

Aim of the project

- Thematic focus: disaster risk management
- Spatial focus: five Myanmar (mega)cities
- Hazard-related focus: earthquakes, tropical cyclones, flooding, Covid-19

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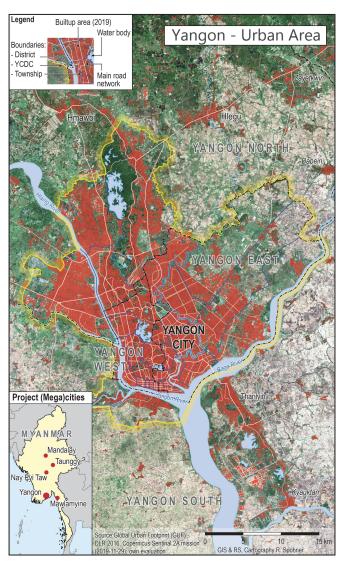
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Multiple Risks Management of Extreme Events in Fast Growing (Mega)Cities in Myanmar



Natural hazard risks and socio-economic vulnerability in Myanmar

1 Myanmar urbanisation:

- **29,6%** urban population (2014)
- Largest cities: Yangon, Mandalay
- Cities with high importance, fast growing population and/or high population density: Nay Pyi Taw, Mawlamyine, Taunggyi

2 Yangon:

- 5.211.431 inhabitants (2014), 1043.57 km² (YCDC)
- · Main economic centre, motor of industrial production and development, nodal point of supply and demand chains, foreign direct investment hub, main religious, education and health centre, administrative centre of Lower Myanmar, increasing in-migration during the last ten years, growing number of high-rise buildings, densification, traffic and environmental congestion, growing social disparities, centre of international cooperation

3 Yangon natural risk exposure:

- Earthquakes
- Flooding
- Tropical storms
- Covid-19

Sule Pagoda, Sule Pagoda Road (Spohner 2015)



Phases of the MYrisk project

Preparation phase

(11/2017 to 4/2018)

Establishment of general direction, aims, objectives and structure of the project, outline and proposal

Definition phase

(9/2019 to 4/2021)

Data- and fieldwork-based analysis of current situation and problems in detail, evaluation and definition of **implementation** aims and objectives

R&D phase

(5/2021 to 4/2025)

Deep research of risk-related vulnerable communities, establishment of awareness and prevention programmes, development of priorities of action and self-organisation capacities, establishment of concepts and **procedures** for multiple risk management

Implementation phase

(24 months)

Implementation of the developed concepts and **procedures** for multiple risk management

Objectives and research design

- 1 Establishment of a systematic **metadata inventory** for the bundling of existing data stocks for use in holistic risk management,
- **2** Development of a **concept** for efficient **institutional** risk prevention, cooperation and communication between the central stakeholders in disaster risk management
- **3** Concept and design of inclusive and culturally sensitive risk prevention programmes for civil **society** (e.g. against the loss of personal documents)
- 4 Conception of operational precautions for systemrelevant small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) to secure critical infrastructure
- **5** Establishment of an **exchange platform** of future-oriented, sustainable "build back better" strategies for the Covid-19 pandemic

Methodology

- Secondary data analysis
- Qualitative and quantitative interviews, surveys
- Workshops, conferences, capacity enhancement
- Mapping, GIS and Remote Sensing

Downtown, Latha Township, view to the east (Spohner 2018)

