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Challenges, limitations, and opportunities on mapping natural and anthropological disaster-related events for integrated socioeconomic and environmental indicators

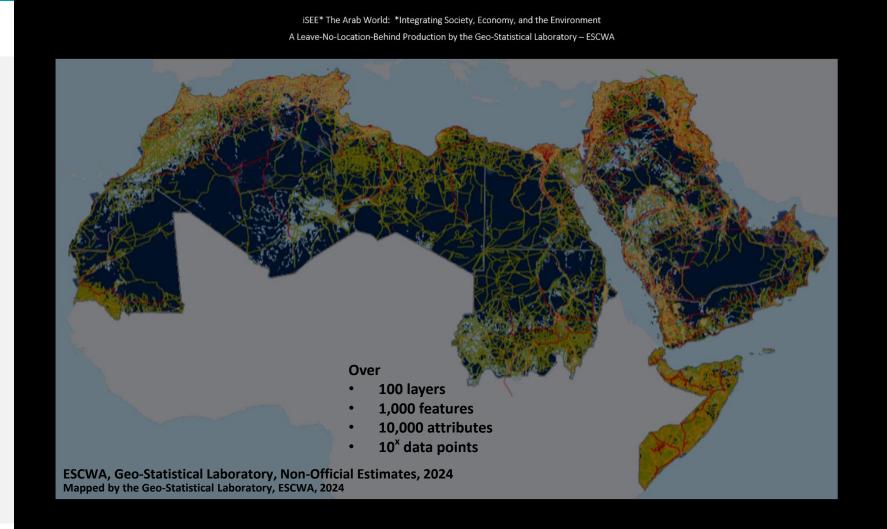
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"What we need to change: Measure and value the things that matter in people's daily lives" (UN Emerging Narrative for Our Common Agenda, June 2021).

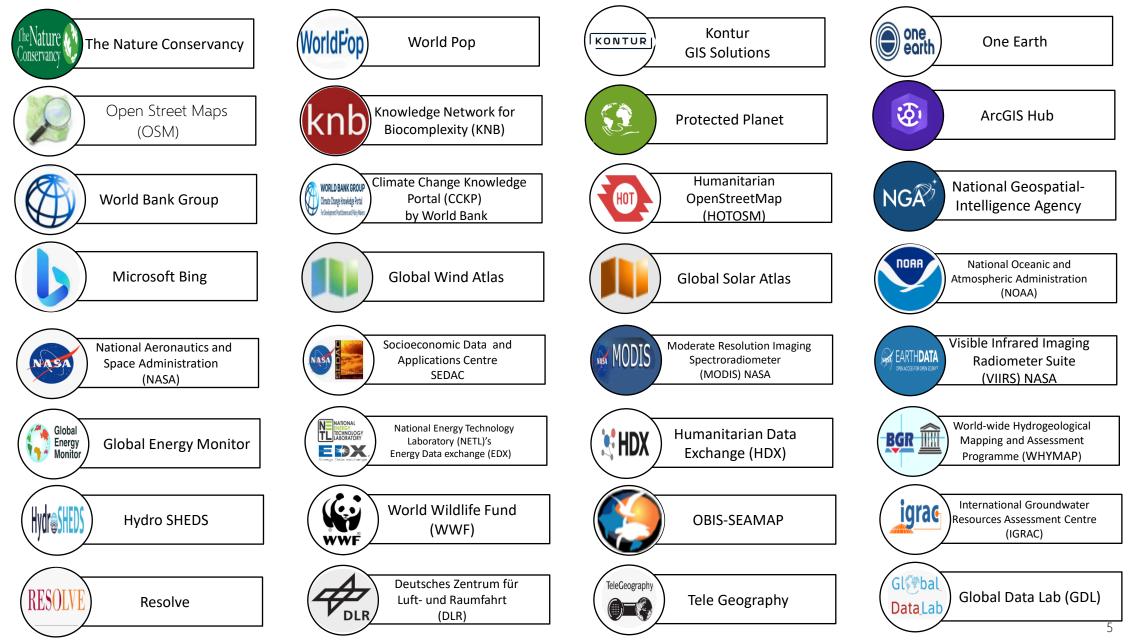
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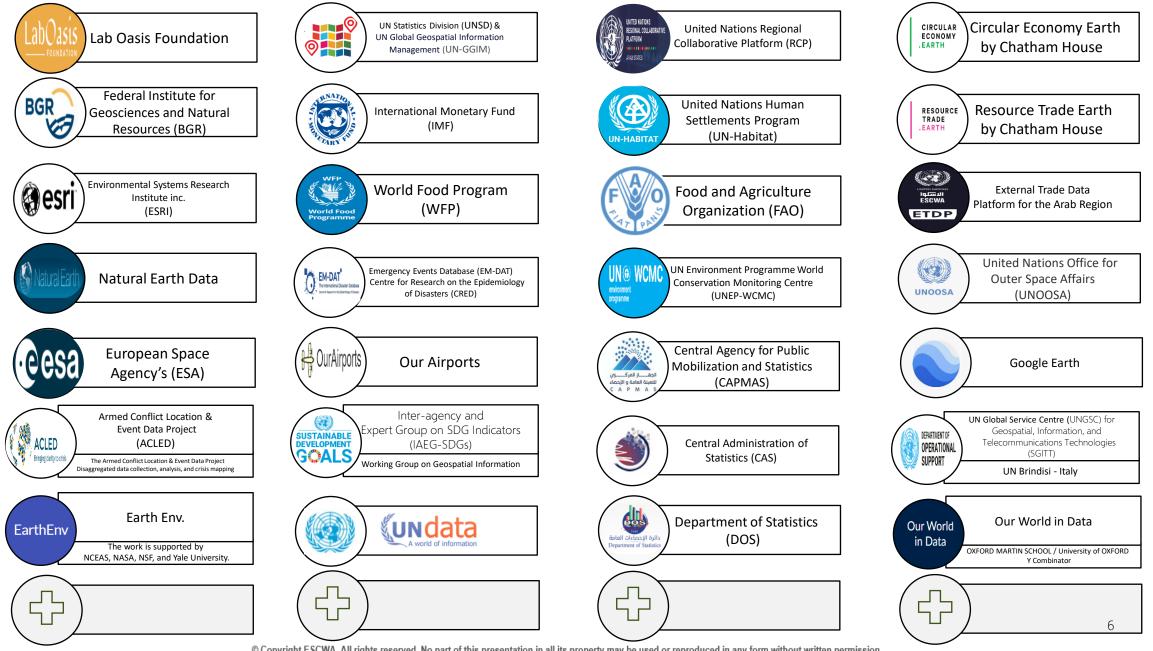
"Anything-Anywhere" Open-Source Geo-Statistics on ESCWA Member States



Sample of Lab's Data Sources



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Examples of open-source Natural Disaster Data

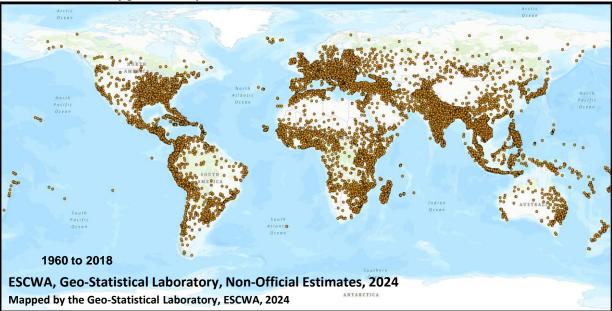


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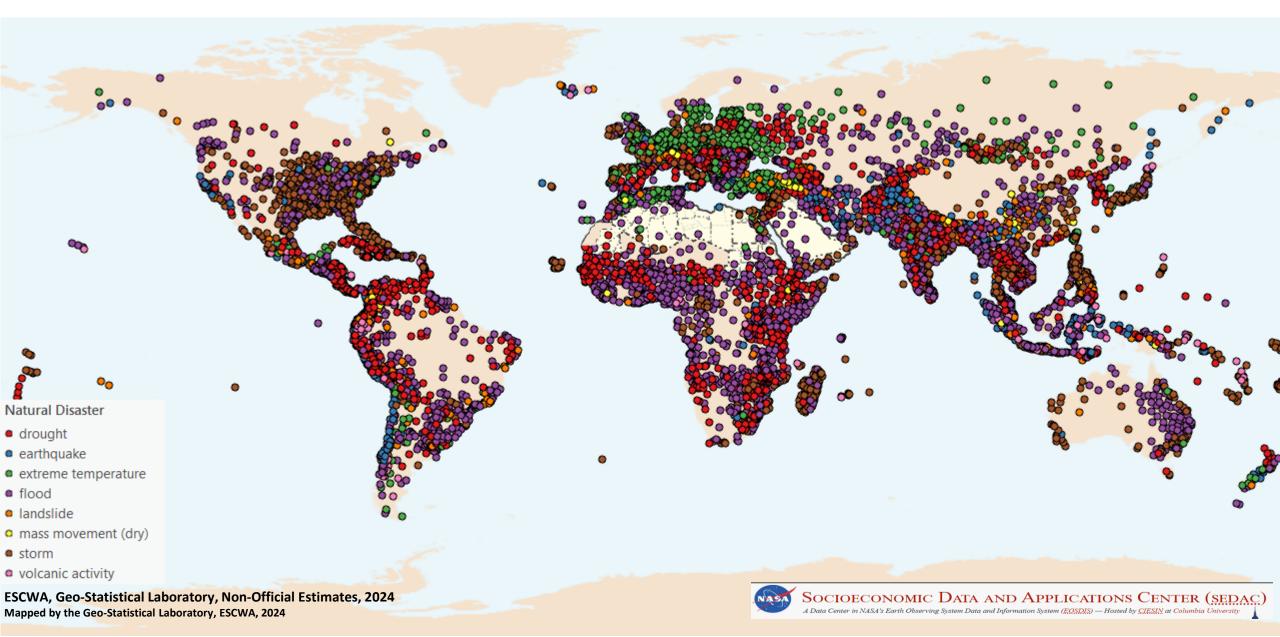


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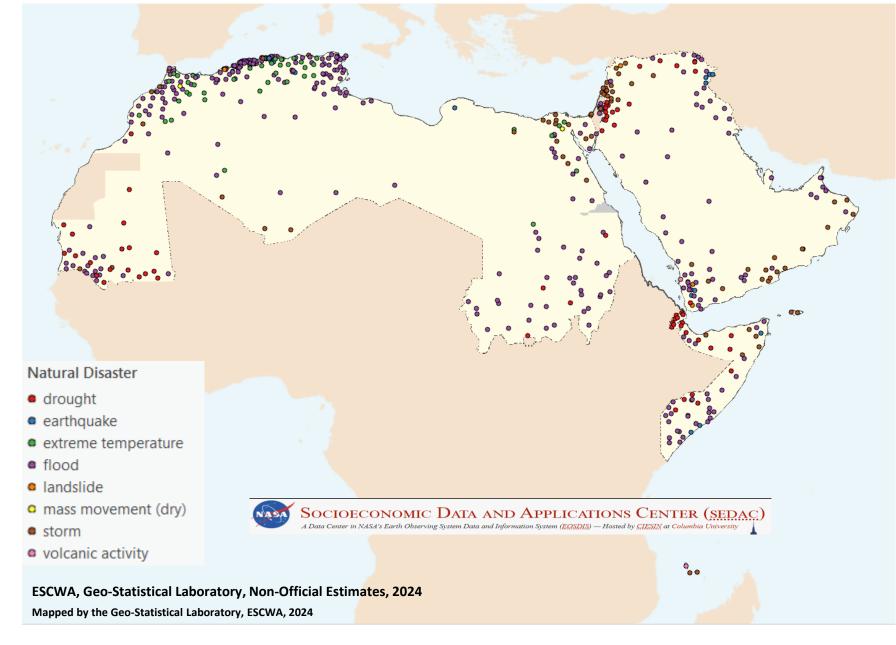




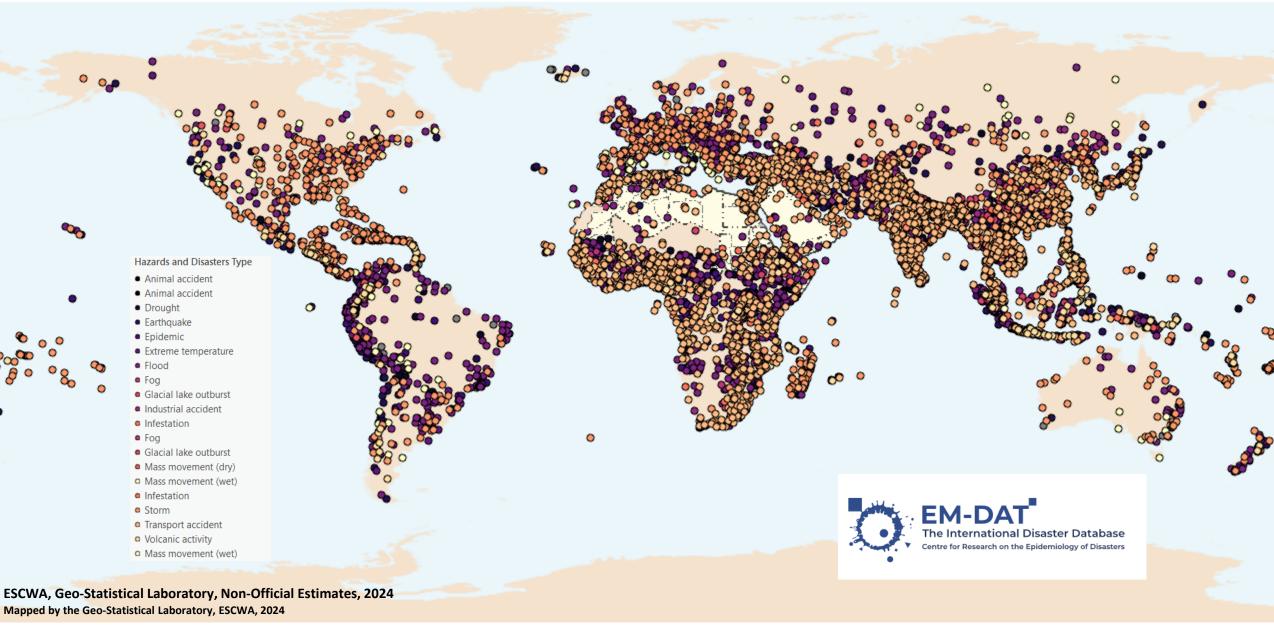
Natural Disasters – Global, 1960 – 2018, SEDAC-NASA

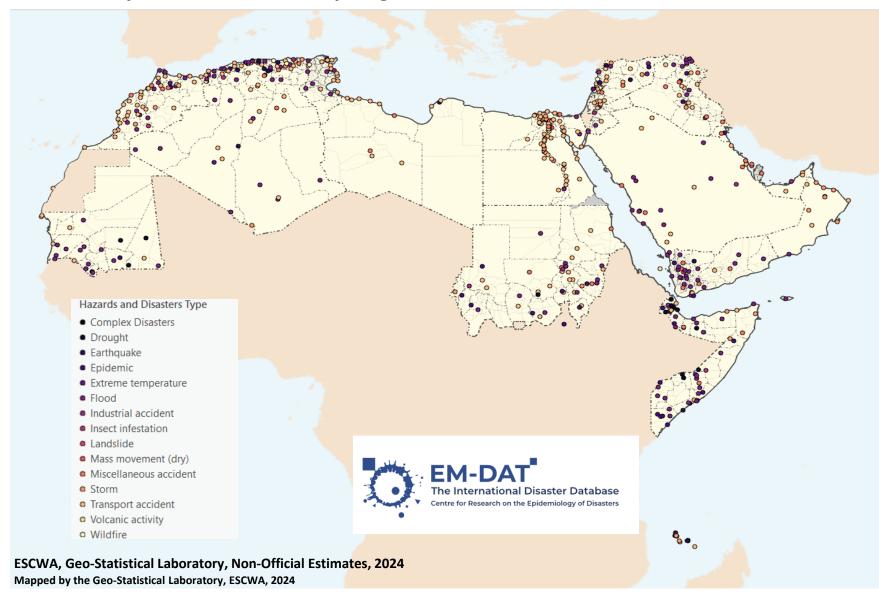


Sample of Natural Disasters – ESCWA Member States, 1960 – 2018, SEDAC-NASA



Sample of Natural and a partial mix of Anthropological disasters, Global, 1900 to 2023, EM-DAT

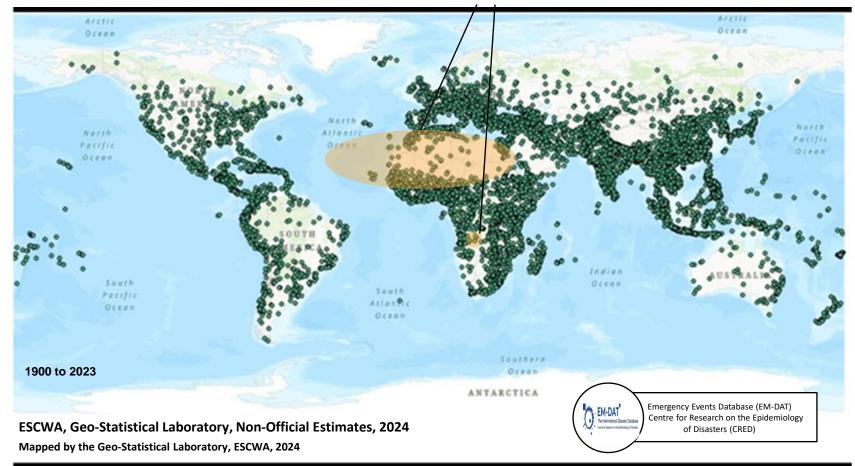




Sample Natural and a partial mix of Anthropological disasters, ESCWA Member States, 1900 to 2023, EM-DAT

Focus on ESCWA Member States

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A summary example, limited coverage, non comprehensive

EM-DAT, 22 Arab States, 1903 - 2023

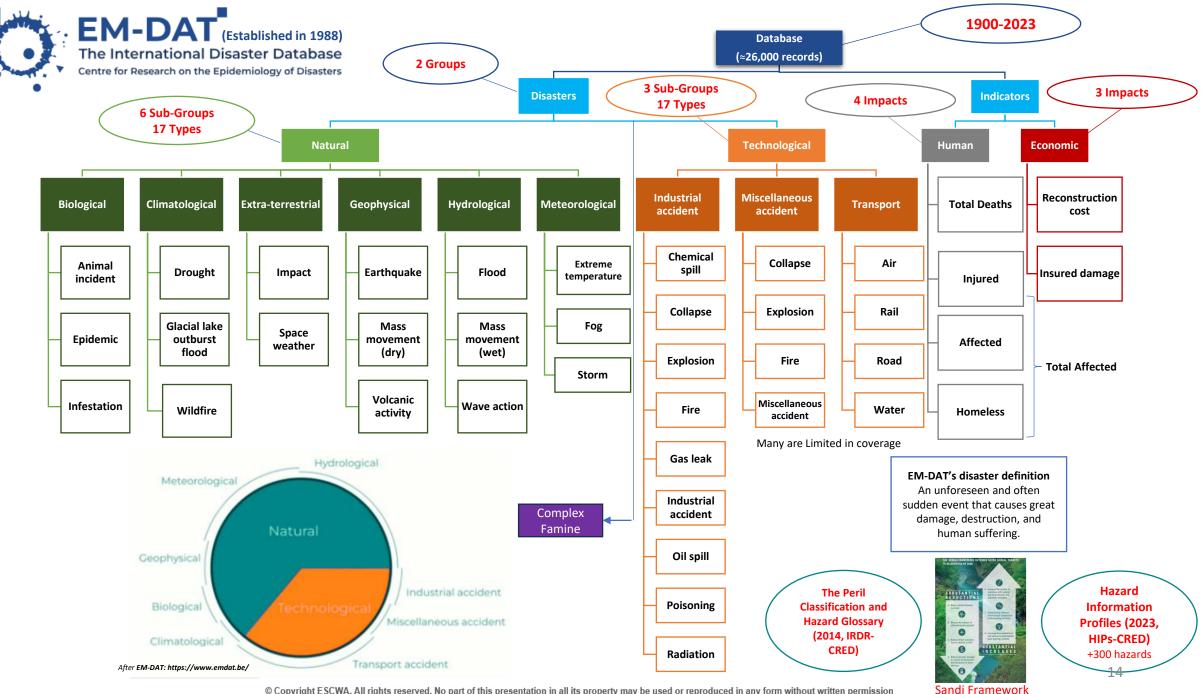
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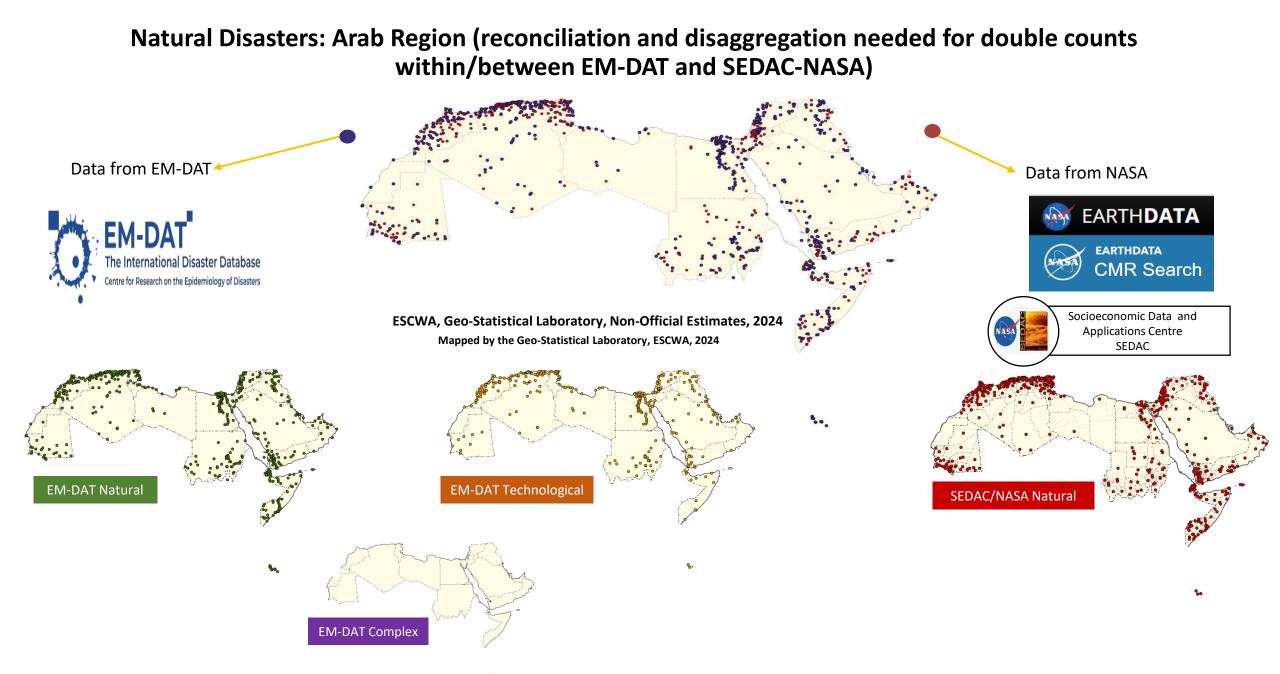
** (Total Injured + Total Affected + Total Homeless = Total Affected) excluding Total Deaths

22 Arab		Number of					Total
States	Disaster Type	Events	Total Deaths	Injured	Affected	Homeless	Affected**
	Complex Disasters	3			4,337,214		4,337,214
	Drought	54	189,673		78,150,283		78,150,283
	Earthquake	40	25,631	71,820	4,826,753	883,909	5,782,482
	Epidemic	103	28,104	71,178	329,734		400,912
	Extreme temperature	9	112	117	1,031,700		1,031,817
	Flood	293	14,775	22,079	14,759,553	2,601,387	17,383,019
	Industrial accident	34	1,838	11,341	350	4,000	15,691
	Insect infestation	17					
	Landslide	5	172	80	10,000	2,866	12,946
	Mass movement (dry)	4	183	72	300	625	997
	Miscellaneous accident	113	5,388	5,826	27,156	18,335	51,317
	Storm	46	1,354	6,086	896,713	55,800	958,599
	Transport accident	554	18,508	8,477	2,163		10,640
	Volcanic activity	7	25	15	304,000	5,200	309,215
	Wildfire	9	159	370	147,518		147,888
	Sum*	1,291	285,922	197,461	104,823,437	3,572,122	108,593,020



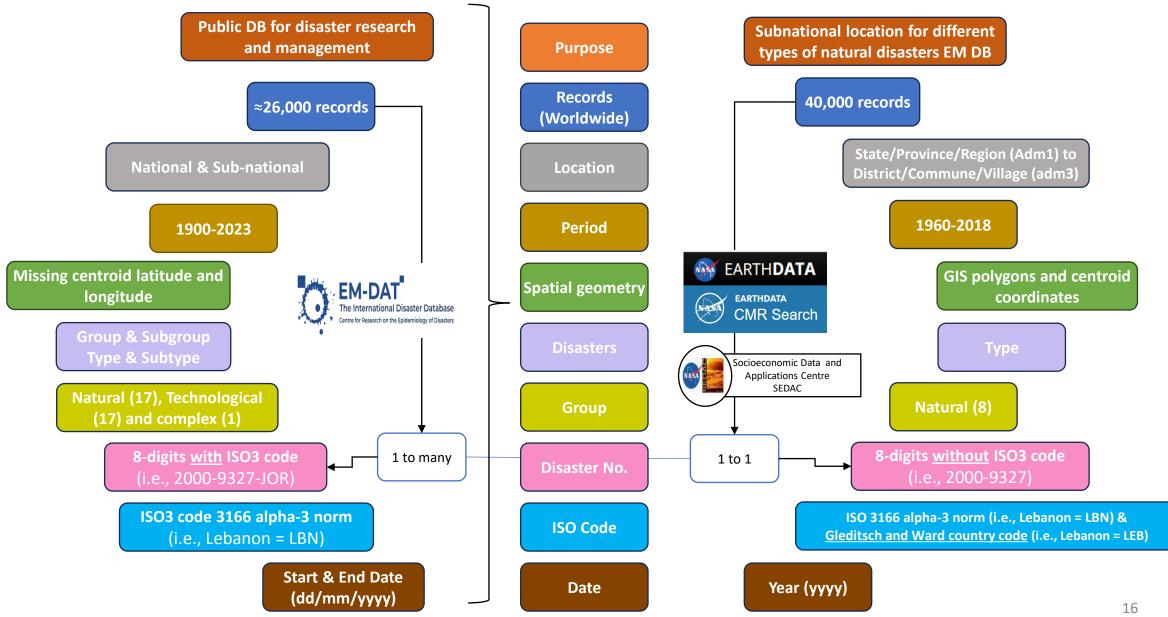
*Available recoded EM-DAT data on ESCWA Member States (limited coverage with great potential towards extending the coverage) ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, Non-Official Estimates, 2024



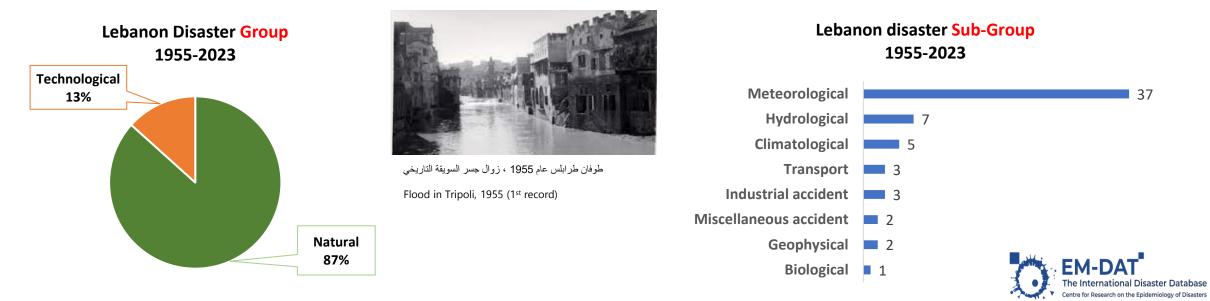


* The coverage provided in the natural disaster data, especially in road accidents, are limited and do not provide a comprehensive count of events.

Comparison between EM-DAT Database & NASA-SEDAC Geocoded Disasters Dataset



A limited Statistics, Lebanon Example, 1955 – 2023, non comprehensive, non-official



* There are a total of only 60 events registered for Lebanon in EM-Dat; further collaboration with Gov agencies are needed.

Lebanon disas	ster <mark>Type</mark>	Disaster Type	Total Deaths	Disaster Type	Total Affected
1955-20)23	Air	90	Bacterial disease	803
		Blizzard/Winter storm	42	Blizzard/Winter storm	1105017
Storm	34	Collapse (Miscellaneous)	10	Cold wave	1024200
Flood 7		Explosion (Industrial)	238	Collapse (Miscellaneous)	27
Wildfire 5 Extreme temperature 3		Fire (Industrial)	14	Explosion (Industrial)	306080
Road 2		Fire (Miscellaneous)	45	Flood (General)	1500
Explosion (Industrial)		Flood (General)	440	Forest fire	15
Mass movement (dry) 💻 1		Forest fire	1	Ground movement	200
Fire (Miscellaneous) 📃 1		Ground movement	136	Riverine flood	17000
Fire (Industrial) = 1		Landslide (dry)	20	Road	28
Epidemic 1 Earthquake 1		Road	24	Sand/Dust storm	750
Collapse (Miscellaneous)		Sand/Dust storm	3	Severe weather	11009
Air 🗖 1		Severe weather	3	Storm (General)	500

ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, Non-Official Estimates, 2024 *https://www.facebook.com/archivelebanon/photos/a.527437744554153/1017747978856458/?type=3

Total Affected = Injured + Affected + Homeless

*Draft estimates, Non-Official Statistics, for review and evaluation by ESCWA member states

Sample: Mappin	g Lebanon	Disasters *
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DisNo.	2020-0313-LBN		
Historic	No		
Disaster Group	Technological		
Disaster	Industrial accident		
Subgroup			
Disaster Type	Explosion (Industrial)		
Disaster Subtype	Explosion (Industrial)		
External IDs	GLIDE:OT-2020-000177		
Event Name	Port warehouse		
Location	Port Beirut		
Start Year	2020		
Start Month	8		
Total Deaths	206		
No. Injured	6000		
No. Homeless	300000		
Total Affected	306000		
DisNo.	2010-0035-LBN		
Historic	No		
Disaster Group	Technological		
Disaster Subgroup	Transport		
Disaster Type	<mark>Air</mark>		
Disaster Subtype	Air		
External IDs	GLIDE:OT-2010-000017		
Event Name	Being 737-800		
Location	Naameh, Lebanon		

2010

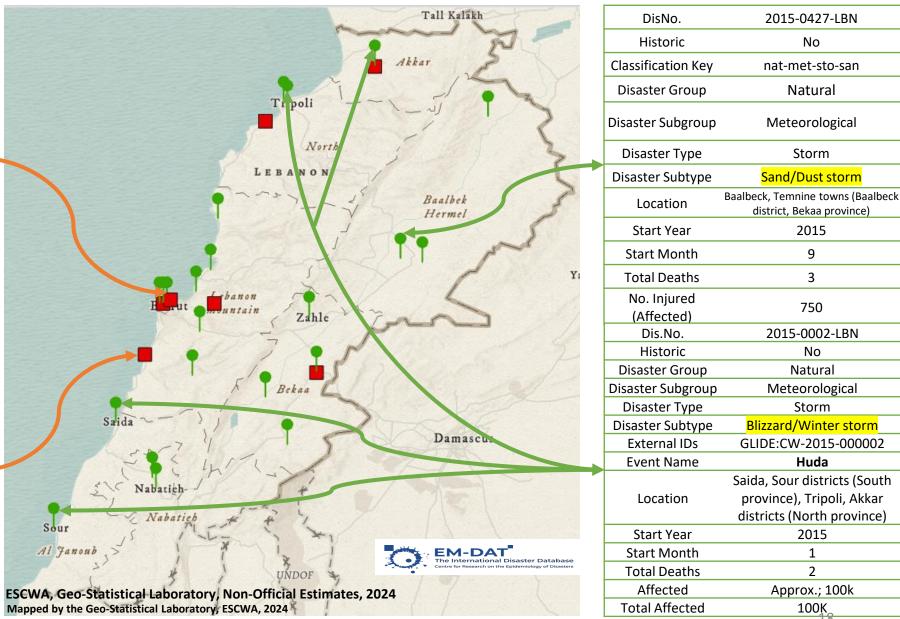
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Start Year

Start Month

Total Deaths

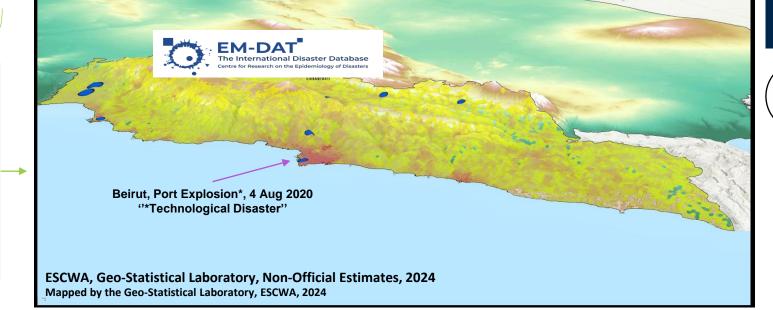


*Draft map, Non-Official mapping. This map is currently undergoing a cleaning process led by the Geo-statistics Lab. It is not an official representation and may be subject to further revisions.

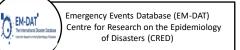
Example: Lebanon, Natural Disaster Data EM-DAT, 1955 – 2023 Overlayed with Elevation



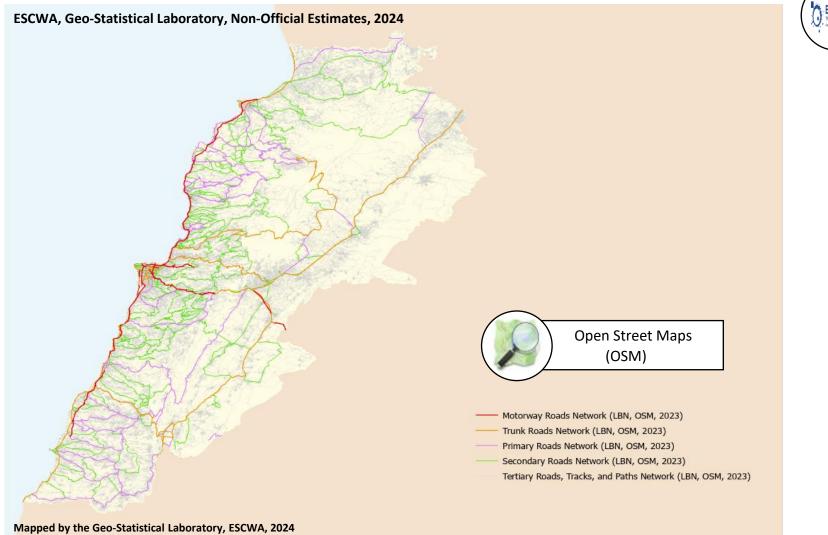
- Complex Disasters
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Epidemic
- Extreme temperature
- Flood
- Industrial accident
- Insect infestation
- Landslide
- Mass movement (dry)
- Miscellaneous accident
- Storm
- Transport accident
- Volcanic activity
- Wildfire

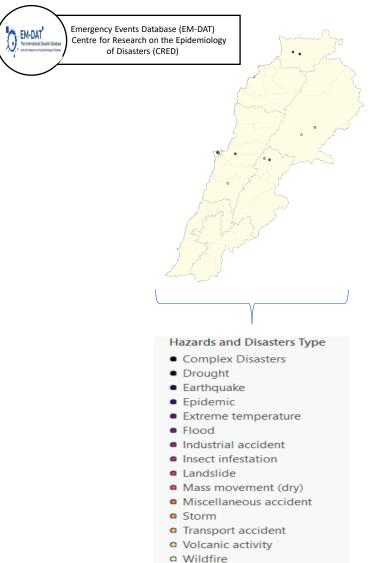




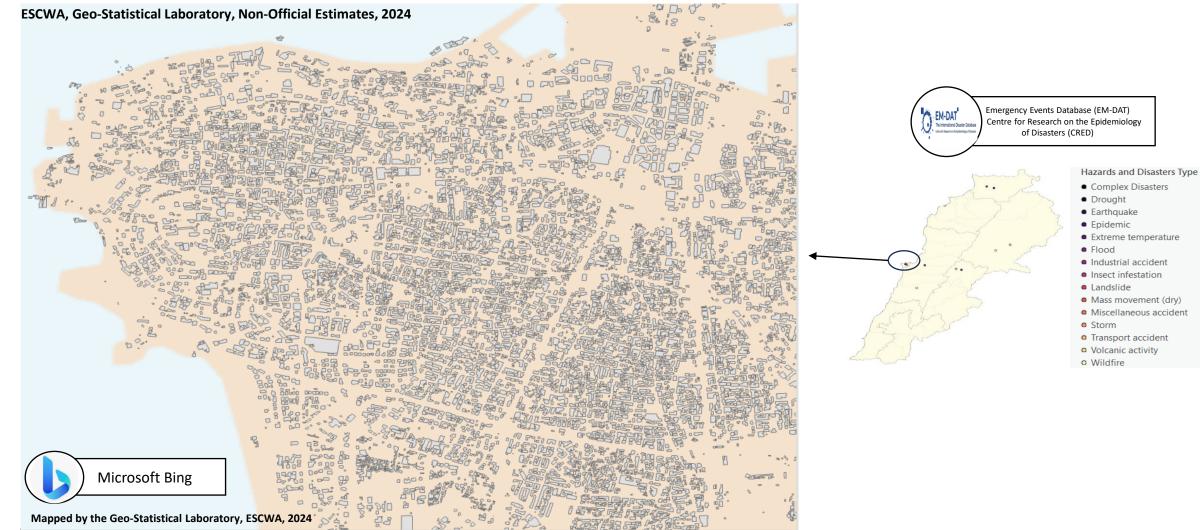


Disaster Location overlayed with Roads

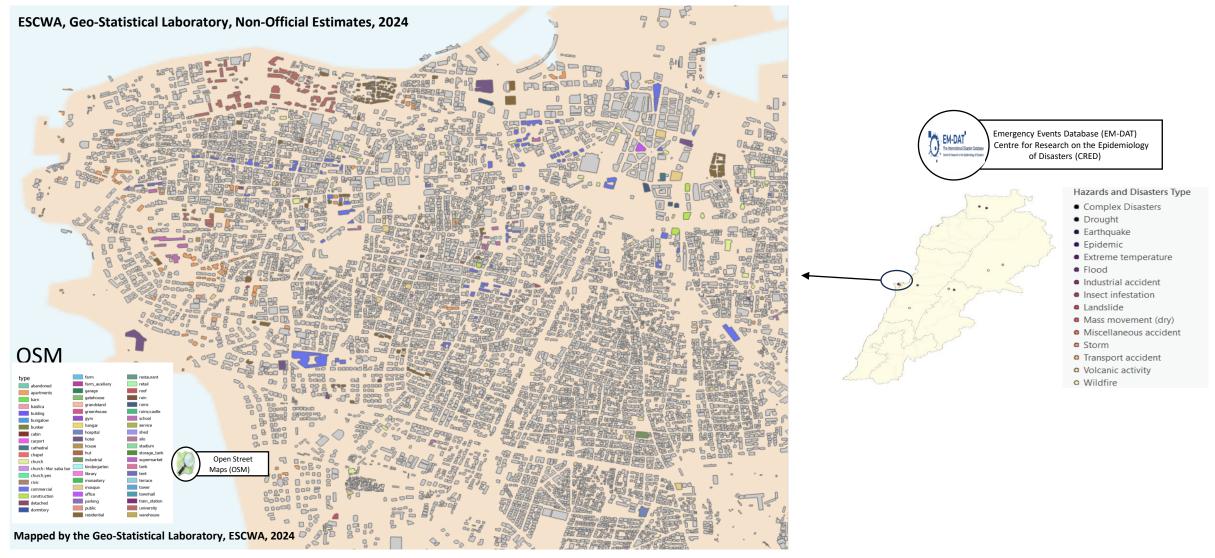




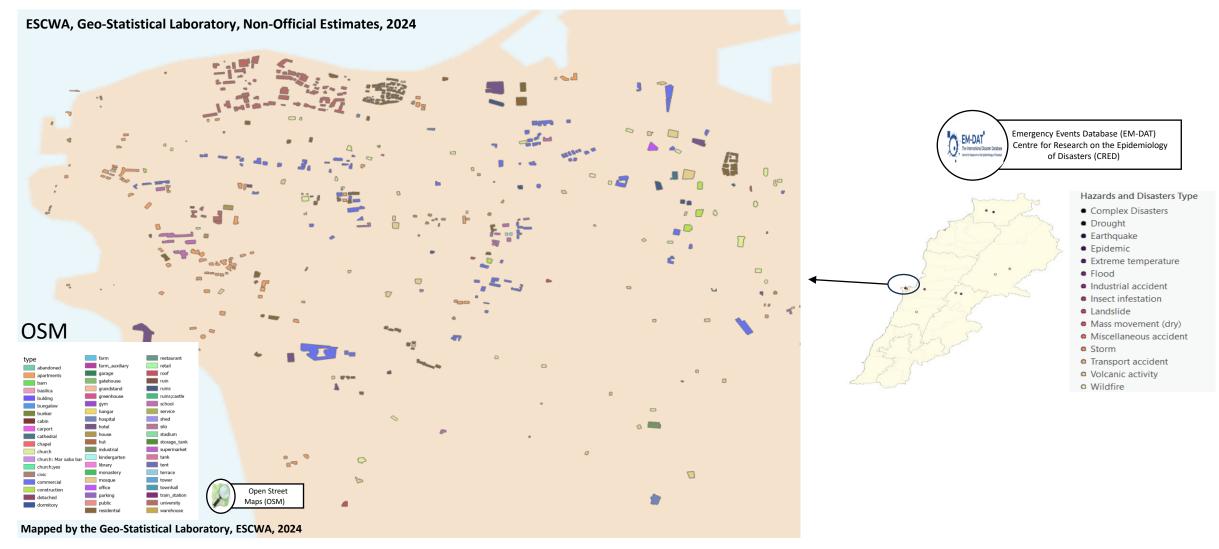
Buildings, Unclassified, MS-Bing 2022. Example: Mapping Beirut port explosion.



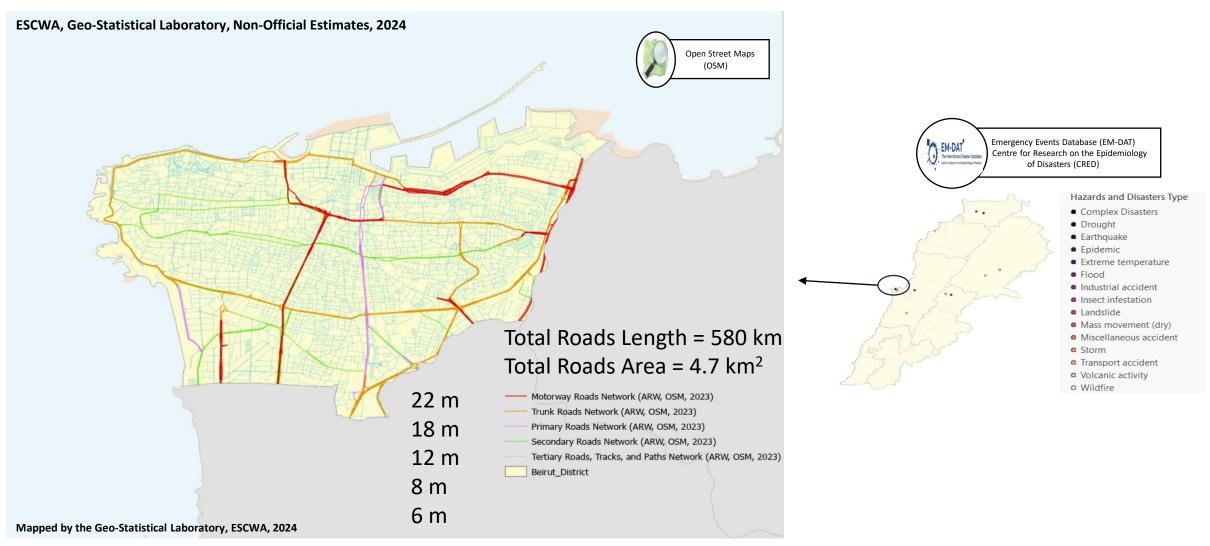
OSM Buildings are Classified but limited. Validation with member states is critical.



OSM identifies limited number of building types. Validation with Member States is critical.

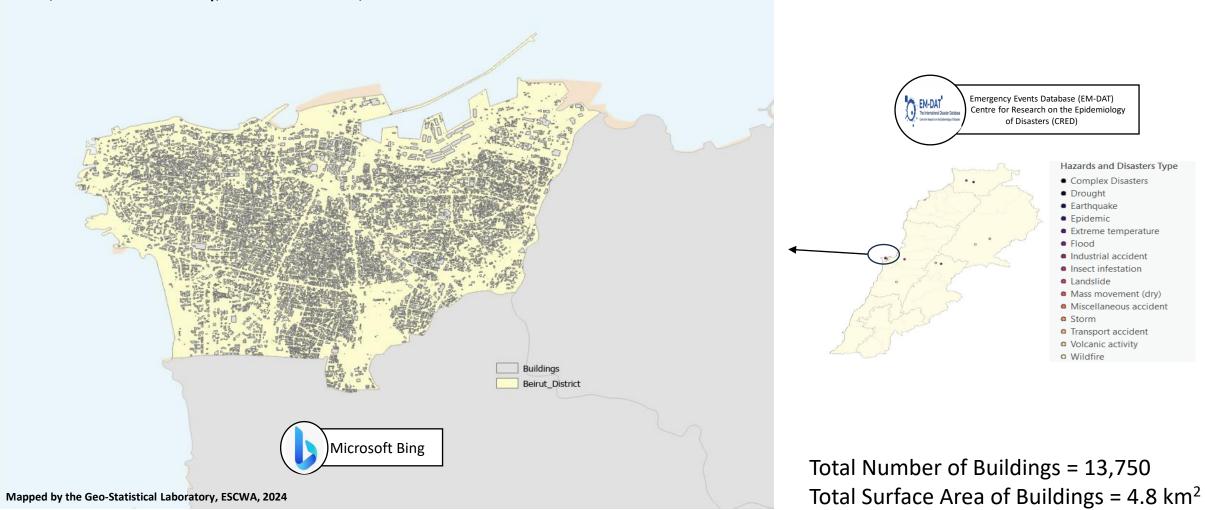


Disaster location with roads

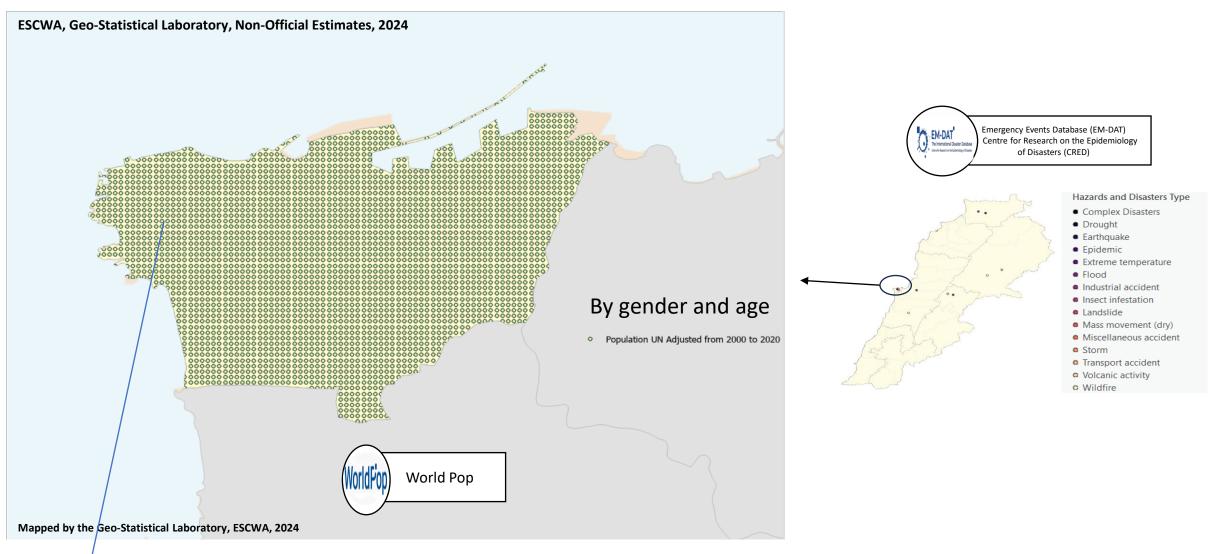


Disaster location with buildings

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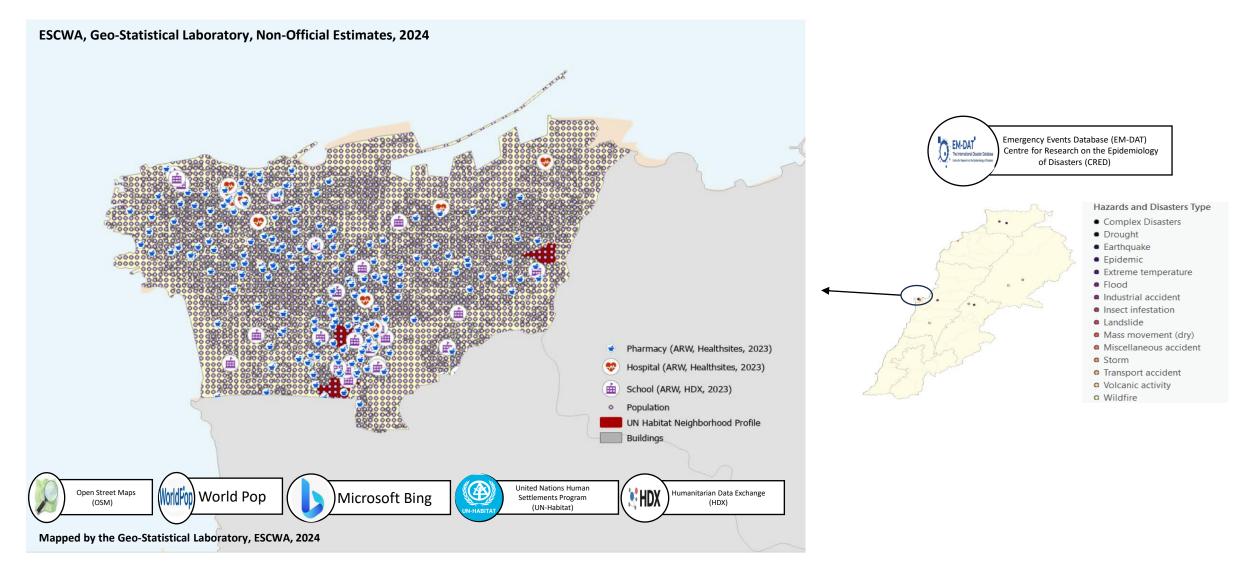
Disaster location with population



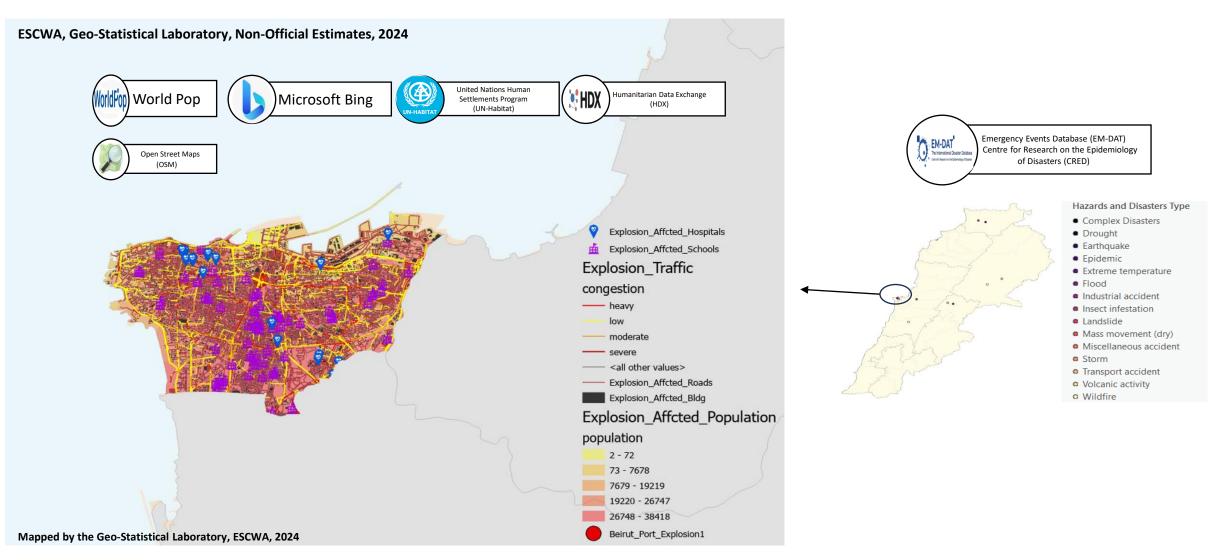
Each dot represents a 100 m x 100 m grid where population is estimated by gender and age

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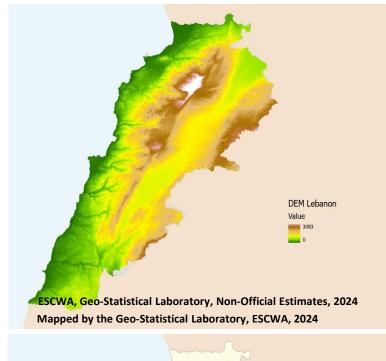
Disaster location with health care facilities, schools, population, and some disadvantaged neighborhoods



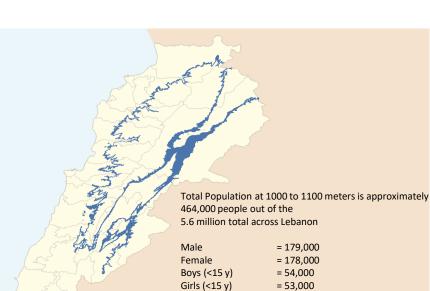
Beirut port explosion mapped over many other open-source geo-data



Integrating multiple sources of geo-layers helps answer policy questions. For example: how many people would be impacted if a particular event occurred at a particular elevation.



ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, Non-Official Estimates, 2024 Mapped by the Geo-Statistical Laboratory, ESCWA, 2024



ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, Non-Official Estimates, 2024 Mapped by the Geo-Statistical Laboratory, ESCWA, 2024 Hazards and Disasters Type

- Complex Disasters
- Drought
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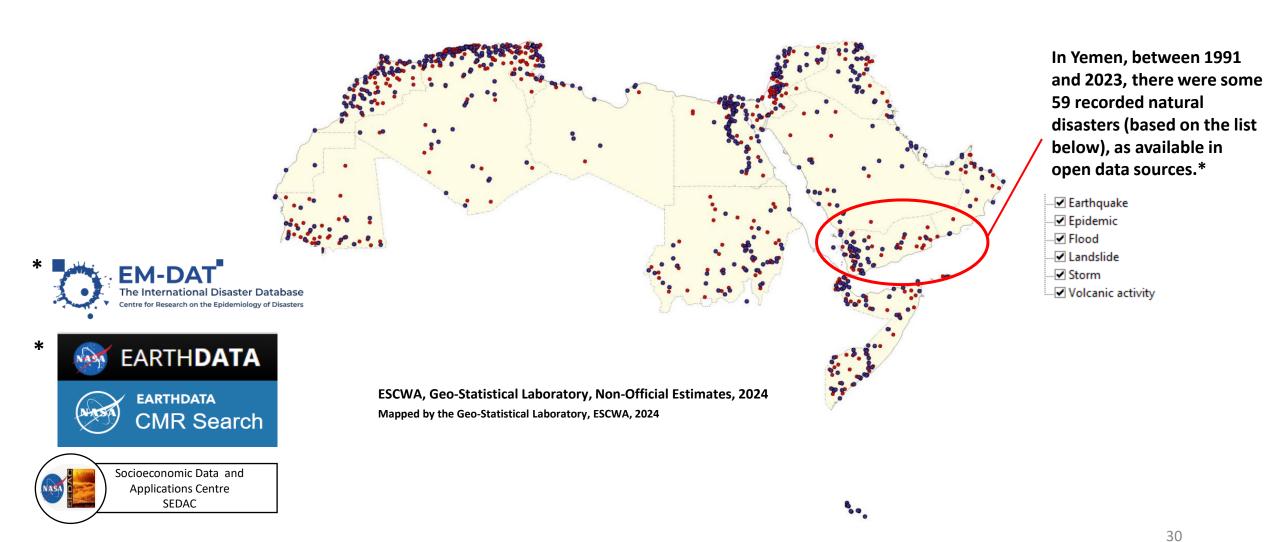
DEM 1000-1100 m

Value

1000

Meters

A limited Statistics, Yemen Example, 1991 – 2023, non comprehensive, non-official



Example : one of the largest and most costly natural disasters in Yemen (1996) is mapped and disaggregated from one location to many.

Such a map is presented below by the Geo-Statistical Laboratory.

Total estimated flood damage by EM-DAT is over 2 billion USD.

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Full Address	Latitude	Longitude	
Yemen Shabwa	15.369026	47.027293	0
Yemen Mareb	15.515888	45.449807	1
Yemen Hadhramout	16.930414	49.365315	/
Yemen Al jawf	16.790182	45.299386	
Yemen Abyan	13.634341	46.056321	Γ
	/ //		

ESCWA's Geo-Statistical Laboratory disaggregates the central location to the areas listed in the EM-DAT.

ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, Non-Official Estimates, 2024

Mapped by the Geo-Statistical Laboratory, ESCWA, 2024

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e	Longitude				The International Disaster Database
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14	49.365315				
82	45.299386	,			
41	46.056321	Mapped by the Geo-Sta	tistical Laboratory, ESCWA, 202	4	
/					
		Dis No	1996-0134-YEM		
		Year	1996		
		Disaster Group	Natural		
		Disaster Subgroup	Hydrological		
		Disaster Type	Flood		
		Disaster Subtype	Riverine flood		
		Country	Yemen		
		ISO	YEM		
		Region	Western Asia		
		Continent	Asia		
		Location	Shabwa, Mareb, Hadhramout, Aljawf, El	Jouf, Abin Governorates	
		Latitude	15.515888		
		Longitude	45.449807		
		Origin	Heavy rain		
		AID Contribution ('000 US\$)	10381		
		Dis Mag Value	191000		
		Dis Mag Scale	Km2		
		Start Year Start Month	1996 6		
		Start Day	13		
		End Year	1996		
		End Month	6		
		End Day	25		
		Total Deaths	338		
		No Affected	124000		
		No Homeless	114210		
		Total Affected	238210		
		Total Damages ('000 US\$)	1200000		
		Total Damages, Adjusted ('000 US\$)	2238991		
		CPI	53.595561		



The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) as a component of Anthropological disasters

ACLED_Codebook_2023.pdf (acleddata.com)



Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project CODEBOOK

Event type	Sub-event type	Disorder type	
	Government regains territory		
Battles	Non-state actor overtakes territory Political violer		
	Armed clash		
Ductosta	Excessive force against protesters	Political violence; Demonstrations	
Protests	Protest with intervention		
	Peaceful protest	Demonstrations	
Riots	Violent demonstration		
RIOUS	Mob violence		
	Chemical weapon		
	Air/drone strike	Political violence	
Explosions/	Suicide bomb		
Remote violence	Shelling/artillery/missile attack		
	Remote explosive/landmine/IED		
	Grenade		
	Sexual violence		
Violence against civilians	Attack		
civilians	Abduction/forced disappearance		
	Agreement		
	Arrests		
	Change to group/activity		
Strategic	Disrupted weapons use	Strategic	
developments	Headquarters or base established	developments	
	Looting/property destruction		
	Non-violent transfer of territory		
	Other		

Visualizing Fatalities, Violence, Battles, Protests and Explosions, ESCWA Member States

Across the Arab Region, there were a total of 449,149 Conflicts and Events leading to 622,897 fatalities

ACLED Conflict and Event Data (1997 to 2023), ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, 2024

DISORDER_TYPE

- Demonstrations
- Political violence
- Definitions

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- Political violence; Demonstrations
- Strategic developments

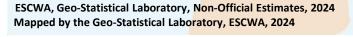
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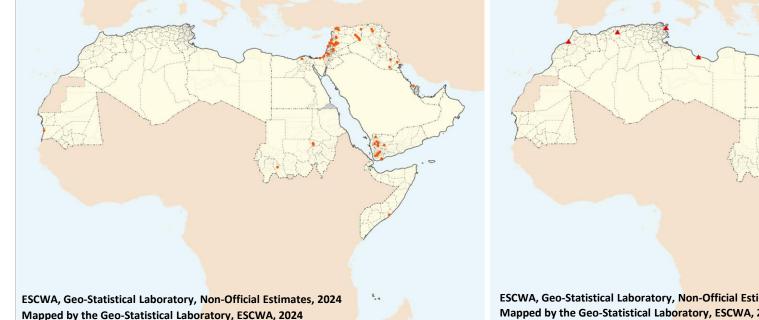


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DISORDER_TYPE

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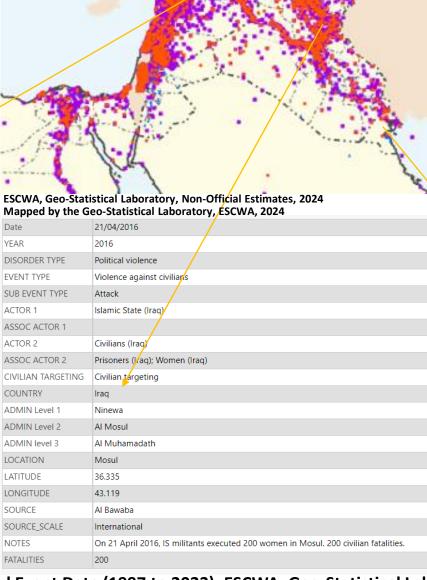
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Attributes of the Geo-Data on Fatalities, Violence, Battles, Protests and Explosions

Date	15/11/2022
YEAR	2022
DISORDER TYPE	Political violence
EVENT TYPE	Violence against civilians
SUB EVENT TYPE	Attack
ACTOR 1	Unidentified Armed Group (Syria)
ASSOC ACTOR 1	
ACTOR 2	Civilians (Egypt)
ASSOC ACTOR 2	Women (Egypt); Refugees/IDPs (Egypt)
CIVILIAN TARGETING	Civilian targeting
COUNTRY	Syria 🖌
ADMIN Level 1	Al Hasakeh
ADMIN Level 2	Al Hasakeh
ADMIN level 3	Hole
LOCATION	Hole Camp
LATITUDE	36.377
LONGITUDE	41.133
SOURCE	Facebook; SHAAM; SNHR; SOHR
SOURCE_SCALE	Local partner-Other
NOTES	Around 15 November 2022 (as reported), 2 Egyptian girls' bodies were found in the sewage in Hole Camp in Al Hasakeh countryside, killed by an unknown armed group with a sharp object. 2 fatalities.
FATALITIES	2



DISORDER_TYPE

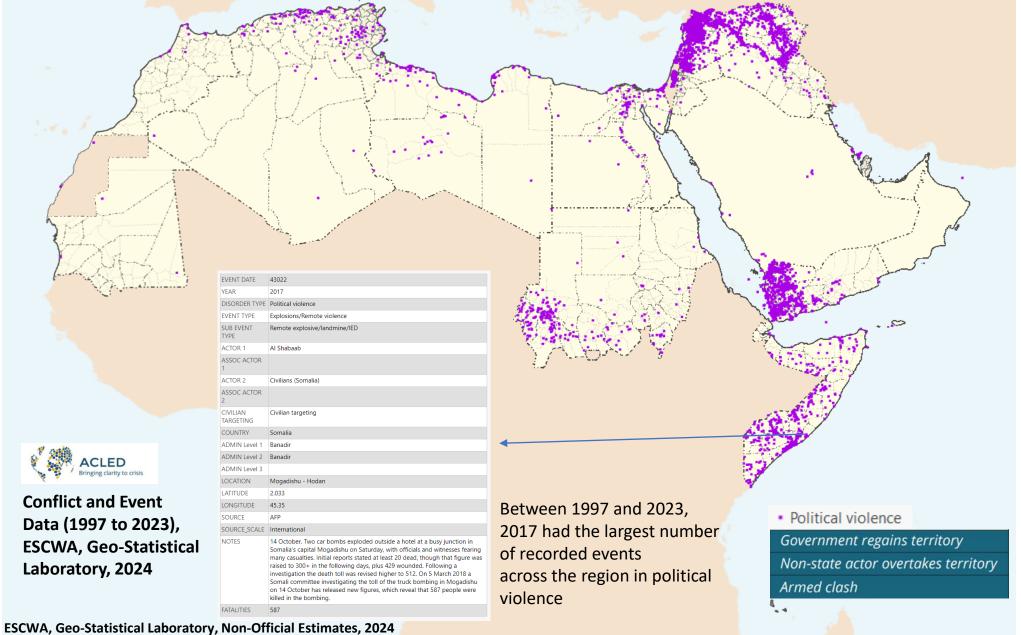


- Demonstrations
- Political violence
- Political violence; Demonstrations
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Date	18/10/2021
YEAR	2021
DISORDER TYPE	Demonstrations
EVENT TYPE	Protests
SUB EVENT TYPE	Peaceful protest
ACTOR 1	Protesters (Kuwait)
ASSOC ACTOR 1	Women (Kuwait); Labor Group (Kuwait)
ACTOR 2	
ASSOC ACTOR 2	
CIVILIAN TARGETING	
COUNTRY 🎽	Kuwait
ADMIN Level 1	Al Ahmadi
ADMIN Level 2	
ADMIN level 3	
LOCATION	As Sabahiyah
LATITUDE	29.106
LONGITUDE	48.108
SOURCE	Arab Times
SOURCE_SCALE	National
NOTES	On 18 October 2021, female workers of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Community Development demonstrated in front of the Family Welfare Department in As Sabahiyah (Al Ahmadi) demanding reduced working hours and the end of weekend work. The protest lasted for 2 hours.
FATALITIES	0

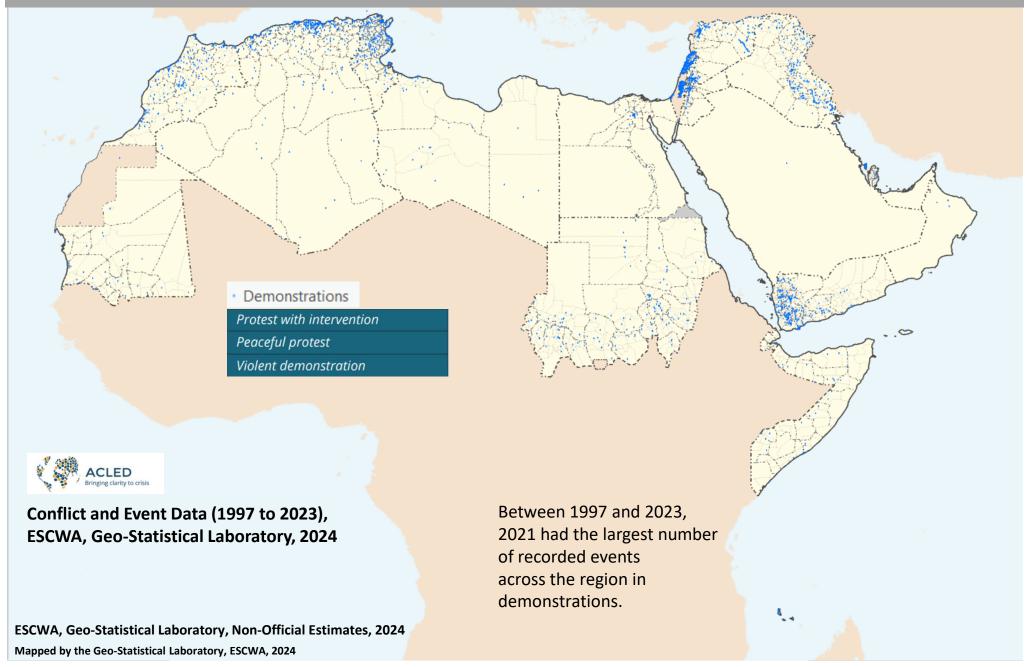
ACLED Conflict and Event Data (1997 to 2023), ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, 2024

In 2017 there were 50,309 political violence events across ESCWA member States with a total of 116,412 fatalities

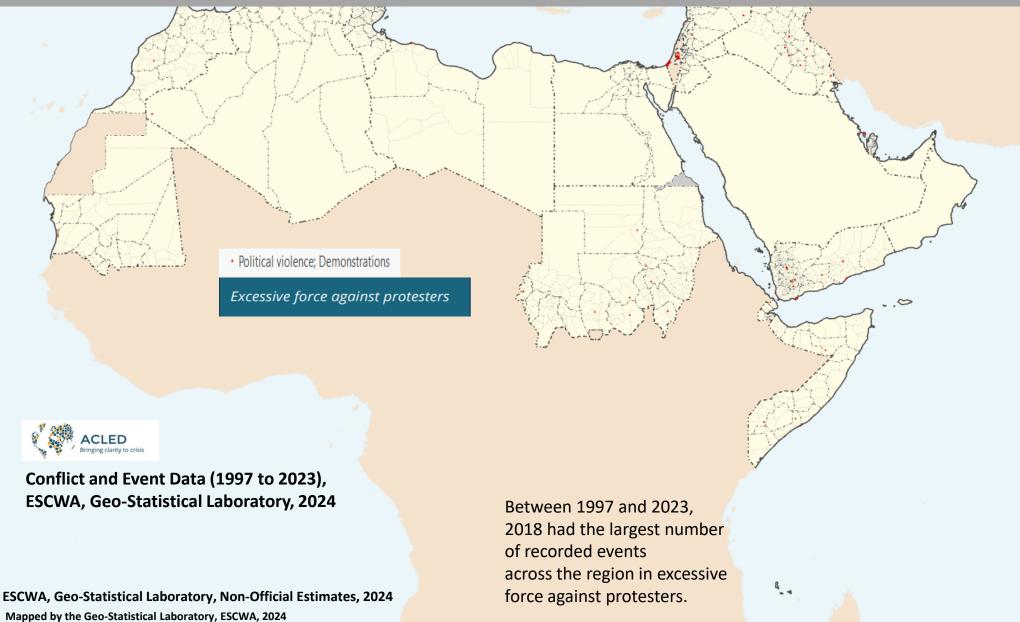


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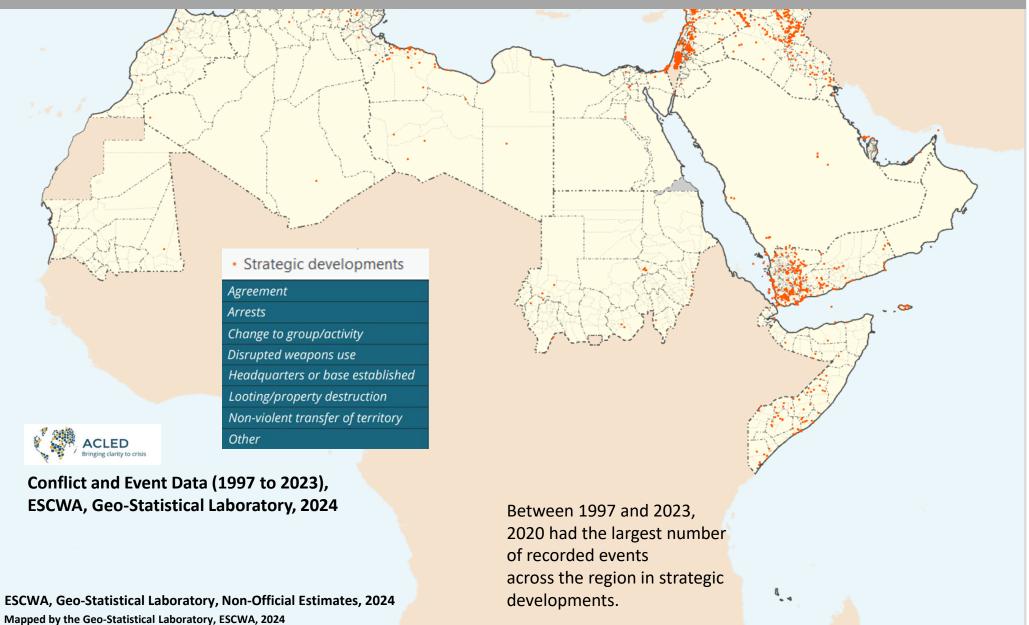
In 2021 there were 14,581 demonstrations across ESCWA member States with a total of 91 fatalities



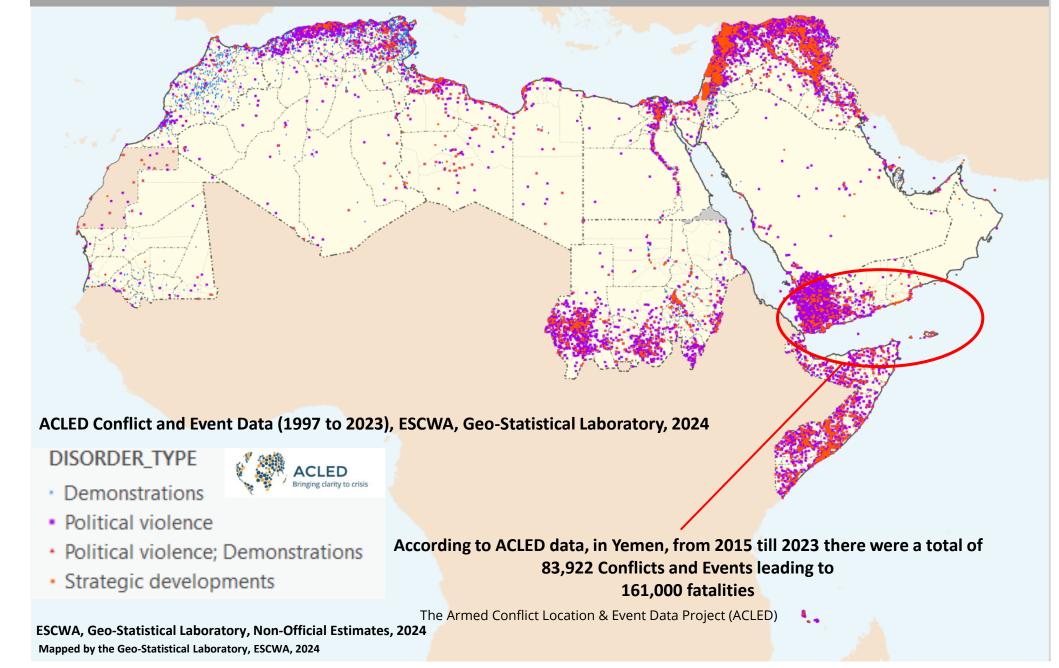
In 2018 there were 506 political demonstration across ESCWA member States with a total of 54 fatalities

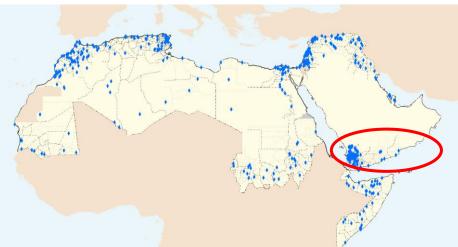


In 2020 there were 5,353 strategic developments across the ESCWA member States with a total of 110 fatalities



Visualizing Fatalities, Violence, Battles, Protests and Explosions, Yemen





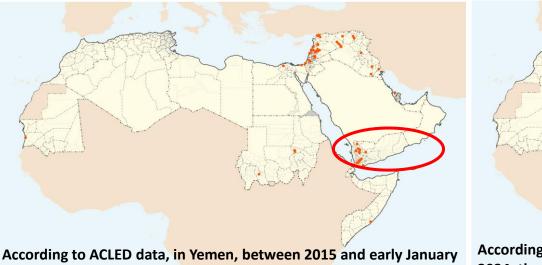
According to ACLED data, in Yemen, between 2015 and early January 2024, there were a total of 5743 demonstrations leading to 69 fatalities ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, Non-Official Estimates, 2024 Mapped by the Geo-Statistical Laboratory, ESCWA, 2024 According to ACLED data, in Yemen, between 2015 and early January 2024, there were a total of 72,846 political violence leading to 161,249 fatalities ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, Non-Official Estimates, 2024 Mapped by the Geo-Statistical Laboratory, ESCWA, 2024





- Demonstrations
- Political violence
- Political violence; Demonstrations
- Strategic developments

ACLED Conflict and Event Data, 1997 to 2023, Yemen, ESCWA, Geo-Statistical Laboratory, 2024



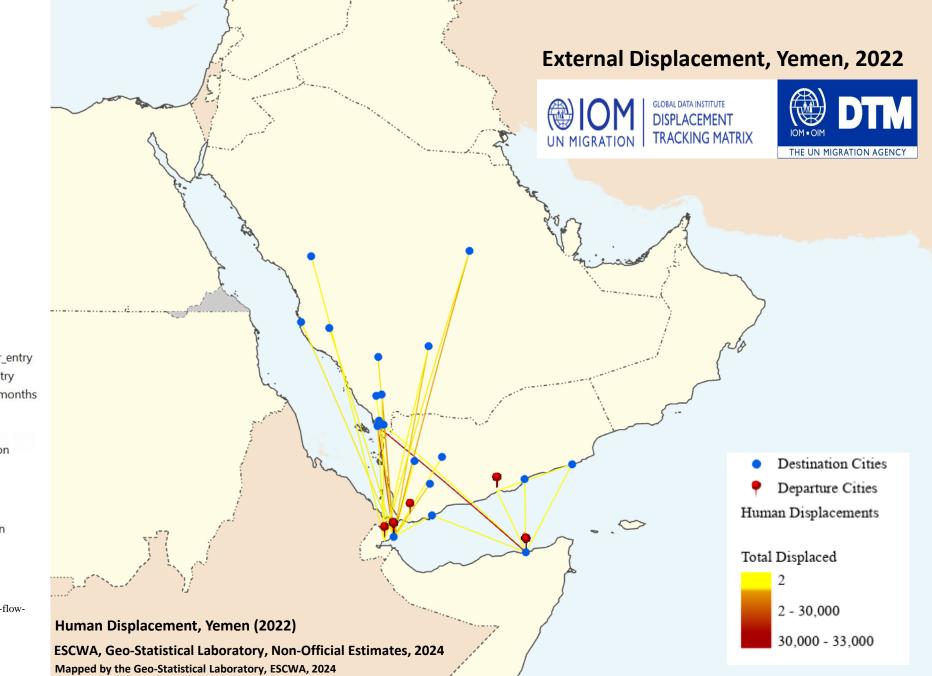
2024, there were a total of 5224 strategic development; leading to 419 fatalities

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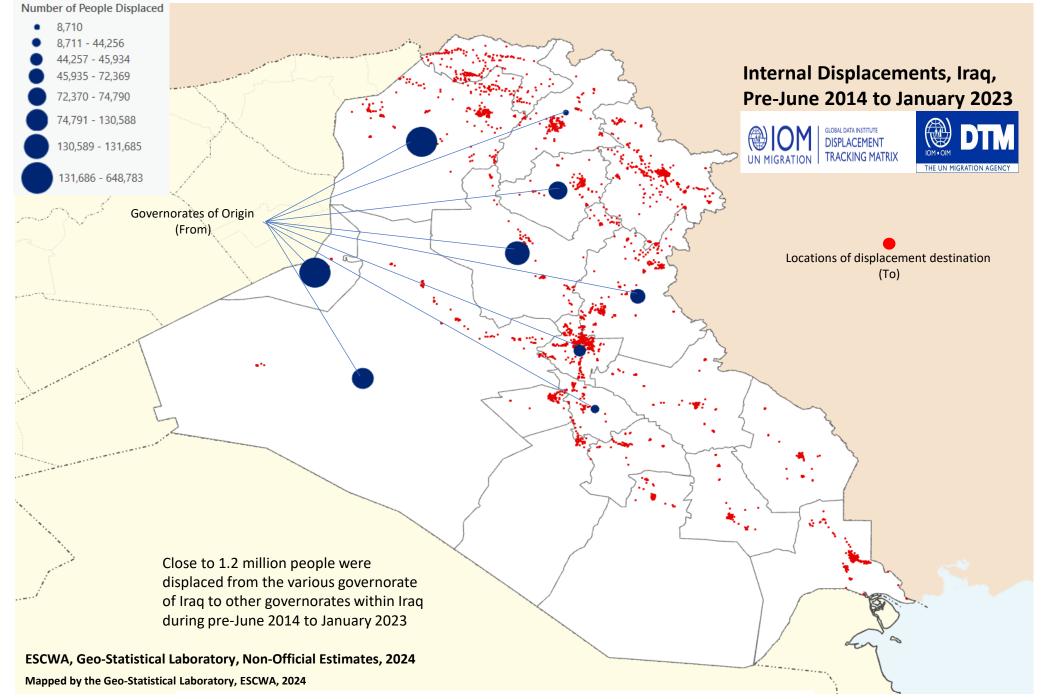
Displacement Event Data as a component of Anthropological disasters



conflict
deportation_after_irregular_entry
deportation_after_legal_entry
economic_more_than_six_months
final_exit_stamp
NA
unable to reach destination

Migrants_Entering_Yemen
Migrants_Exiting_Yemen
Migrants_Transiting_Yemen
Yemeni_Returnees

https://dtm.iom.int/datasets/dtm-yemen-flowmonitoring-datasets-december-2022



Internal Displacements, Iraq: from the Nineveh/Ninawa governate to other governorates, Pre-June 2014 to January 2023

Internal Displacements, Iraq, Pre-June 2014 to January 2023





From a total of 1.2 million internally displaced people in Iraq, close to 650,000 people were displaced from the governorate of Nineveh/Ninawa, Iraq, to other governorates across Iraq during pre-June 2014 to January 2023

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