UNOSAT Operational Satellite Mapping Service

Global targets, Priority for Action 1: Understanding Disaster Risk, Priority for Action 4: Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response, and to "Build Back Better" in Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction



Application field: UNOSAT is the Operational Satellite Applications Programme of the United Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) delivering satellite imagery analysis and related geospatial information technology solutions in support of disaster risk reduction, humanitarian operations, human security, human rights and socio-economic development.

Methodology and workflow: UNOSAT provides timely and relevant satellite imagery analysis to support different stages of the disaster risk management cycle:

- Preparedness/Pre-Disaster phase: Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment, Alert & Early Warning, Elements at Risk Mapping, etc.
- Emergency response 24 72 hours: Exposure and Impact Analysis (Hazard Extent

Mapping, Population & Landuse/Landcover exposure, IDPs & Camp Mapping,

Humanitarian Access, Rapid Damage Estimation)

- Emergency response 72 hours 2 weeks: Damage Assessment (Structural damage to buildings, transportation network, critical facilities).
- Recovery phase: Imagery Analysis Support for Reconstruction Monitoring (Cluster Specific / Sectorial Assessments).

Key results: Since 2001, UNOSAT has supported, with satellite imagery analysis, UN Agencies and Member States for the majority of disaster events worldwide that required International Humanitarian Assistance.

Innovative impact: Timely satellite imagery analysis is provided to humanitarian and

development actors to support operational planning and decision making with reliable and evidence-based information.

GP-STAR Factsheet



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