Understanding spatio-temporal variation of landslides for disaster risk reduction in the Nepal Himalayas

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(a) Landslides in the Chure Region, Nigali, Kailali district; (b) Complex Ramche Landslide, Rasuwa district; (c) Rotational landslide at Phukot, Kalikot district; (d) Rainfall triggered Jure landslide, Sidhupalchowk district; (e) Reactivation of Kalopani landslide due to toe cutting by Kalidangaki River, Mustang district; (f) Co-seismic landslides after Gorkha earthquake-2015, Sinchupalchowk district.
Landslides in the News

Landslide again blocks Narayangadh-Muglin road section

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Road to Rasuwagadhi border point disrupted for last three days

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RASUWA, July 22: The road connecting Rasuwagadhi border point is still disrupted due to landslides along the road.
More than 4351 landslide events recorded with over 5437 fatalities

Over the 49 years data, ~ 111 death per year

1971 - 2016, Data from DesInventar, 2017- 2019, Data from MoHA
Landslide distribution

Year wise Landslide occurrences in Nepal: 1971-2020

1971 - 2016, Data from DesInventar, 2017 - 2020, Data from MoHA
Landslide distribution

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Landslide distribution (elevation)

1971 - 2016, Data from DesInventar, 2017- 2020, Data from MoHA
Landslide distribution (rainfall)

1971 - 2016, Data from DesInventar, 2017- 2020, Data from MoHA, DHM (2017)
Landslide distribution (Geology)

Legend
- Landslides
- STDS
- MCT
- MBT
- No data
- Intermontane basin fill
- Tertiary Luecogranite
- Paleozoic Granites
- Tibetan-Tethys zone
- Higher Himalayan zone
- Lesser Himalayan zone
- Siwaliks
- Indo-gangetic plain

1971 - 2016, Data from DesInventar, 2017 - 2020, Data from MoHA,
Landslide Early warning system

Dahal and Haseguwa, 2008
Landslide Early warning system

AMS Pradhan, 2019 (unpublished)
Landslide Early warning system

(A) Measuring landslide displacement by moving peg method;

(B) LEWS installation in Bijulikot, Rameshhap (Source: Shreelal Poudel);

(C&D) Automatic rain gauge and rainfall display board in Kailali;

(E) LEWS in Sundrawati village, Dolakha;

(F) LEWS installation in the Khani Gau, Gorkha (Source: Lalu Sinjali)

Frontier technologies in Landslides

Google earth image

UAV image of landslide
What next?

• Nationwide landslide inventory: Spatial and temporal
• Dynamic landslide risk assessment
• Regional rainfall threshold identification for Landslide EWS
• Innovation and replication of low-cost and low-tech Landslide EWS in the Nepal Himalayas
• Technology transfer and capacity development
Thank you

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