Disaster Risk Modeling Interface – User Guide

TA-9878: Developing a Disaster Risk Transfer Facility in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Region



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1. About this Guide

- This guide is intended to help users navigate the Disaster Risk Modeling Interface (DRMI) and access
 information for knowledge development, awareness raising, and policy-related decision-making
- The guide uses screenshots from the DRMI to help visualize and select appropriate data and build familiarity with the system. These screenshots are indicative of the content available but may differ from the user's specific experience depending on their permitted access to data
- The guide provides an overview of the different functions in the DRMI, it does not provide technical information on the risk modeling methodology. This is provided separately in the Risk Modelling Technical Note.
- This guide will continue to evolve based on user feedback.

2. Overview of the DRMI



- The DRMI provides users with access to information generated by TA-9878 Developing a Disaster Risk Transfer Facility in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region
- Earthquake, flood and infectious disease risk profiling for all CAREC members has been conducted using state of the art modeling
- Risk metrics quantifying impacts to people, property and the economy from all three hazards are available on the interface, with an option to adjust exposure. Historic impacts are also available
- Climate adaptation scenarios inform on the costs and benefits of implementing different hazard mitigation mechanisms. These are modelled for current conditions, as well as future climate scenarios and for future economic growth scenarios
- A disaster risk financing dashboard allows testing of parameters of risk financing programmes, drawing on the risk modeling results to understand the extent and indicative costs of risk financing
- Users have the functionality to download data for further analysis

2. Overview of the DRMI: Structure



There are three core functions of the DRMI, containing data sets and tools for the user.

- 1. Risk Profiles
 - Probabilistic map-based view of economic losses, number of people affected and fatalities from catastrophe modeling of flood, earthquake and infectious disease
 - Deterministic Scenarios map-based view of historic earthquake and flood events, and infectious disease outbreaks
 - Exposure Risk Calculator a tool to enable adjustments to the exposure component of the probabilistic risk assessments
- 2. Risk Adaptation
 - Map-based view of the cost-efficiency of mechanisms to mitigate the impact of floods and earthquakes, including under different climate and economic growth scenarios
- 3. Risk Finance
 - Tool to enable testing of different key risk financing parameters

2. Overview of the DRMI: Site Map







3. User Access: Login

- The <u>DRMI</u> is accessed via web browser
- Login requires a username and password
- User registration is controlled centrally
- Each user has tailored access to information on the DRMI, depending on their location (i.e., not all users can see all data)
- Upon login, the map-based probabilistic section is automatically loaded

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3. User Access: Navigation



 Consistent throughout the tool is a top navigation panel that allows you to move between the core functions of the tool





- Probabilistic modelling combines hazard, vulnerability and exposure components to generate a description of the distribution of impacts of disaster risk: metrics are available for physical damage, people affected and fatalities on a geographical basis.
- The two main outputs from the probabilistic modelling are average annual losses (AALs) and exceedance probability (EP) curves.
 - Average annual loss is the mean value of an EP distribution. It indicates the expected impact per year, averaged over a long period
 - An EP curve describes the probability that various levels of impact will be exceeded. If 10,000 years are simulated, then there is a 0.01% (1/10,000) probability that the largest impact in the set will be exceeded. Similarly, there is a 1% (1/100) probability that an event that occurs on average every 100 years will be exceeded
- The modelling is based on models from GEM (earthquake), JBA (flood), and Metabiota (infectious disease). Additional information is provided in the Risk Modelling Technical Note.



Benefits of probabilistic modelling:

- Widely used by insurers and reinsurers to understand the risk from natural hazards when managing their portfolios and pricing insurance
- Probabilistic catastrophe models can provide a view of risk at a location or aggregate level where suitable exposure data is available
- The use of large sets of simulated events means that the models can estimate risk for extreme events of much greater intensity than anything that has been observed in recorded history
- Using the full probabilistic distribution of risk that the models generate, users can base their decisions on a modelled level of impact (e.g. \$50m of economic loss) or a specific frequency of event (e.g. 1 in 50 years)
- Probabilistic models represent the uncertainty in the hazard and exposure components used to generate risk outputs
- Probabilistic models are increasingly used to model risk beyond the traditional insurance market



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Province Map





Comparison Slider





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Data Panel – Exceedance Probability curves

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Data Panel – Average Annual Loss tables



Infectious Disease



• Given the nature of infectious disease risk, information is presented on a national, rather than province, level.



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4. Risk Profiles - Probabilistic

Data download

- From the button on the top left of the screen data can be downloaded in csv format
- Download zip file contains
 - Country level flood, earthquake and infectious disease data
 - Average annual metrics and exceedance probabilities
 - Metrics for damage, people affected and fatalities
 - Flood and earthquake outputs at province level (ADM1)

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5. Risk Profiles - Deterministic Scenarios



- As a supplement to the probabilistic model outputs, and to help better understand the level of risk from extreme events, the deterministic section displays impact values (damage, fatalities and people affected) based on analysis of a specific simulated event for each country
- Displayed events represent the probability of occurrence of 0.5%, or a return period of 1-in-200-years
- The intention is to illustrate potential impacts for an event of this magnitude, to inform planning for a plausible, extreme event. It is important to note there is a range of uncertainty around these values that cannot be represented by an individual event analysis
- More information is available in the Risk Modelling Technical Note

5. Risk Profiles - Deterministic Scenarios





5. Risk Profiles - Deterministic Scenarios





6. Risk Profiles - Exposure Risk Calculator



- Based on flood and earthquake probabilistic model outputs
- Allows an alternative value of country level exposure to be applied to the risk metrics (Average Annual Loss, Aggregate and Exceedance Probabilities) for flood and earthquake individually or combined
- Current and updated values are displayed side by side and downloadable in csv format



6. Risk Profiles - Exposure Risk Calculator



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6. Risk Profiles - Exposure Risk Calculator

Example use of the Exposure Risk Calculator for calculating future risk

Say that the chosen country has an absolute exposure value of \$400bn, the user can generate an estimate of future Average Annual Loss and Aggregate Exceedance Probability based on a future exposure projection that might account for economic and population growth. This can be done in two ways:

- 1. If the absolute future exposure value is known, this can be entered, e.g. \$440bn
- 2. If the user has a percentage increase in exposure, this can be entered in the second box, e.g. +10%

Multiple estimates can be made to assess the range of potential outcomes.





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- The adaptation scenarios are designed to inform on the potential costs and benefits of implementing different adaptation measures
- The same flood and earthquake modeling in the probabilistic section was input into the CLIMADA modeling framework to generate estimates of cost and benefit for the current (baseline) climate, two future climate scenarios (one moderate and one severe) and one economic growth scenario.
- Only the larger cities were modelled, to account for the large proportion of people, livelihoods and assets at risk. A high level of uncertainty would otherwise have been associated with country-level modeling. The largest city in each CAREC member state was selected. Different cities were selected within the same member state where appropriate to the flood and/or earthquake risk profile.
- These scenarios can inform decision-making on upfront investment in risk reduction measures by estimating future risk averted and comparing them to the cost of the measure itself.
- A folder containing all the data needed to rerun the scenarios in CLIMADA can be downloaded from the Adaptation entry screen. More information is available in the Risk Modelling Technical Note.

7. Risk Adaptation City Risk Map





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City Risk Map – menu options

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This chart displays the expected loss that is retained for a given return period, after each adaptation measure has been implemented. In other words, this is the unaverted loss that must be accepted or addressed through alternative risk management measures. The 'no measures' bar shows the expected loss if no adaptation measures are implemented. The best-performing adaptation measure, for a given return period, will have the lowest retained loss.

Future Risk Breakdown

Cost / Benefit Graph

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7. Risk Adaptation Comparison Slider

- Allows different parametric insurance options at a country level for flood and earthquake individually or combined
- Dashboard type allows to fix the sum insured, or fix the premium
- Based on the selection of fundamental parameters that determine the structure of the risk transfer
- Selections include:
 - Event sum insured
 - Minimum recovery (minimum pay-out)
 - Return period attachment (start of cover)
 - Return period exhaustion (end of cover)
 - Number of reinstatements (number of pay-outs)
- This builds familiarity with the key parameters for parametric insurance and allows testing to understand how premium prices may respond to different levels of cover, building on the probabilistic section

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Example 1 - Use of the 'Fixed sum insured' dashboard for estimating parametric insurance

Let's say that the average annual loss of the country of interest is \$75m for a specific hazard, the estimated losses for a 1 in 10-year event are \$200m and \$750m for a 1 in 200-year event (these numbers can be found in the Probabilistic Modeling):

- If you wish to cover losses up to the 1 in 200-year level, then Event Sum Insured should be set to \$750m
- If it is expected that half of losses from frequent events (e.g. 1 in 10-years) are to be covered by insurance, then the Minimum Recovery could be set to this level (e.g. \$100m)
- Given we have set the Minimum Recovery at the 1 in 10-year level, the Return Period Attachment should be set to 10 years
- If we want to cover some of the losses above the Event Sum Insured, then the Return Period Exhaustion could be set higher, e.g. 500 years
- If we only expect the scheme to pay once per policy, then Number of Reinstatements is 1

Example 1 - Use of the 'Fixed sum insured' dashboard for estimating parametric insurance

The results of our example are:

- Average Annual Premium of \$50m (against an average annual loss of \$75m)
- The cover would pay out between \$150m and \$750m on a linear scale between a 1 in 10-year event and a 1 in 500-year event, then payments are capped at that level
- In this example, results show that the event losses almost exactly match the cover up to 1 in 200 years

If the Average annual premium is deemed too high, then a cover starting at the 1 in 25-year level (\$400m) would have an annual premium of \$25m.

Alternative risk financing options could then be considered for the remaining gap.

Return Period

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Example 2 - Use of the 'Fixed premium' dashboard for estimating parametric insurance

Let's say that the average annual loss of the country of interest is \$75m for a specific hazard, the estimated losses for a 1 in 10-year event are \$200m and \$750m for a 1 in 200-year event (these numbers can be found in the Probabilistic Modeling):

- If you wish to fix your premium at a known level, then **Average annual premium** should be set to \$5m
- If it is expected that half of losses from frequent events (e.g. 1 in 10-years) are to be covered by insurance, then the Minimum Recovery could be set to this level (e.g. 50%)
- Given we have set the Minimum Recovery at the 1 in 10-year level, the Return Period Attachment should be set to 10 years
- If we want to cover some of the losses above the Event Sum Insured, then the Return Period Exhaustion could be set higher, e.g. 500 years
- If we only expect the scheme to pay once per policy, then Number of Reinstatements is 1

Example 2 - Use of the 'Fixed premium' dashboard for estimating parametric insurance

The results of our example are:

- Event Sum Insured of \$121m (against an average annual loss of \$75m)
- The cover would pay out between \$60m and \$120m on a linear scale between a 1 in 10-year event and a 1 in 500-year event, then payments are capped at that level
- In this example, results show that the event losses almost exactly match the cover up to 1 in 200 years

If the Event sum insured is deemed too high, then a lower Annual average premium of \$2m would provide a \$50m maximum of Event sum Insured

Alternative risk financing options could then be considered for the remaining gap.

9. DRMI Administration

