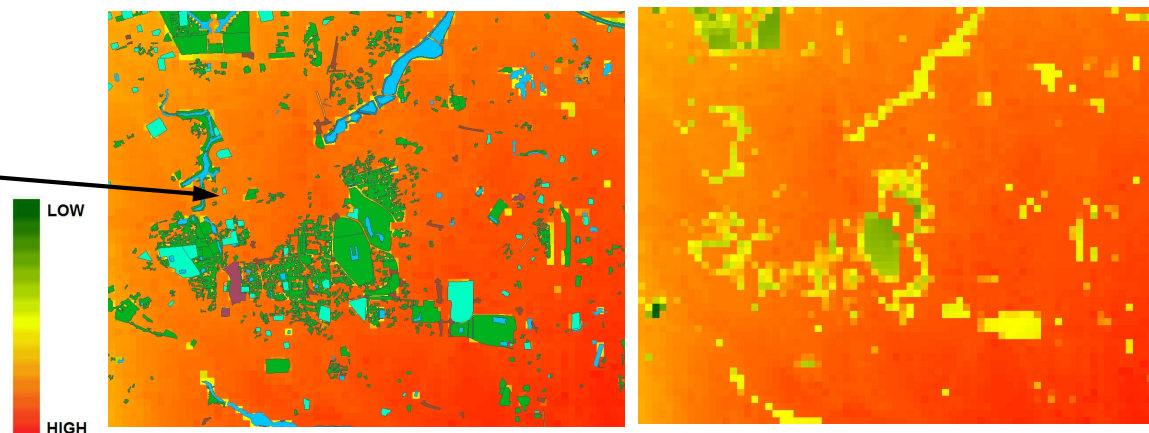
City-level planning, hot-spots, long-term development strategies



### Urban Heat Island (UHI) intensity

Average difference in 2m air temperature comparing to coldest location in the model domain at the moment of maximum urban heat island intensity

Cooling effect of Green Areas



# Operational Level Support

## Heat Stress



Improvement planning of local Heat Stress situation

Modelling local user-defined design scenarios

Different distribution of new buildings, trees (crown size, height) and paved or unpaved surfaces



Heat stress level



*Heat Stress Index (WBGT Index), is a wide spread used indicator (ISO 7243:2017) for assessment the impact of urban climate environment on the people in the city.*



# Operational Level Support Informal settlements / Slums



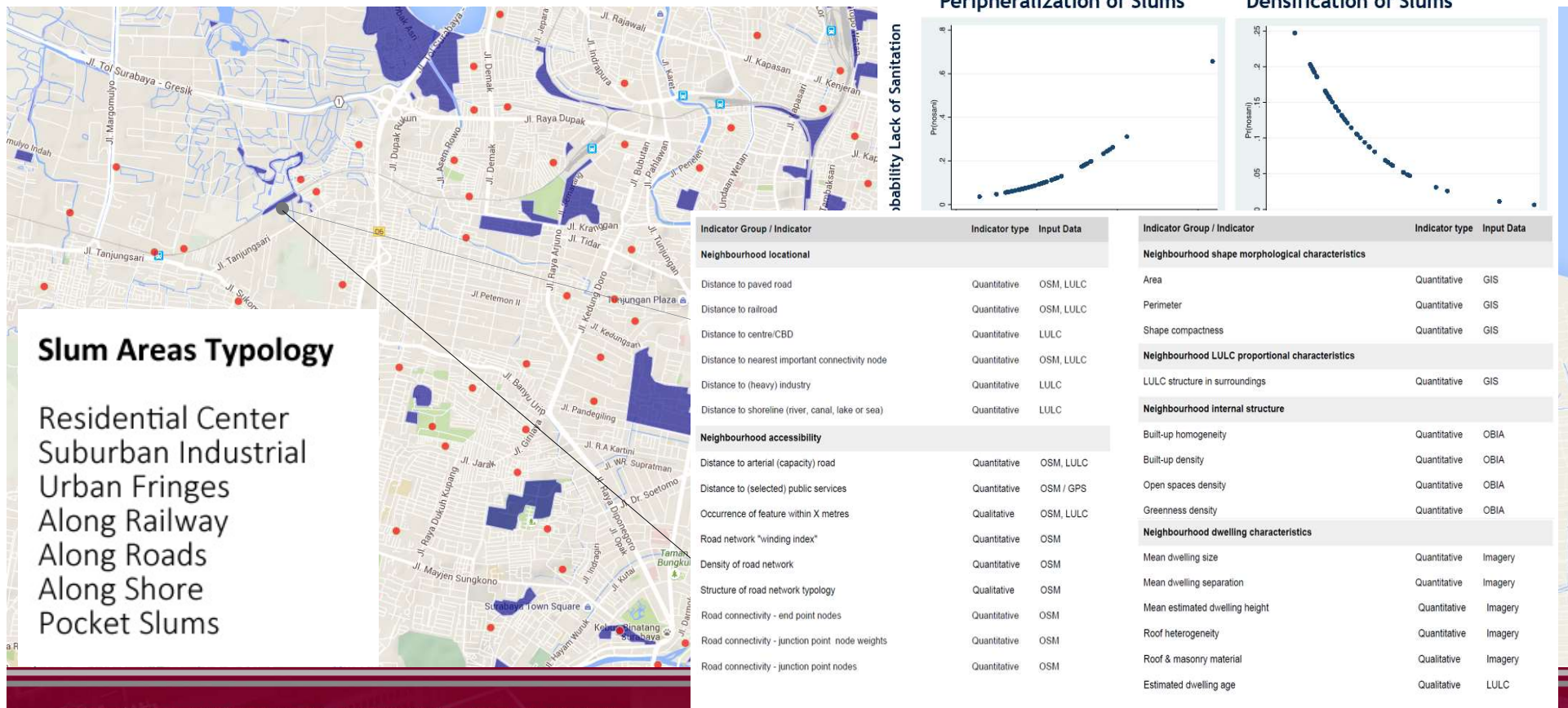
Informal settlements inventory - on-site verification (e.g. crowd source supported)



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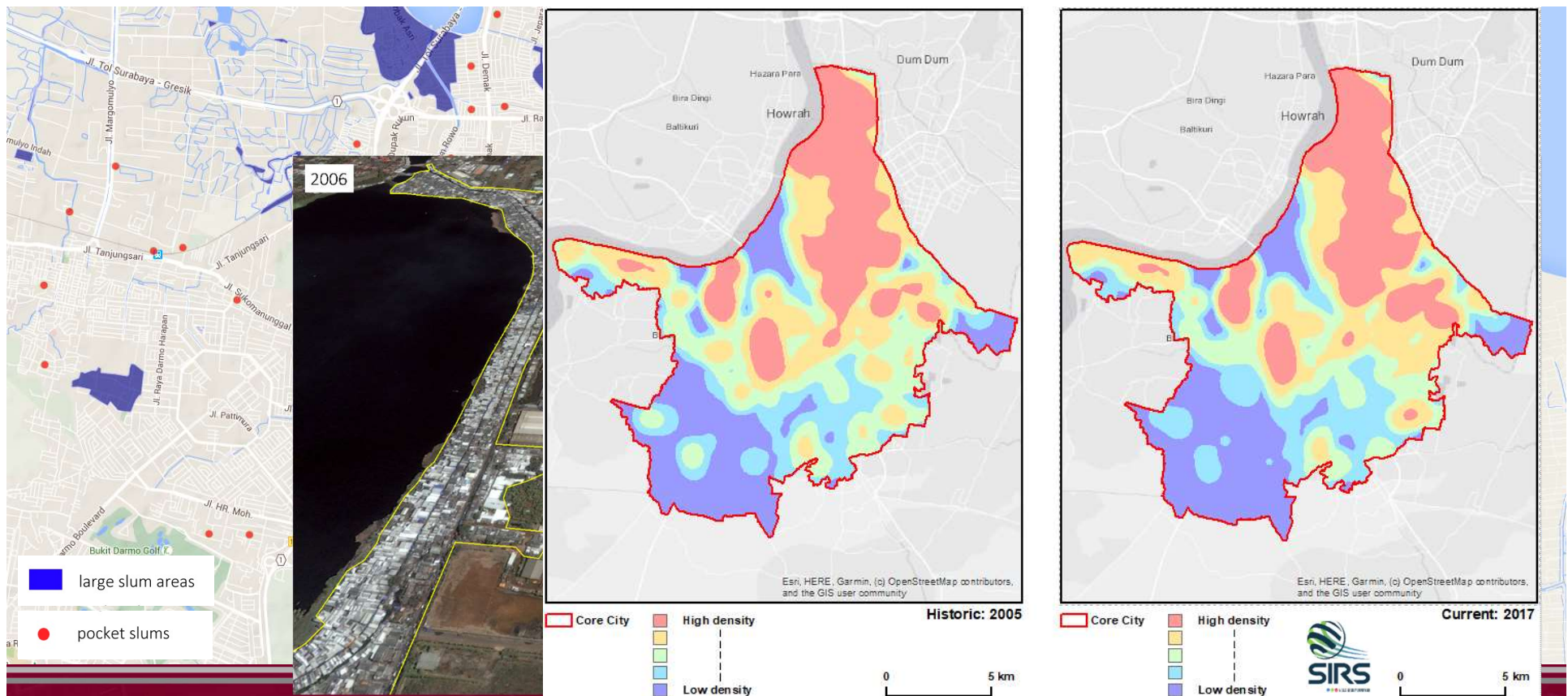
## Slum area characterization - slum areas typology Slum service deprivation modelling



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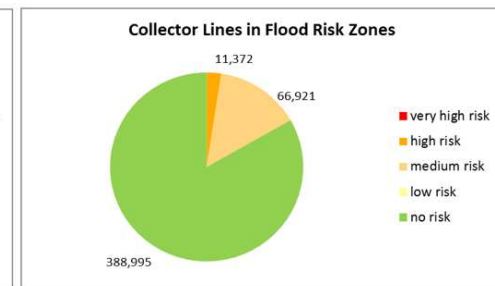
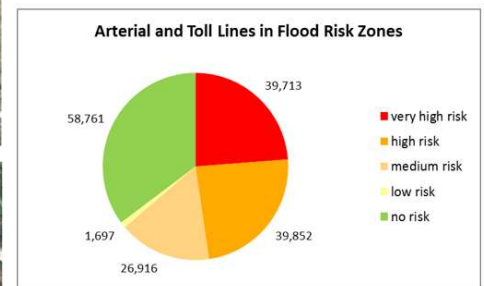
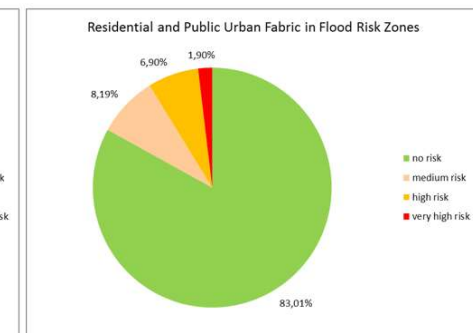
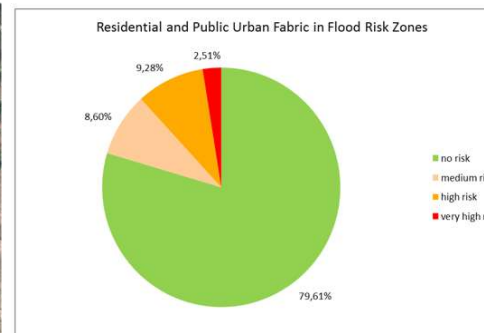
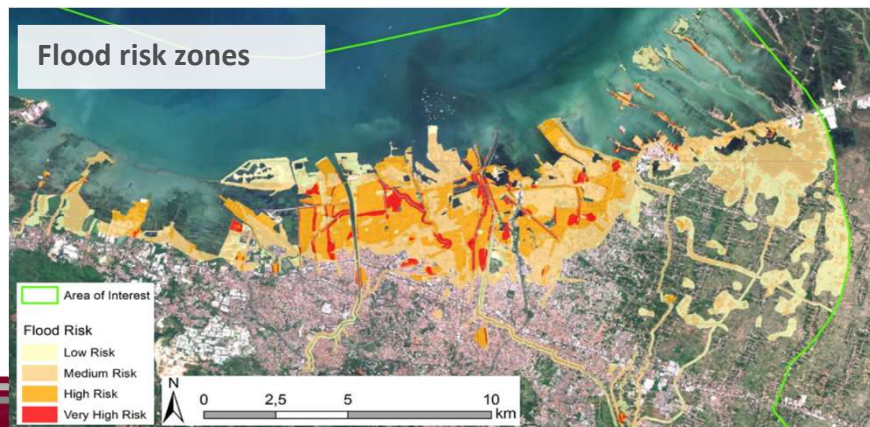
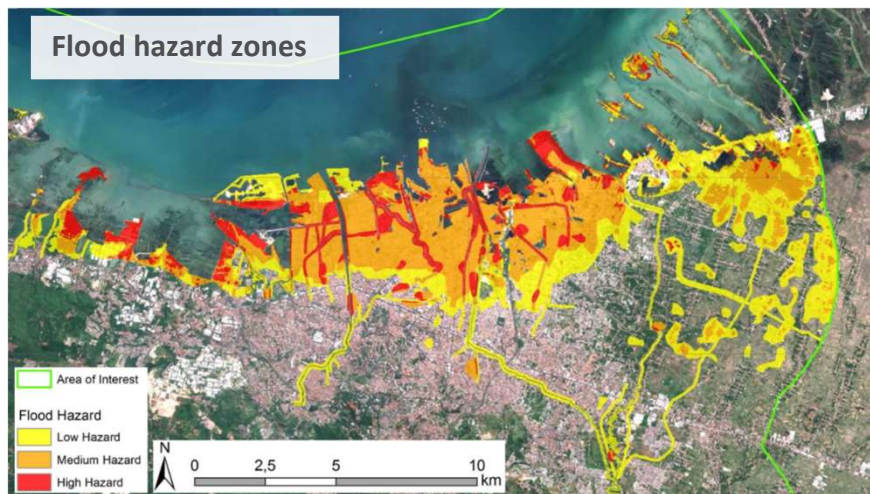
## Slum development monitoring - change detection



# Risk Assessment



Multiple **hazards** which put in danger the City assets, some of them boosted by Climate Change (**flood, subsidence, earthquake, landslides**)

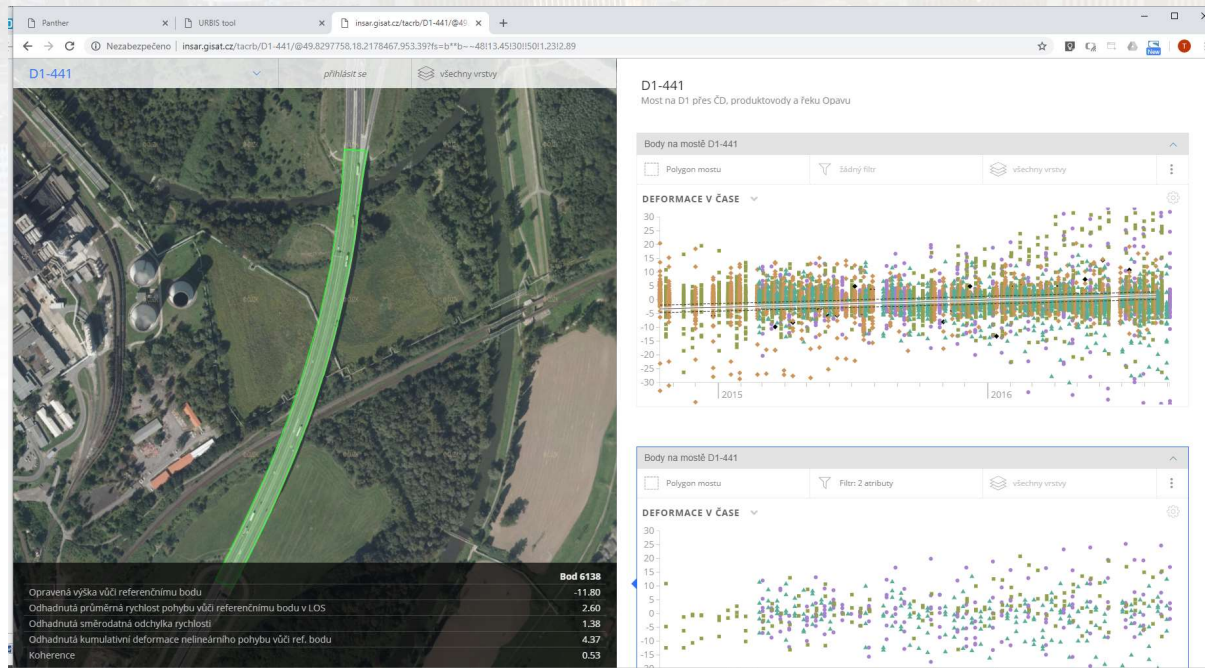


Example from Semarang for flood risk. Hazard and risk zone and base statistics of the City assets affected.

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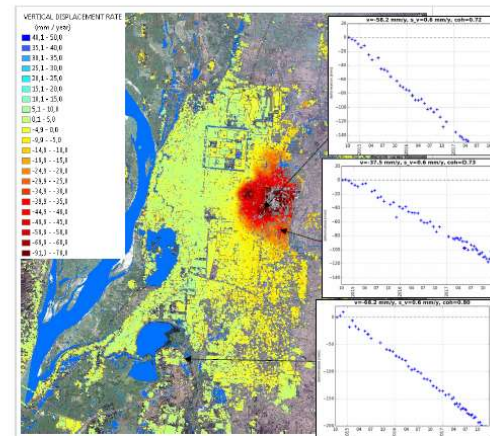
**Subsidence** monitoring on a city level (Mandalay example) or monitoring of individual buildings, road, railways, bridges, banks, dams etc.



## Monitoring of Urban Terrain Motions with InSAR Mandalay, Myanmar

To follow up on mapping and technology uptake activities conducted in frame of EOTAP-K project (2015-2016) and to increase an impact of land use mapping results derived in framework of E04SD-Urban project (2017-2020) the terrain motion map has been derived by GISAT by means of interferometric persistent scatterers technique (PS InSAR) for Mandalay city area.

Results based on analysis of 3-year long time series (2015-2017) of SAR imagery from European Sentinel-1 satellite identify significant and disturbing pattern of probably vertical terrain displacement (land subsidence) in the area east of the city centre. The pattern with relatively regular shape reveals zone with potential serious geological / tectonic hazard to affected assets and population. Mean downward annual vertical displacement rates for detected persistent scatterers exceed 5 cm / year in the central part of elliptical pattern. In other words, this area has subsided by more than 15 cm in the last three years. Questionable is when the process of subsidence had commenced. Anyway, such a high displacement rate may possess a serious risk of structural damage to exposed buildings.



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# Conclusions

- We can do so much using **EO data** comparing with just a few years ago due to recent technical advances and it is still just a beginning... **the sky is the limit**
- Finally, EO is important, but only one element and the future is clearly in **integration of data** from different sources with spatial component as a key for integration
- So much information from different sources starts already now to be difficult to digest, but advances in **big data analytics and visualization** will help to better pass important messages, supporting storytelling to move people to actions.

# Announcement

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GLOBAL URBAN GROWTH GREEN AREAS LAND ASSETS STRUCTURE


# Global Urban Growth Dynamics Monitoring

Earth Observation data can provide unprecedented insight into long term trends in urban growth dynamics globally

The urbanized World is our playground. Facing global massive urbanization trends in climate change context, urban expansion needs to be monitored to ensure it proceeds on a sustainable basis, does not impair or overexploit environmental resources, nor worsen the quality and life and safety of the urban population. Nowadays, EO based global products are available for urban studies to be done in rich spatial-temporal context, quickly and accurately.

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GLOBAL URBAN GROWTH GREEN AREAS LAND ASSETS STRUCTURE

# City Land Assets Structure and Evolution


Earth Observation data can provide insight into Land Use and Land Cover (LULC) assets structure and evaluate quantity and quality of LULC changes

Land is a non-renewable resource and its quantity and quality play a vital role in the development of a city. Land structure and spatial-temporal patterns to a large extent influence city livability and its development. This can be determined by physical constraints, opportunities and potential for future development.

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GLOBAL URBAN GROWTH GREEN AREAS LAND ASSETS STRUCTURE


## Mapping and monitoring of urban green areas

How green, open and public spaces are defined – opportunities and limitations.

EO4SD-Urban provides a range of tailored products derived by advanced analysis of recent very high resolution satellite imagery to describe distribution of urban green areas in the city, their structure and typology and evolution over the time. This presentation brings simple but powerful examples of mapping and statistical outputs directly from EO4SD-Urban's Urban Green baseline products, which provide high level comparative analysis between different cities.

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