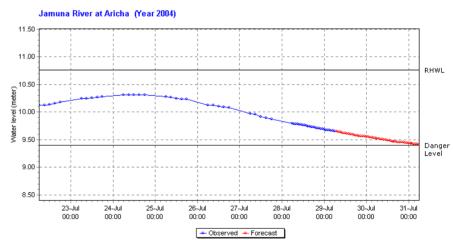


Transboundary Flood issues: (2) Regional Flood Forecastingdreams <u>slowly</u> becoming reality !



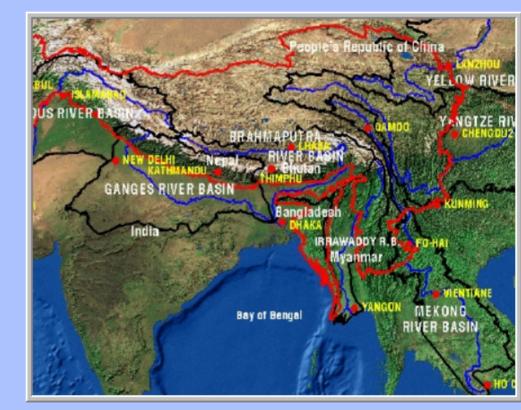


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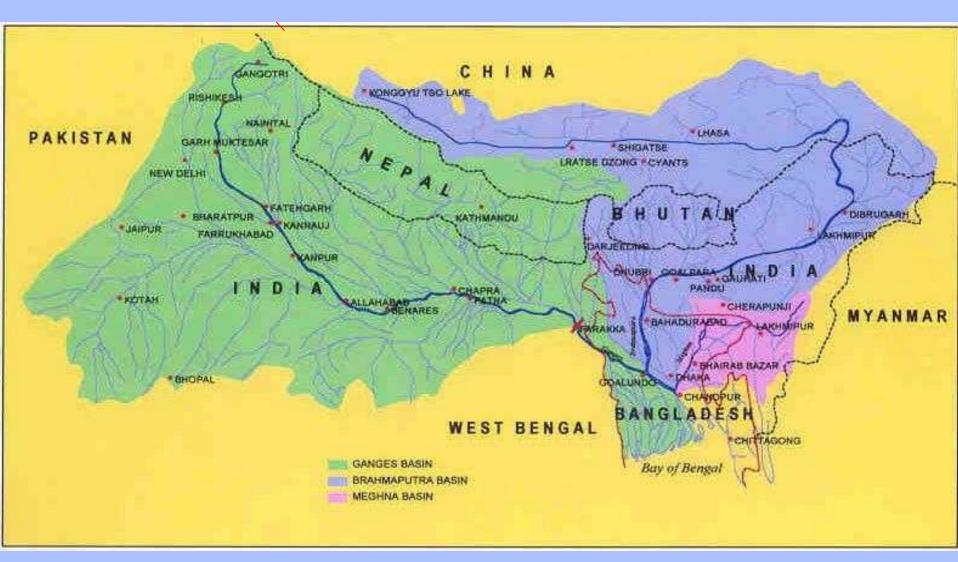


Two major transboundary river systems

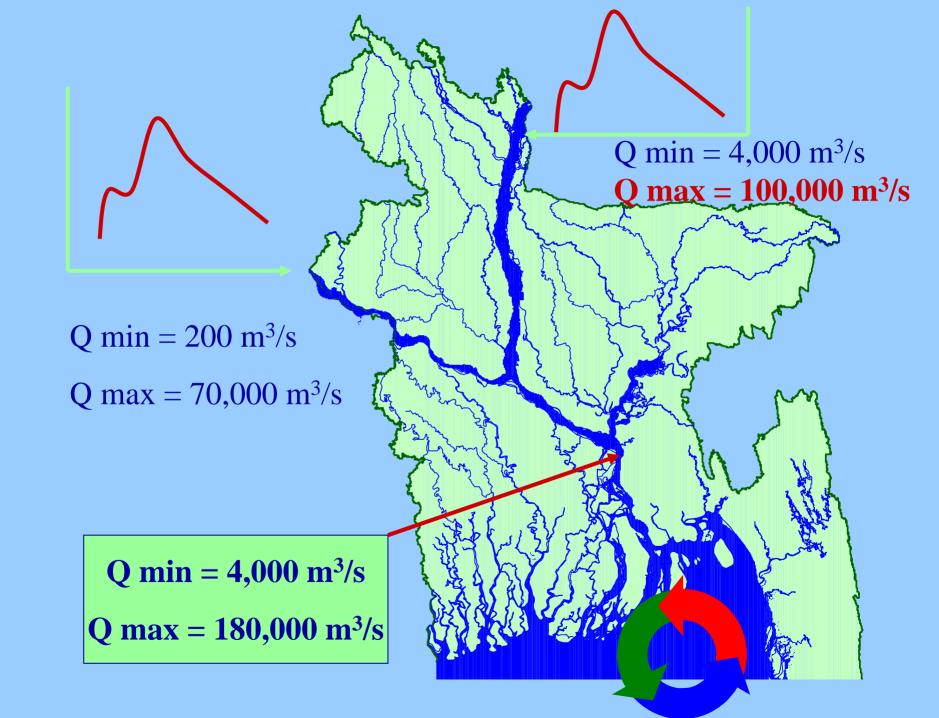
- 1. Ganges Bhramputra-Meghna River system:
- =>Focus on flood forecasting only
- 2. Mekong River System
- => Focus on flood management including forecasting



Ganges, Brahmaputra & Meghna basins

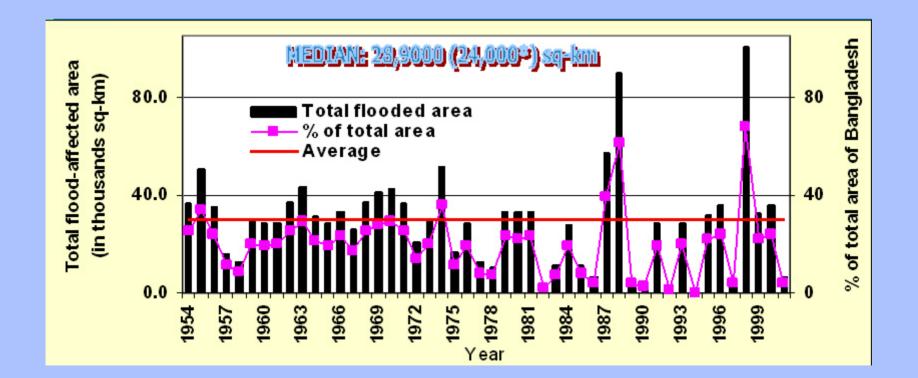


Total basin area is 1.72 million sq. km. Only 7 percent of these three basin area lies within Bangladesh



Normal floods are good and required

But many recent past floods have been devastating



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Realised many cross cutting issues related to the provision of flood forecasting and warning services:

•Flood Forecasting and providing early warning is the most cost effective way of flood damage reduction, no environmental controversy

•Flood warning messages must reach <u>Communities</u> in time and in easily understandable form, NGOs and CBO play important roles

•Poors are the most affected by floods - hence flood warning programs can help in poverty alleviation

•Women and children are worst affected by floods hence warning systems have <u>gender</u> relevance

•Regional cooperation is a key to a successful flood forecasting in Bangladesh : Governance

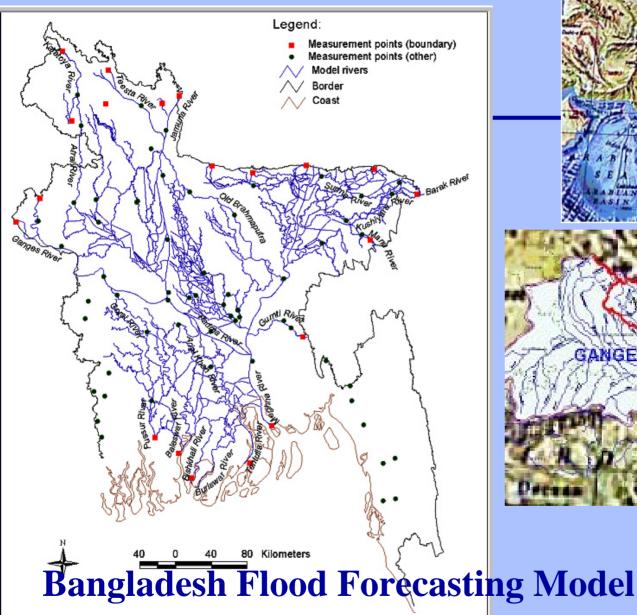
The National Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) in Bangladesh was established in 1972

> After several decades of struggle and learning

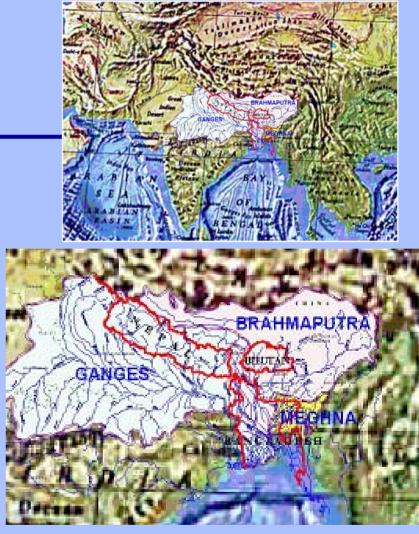
FFWC is now fully Operational

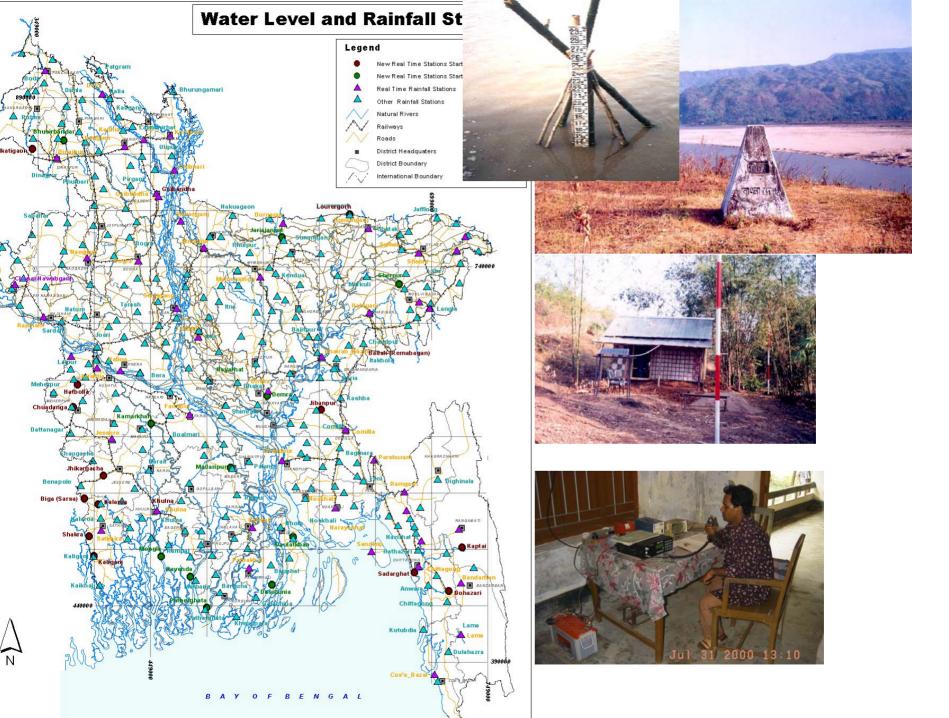
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Still dreaming to do regional FF !

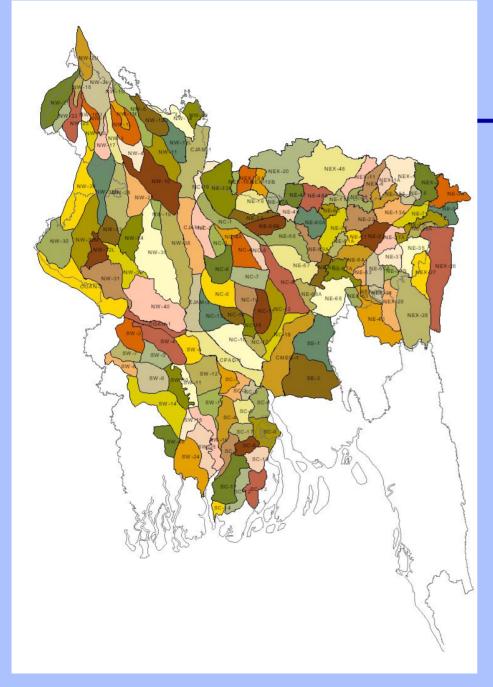


(Super Model-2004) Based on MIKE11



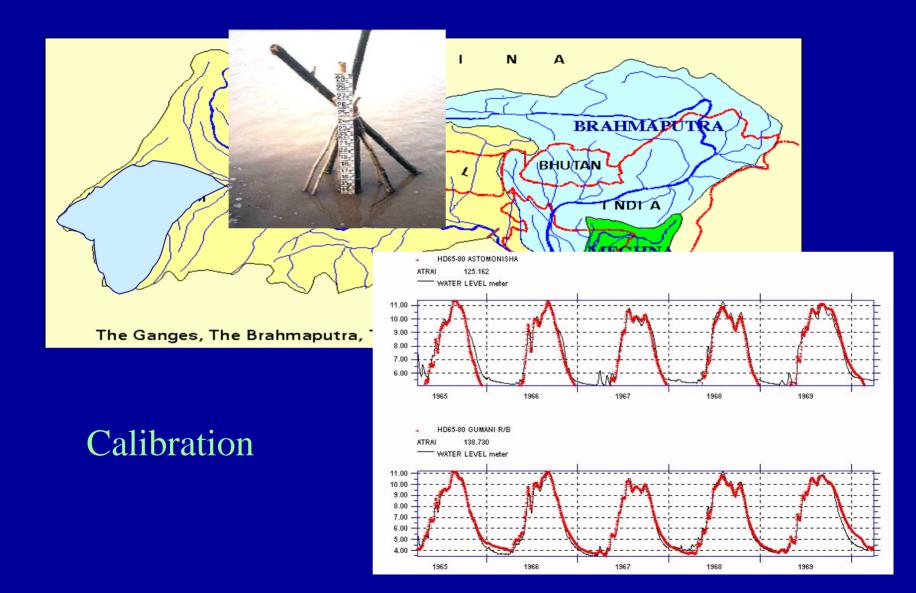




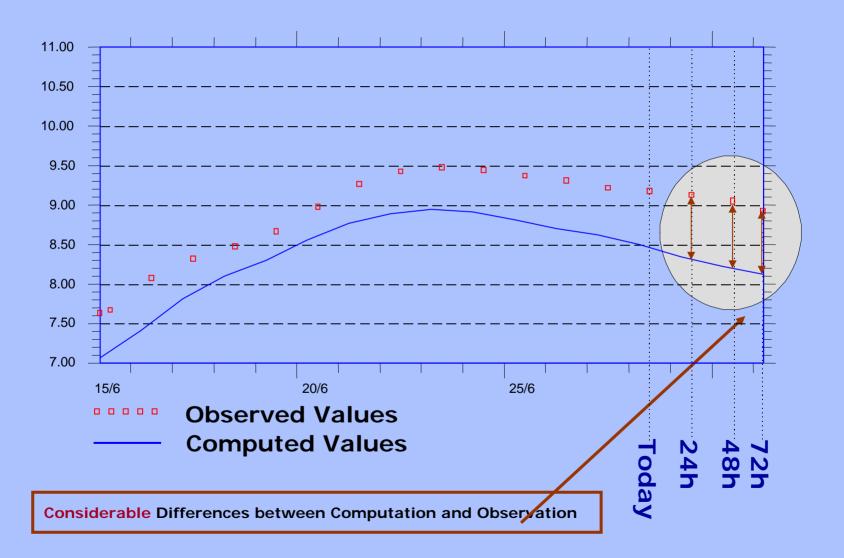


Sub-catchments of the Flood Forecast Supermodel of Bangladesh

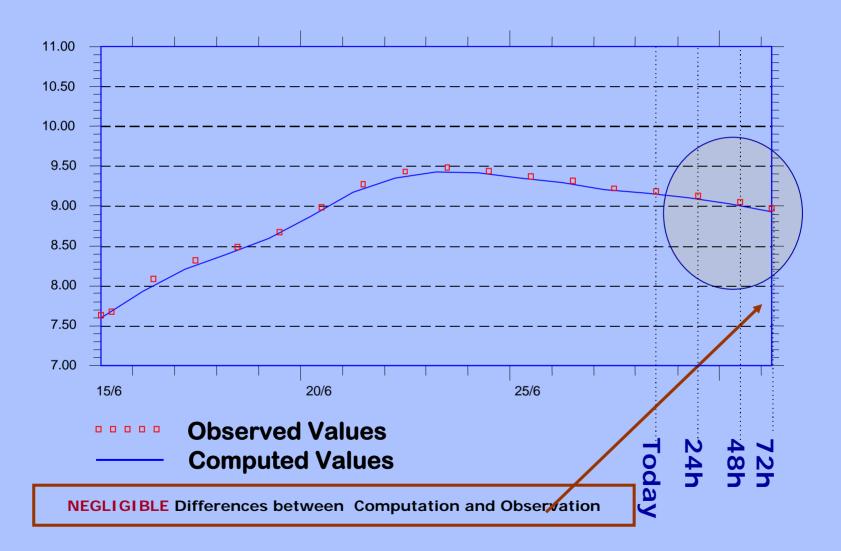
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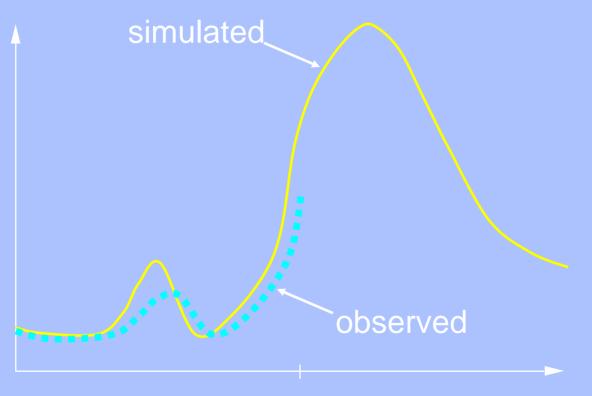
Forecasting Without Updating



Forecasting WITH Updating

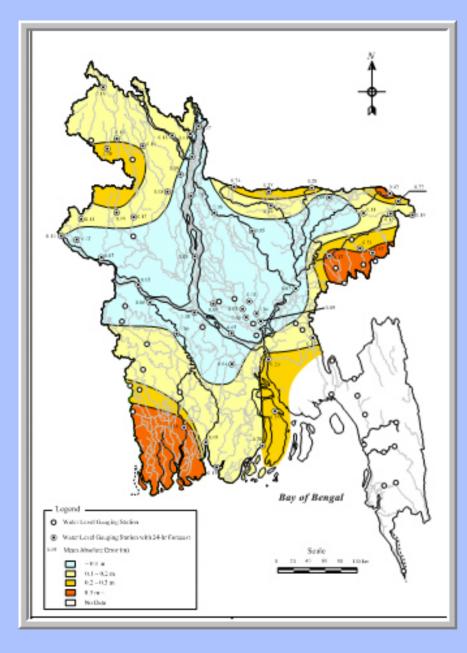


Updating



Time of forecast

Imperfect present – Uncertain future

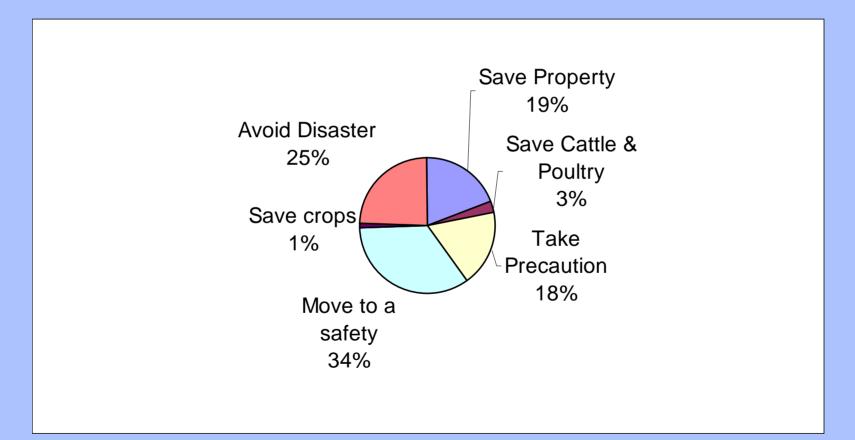


Mean error of 24 hr forecast

Forecast performance is satisfactory, but there is a need to increase the lead time to more than 3 days.

| Summary example of water level forecast accuracy (mean absolute error, cm) 24, 48, 72 hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----|------|-----|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Location | Station | 24- | 48 - | 72- | | | | | | | |
| | River | hrs | hrs | hrs | | | | | | | |
| Near | Chilmari | 12 | 17 | 24 | | | | | | | |
| borderl | Brahmaputra | | | | | | | | | | |
| boundaries | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central | Dhaka | 5 | 8 | 10 | | | | | | | |
| Region | Buriganga | | | | | | | | | | |
| Areas | Tongi | 4 | 7 | 10 | | | | | | | |
| away from | Tongi Khal | | | | | | | | | | |
| main rivers | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flashy | Kanaighat | 25 | 42 | 55 | | | | | | | |
| rivers(hilly | Surma | | | | | | | | | | |
| catchment) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Example of community surveys in Bangladesh Local people believe that an effective flood forecast and and warning will be useful in flood disaster preparedness.

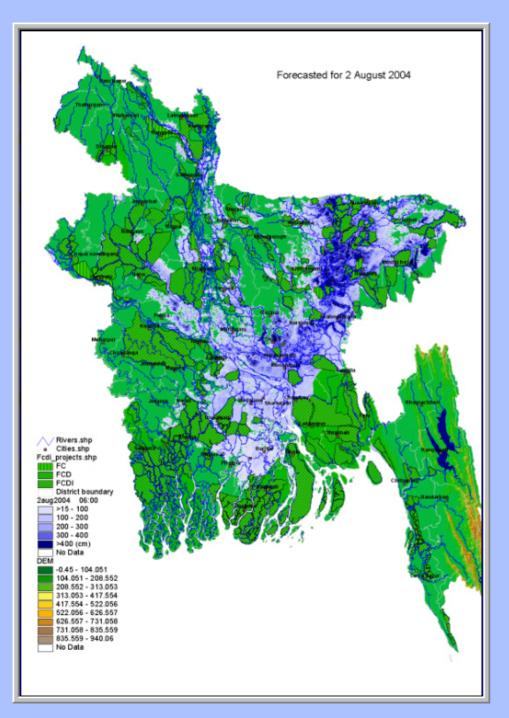












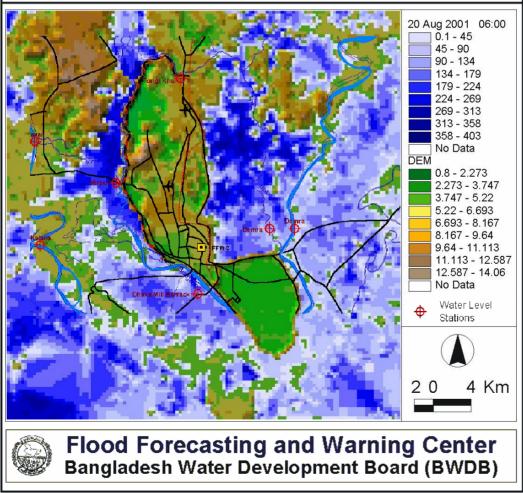
National level
Flood Map
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Dhaka City Special Flood bulletin

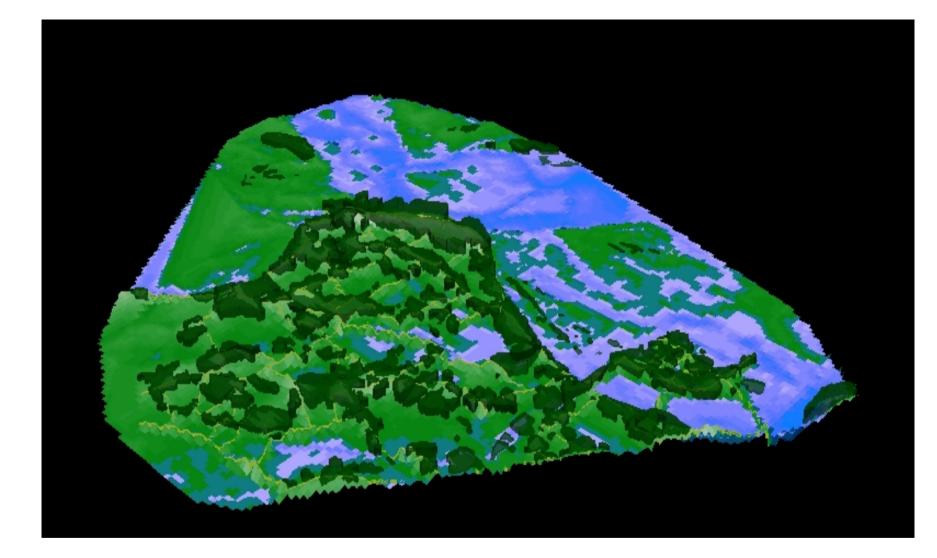
| SI. No. | River Name | Station Name | RHWL | D.L. | Water Level 19/08/2001 20/08/2001 | | +Rise -Fall | Above D.L. |
|------------|---------------|--------------------|------|------|--------------------------------------|------|----------------|---------------|
| | | | (m) | (m) | (m) | (m) | (cm) | (cm) |
| 1 | Buriganga | Dhaka Mill Barrack | 7.58 | 6.00 | 4.48 | 4.55 | 7 | - |
| 2 | Balu | Demina | 7.09 | 5.03 | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Turag | Mirpur | 8.35 | 5.94 | 4.78 | 4.78 | 0 | - |
| 4 | Turag | Tongi Khal | 7.84 | 6.08 | - | - | - | - |

Note: River situation an on 20 August 2001 at 6:00 hrs.

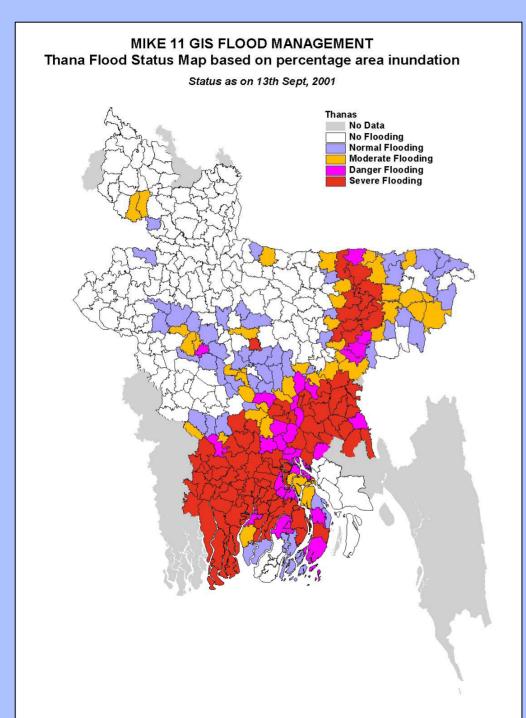
RHWL = River Highest Water Level DL = Danger Level



Inundation mapping for forecast



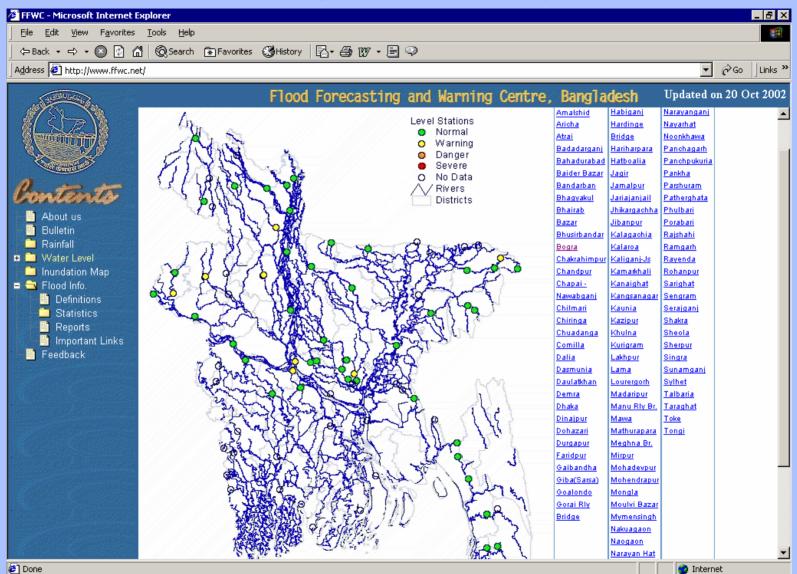
3-dimensional flood maps clearly show affected villages, land and infrastructure



Flood watch :

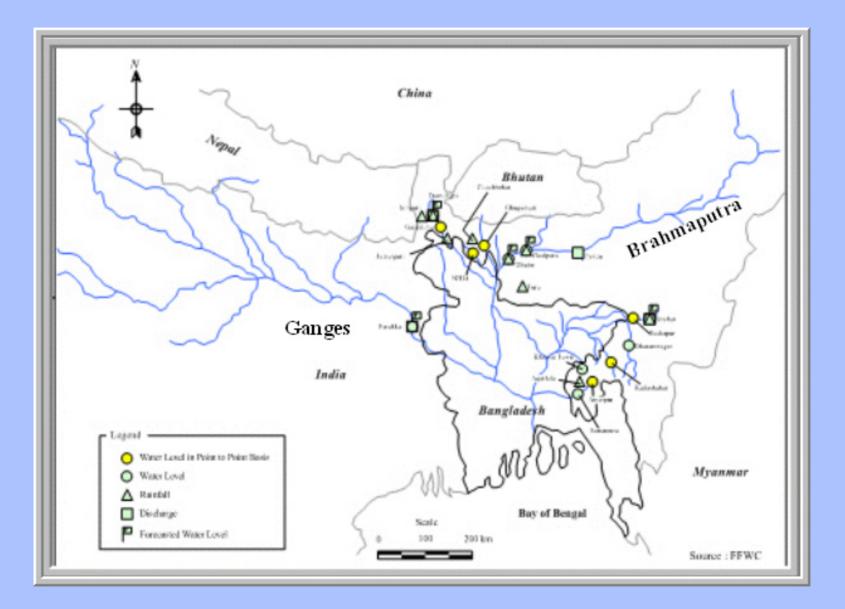
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Flood Forecasting and warning via the Internet

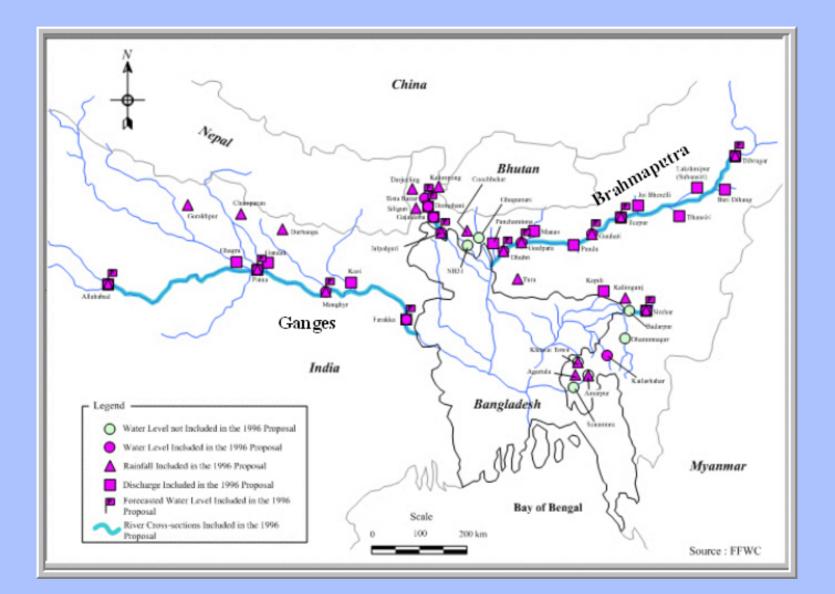


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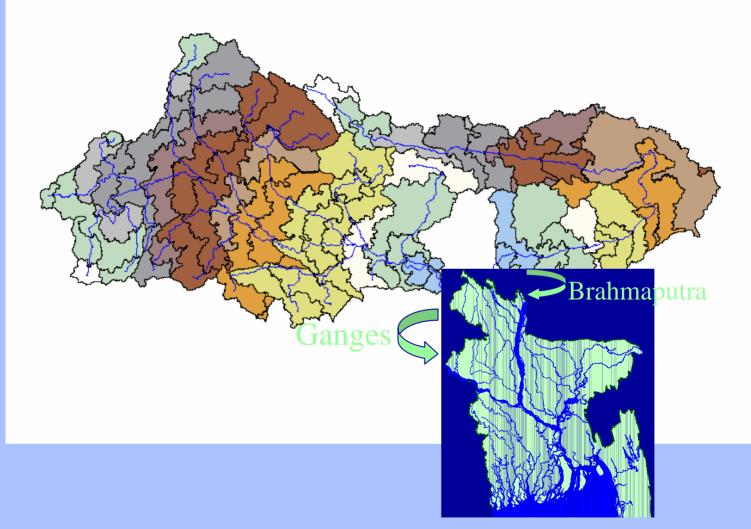
Data from India as per the existing Agreement



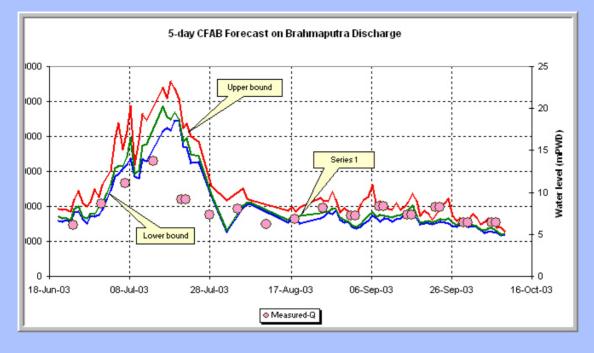
Desired (by Bangladesh) data from India



Catchment Response Time Lag (1-21days)

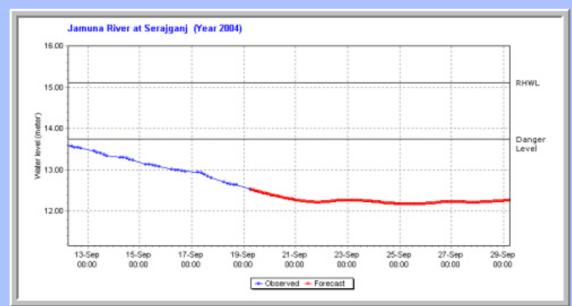


Climate forecast applications (long term)



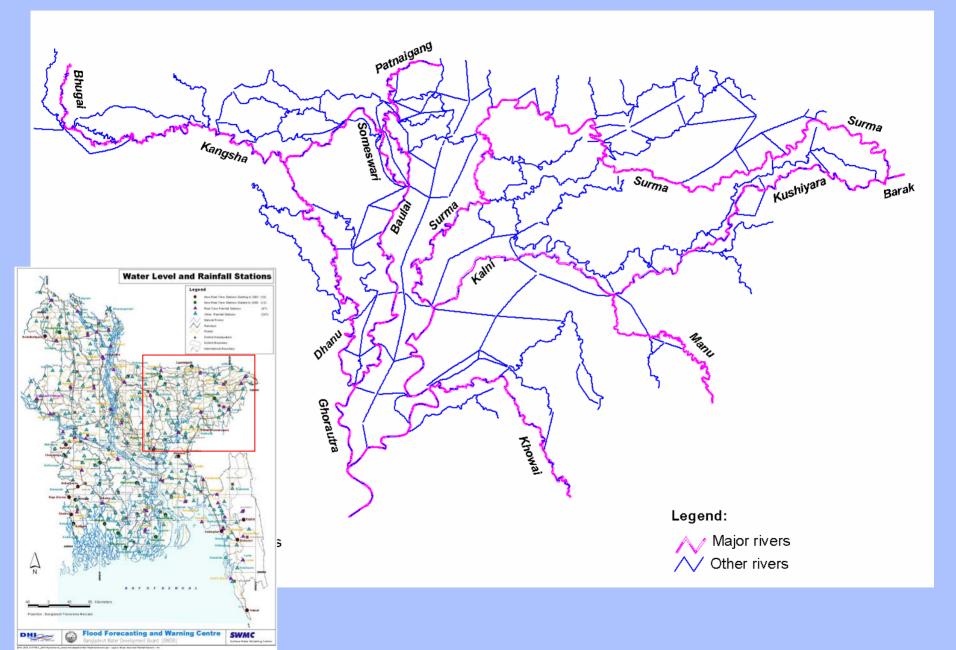
Examples;

5-day Q forecast

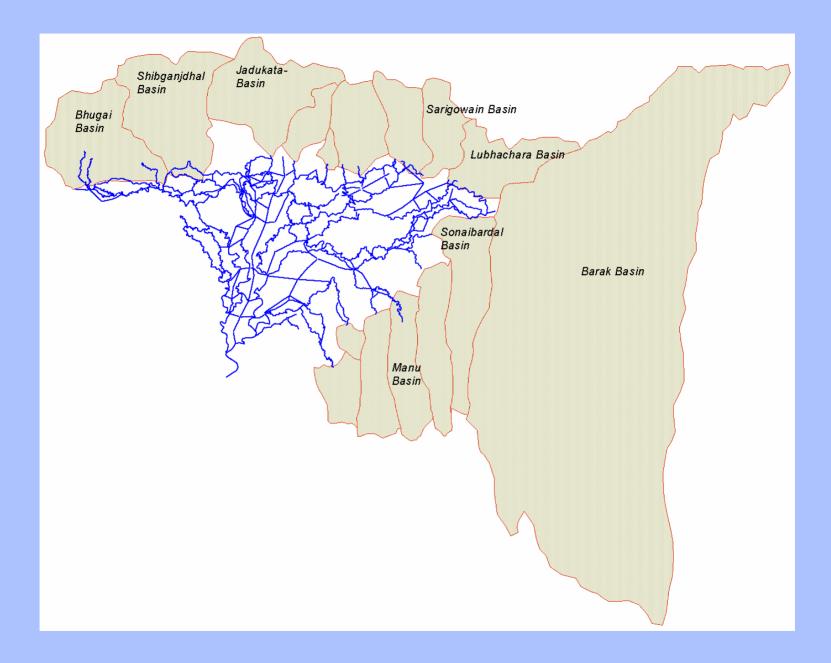


10-day WL forecast

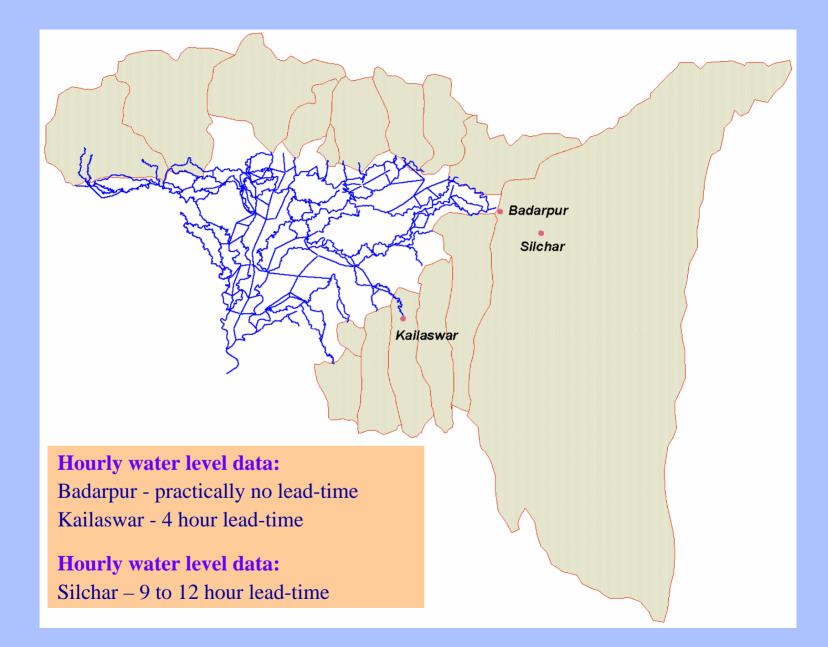
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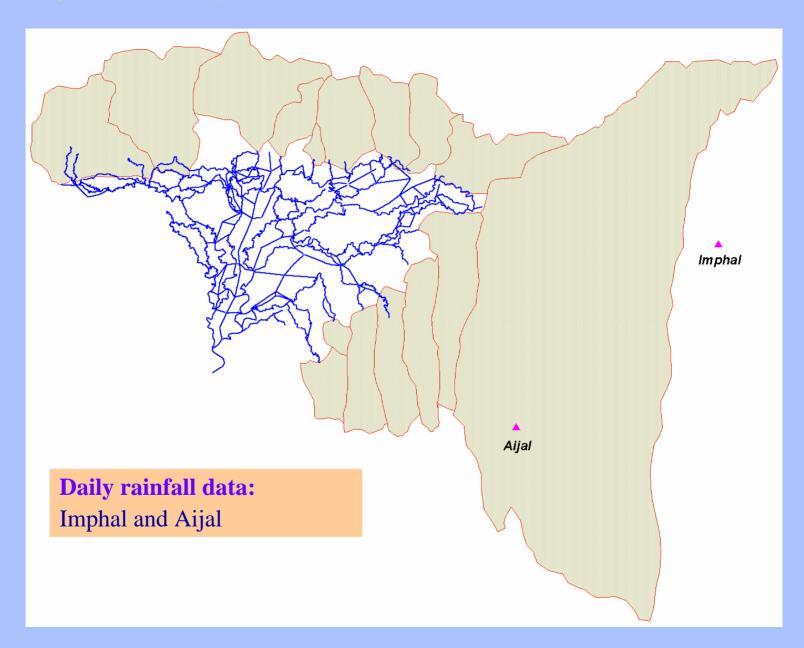
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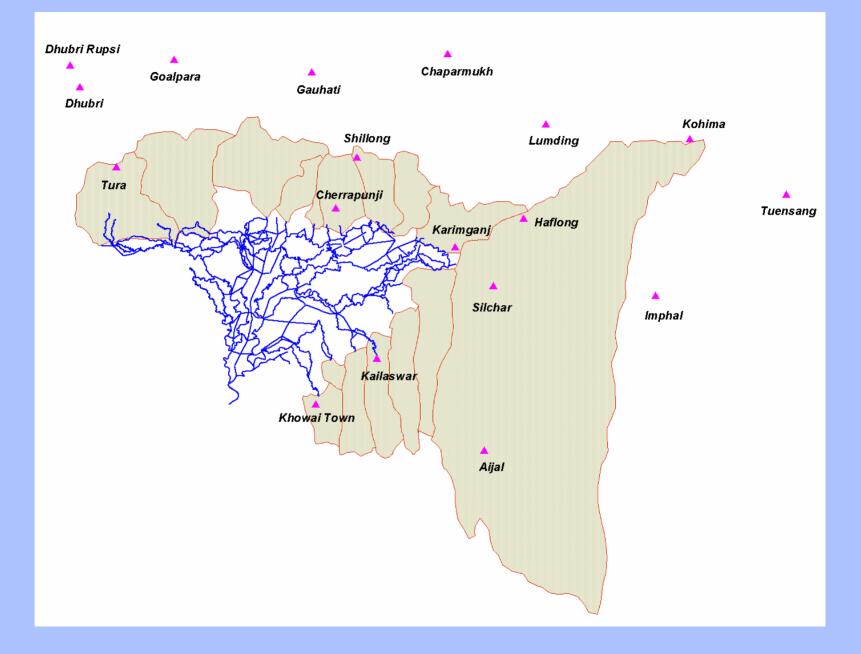
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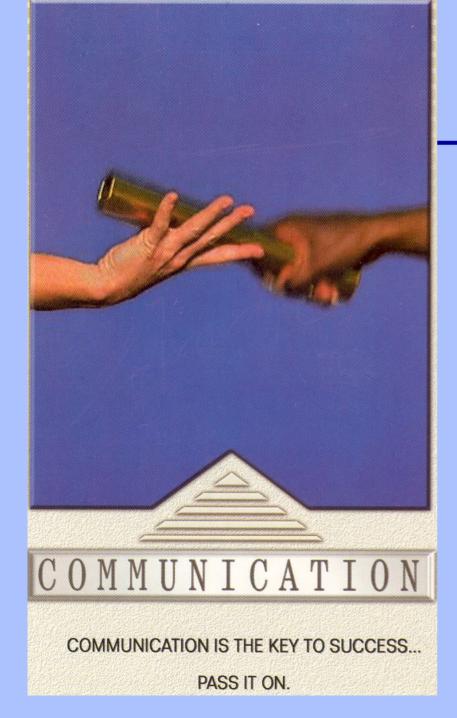


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Rain gauges in Indian Territory







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