

# Data to drive decisions: How can research inform philanthropic giving?

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## GOALS

### At the end of the webinar, funders will:

1. Have an increased understanding of data sources and how this is useful for decision-making.
2. Develop an enhanced understanding of what is available to guide their giving.
3. Build a heightened commitment to collect, analyze and share information.



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# What is data?

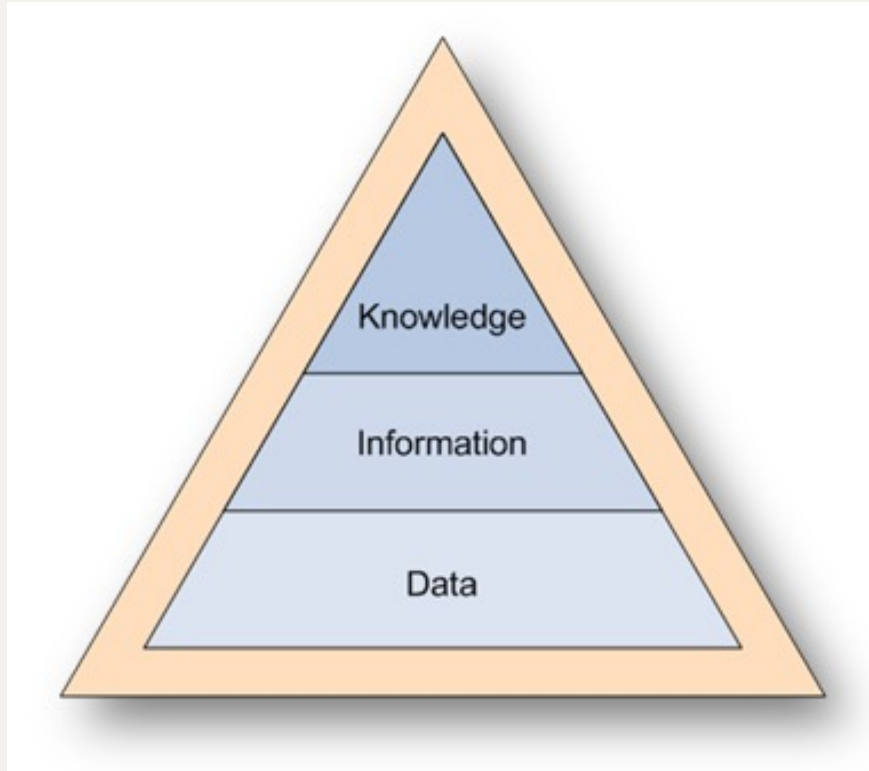


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## Data:

Unorganized facts and figures.

## Information:

Contextualized, categorized, calculated and condensed data.

## Knowledge:

"Fluid mix of framed experience, values, contextual information, expert insight and grounded intuition that provides an environment and framework for evaluating and incorporating new experiences and information"



# Speakers

Thank you to our guests for joining us today.

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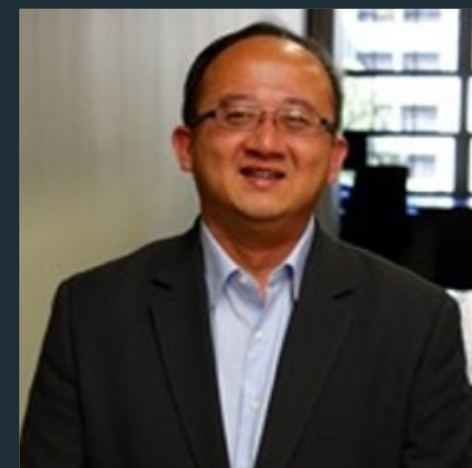


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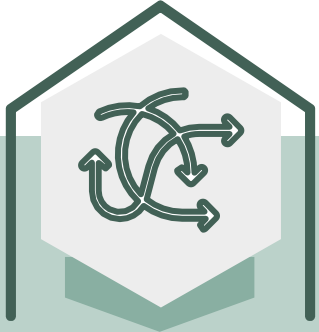


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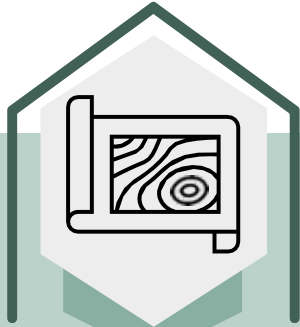
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# EHF's Journey in Using "Real Time" Data to Inform Strategy During Two Disasters: Hurricane Harvey and COVID-19



In a messy environment, need to weigh tradeoffs between responding **emotionally and quickly** vs. being **intentional and thoughtful**



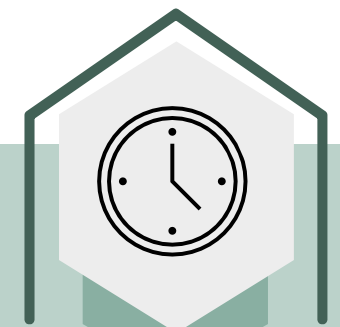
It is important to understand what others are responding to the disasters. Are the **needs and gaps** being addressed? What **value** do we bring to the table?



See our engagement within a larger **eco-system** effort. How could we **complement** others' efforts? Is there opportunities to **collaborate**?



Depending on the nature of these disasters, we have used **various tools** (data/research grantmaking, convening, engagement, capacity building)



It is important to understand the **time limited** nature of our engagement. Need to assess **when** to turn our attention back to our strategic plan priorities.

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# Key Indicators for Midwest Early Recovery Fund

## Impact Indicators

What vulnerabilities and barriers were highlighted or emerged as a result of the disaster that we should consider?

## Vulnerability Indicators

What are the potential barriers to recovery, based on the pre-existing disparities in the community, that we should consider?

- Density, isolation, population, composition
- Social, environmental and health factors
- Land use, economy and agriculture
- History of disaster

## Capacity Indicators

What capacity/assets does the community have for recovery?



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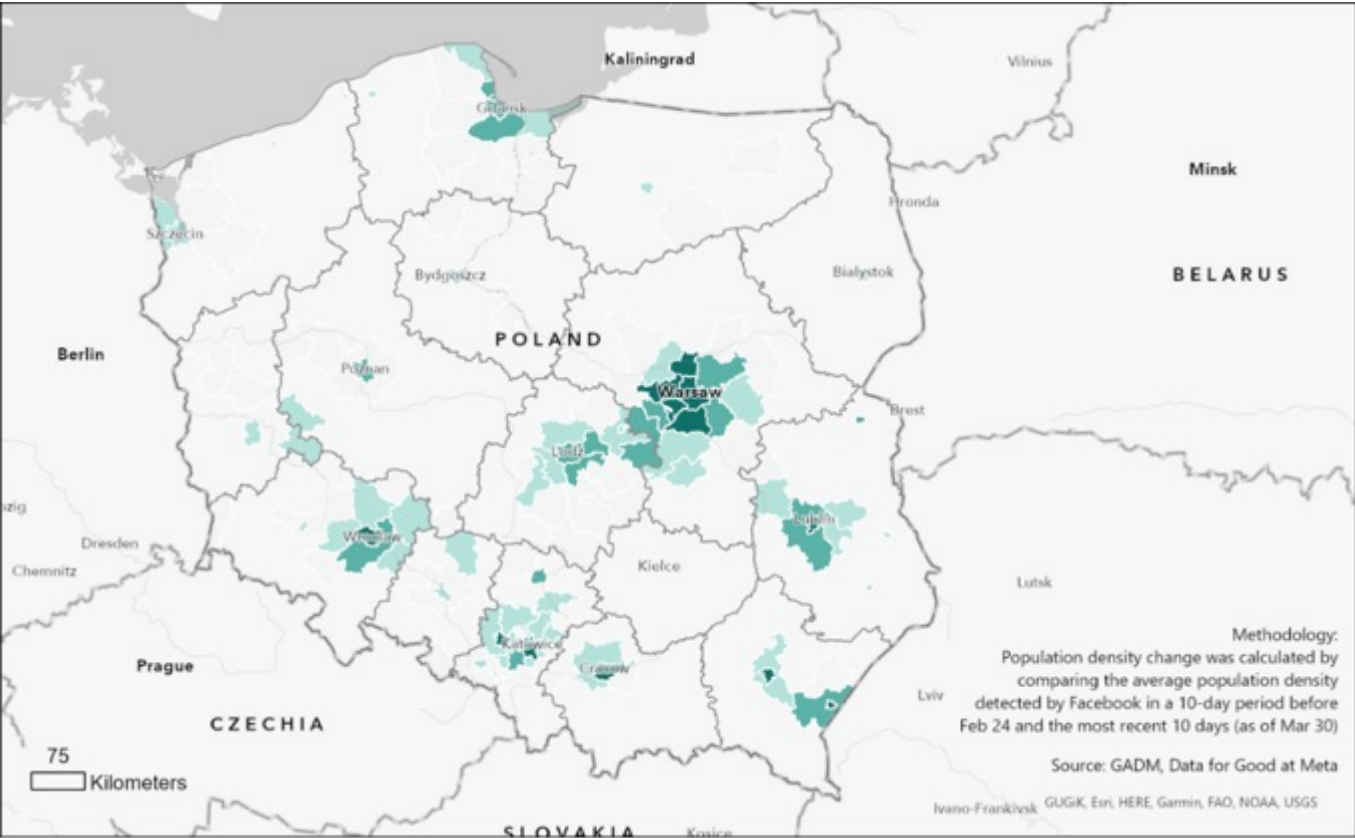
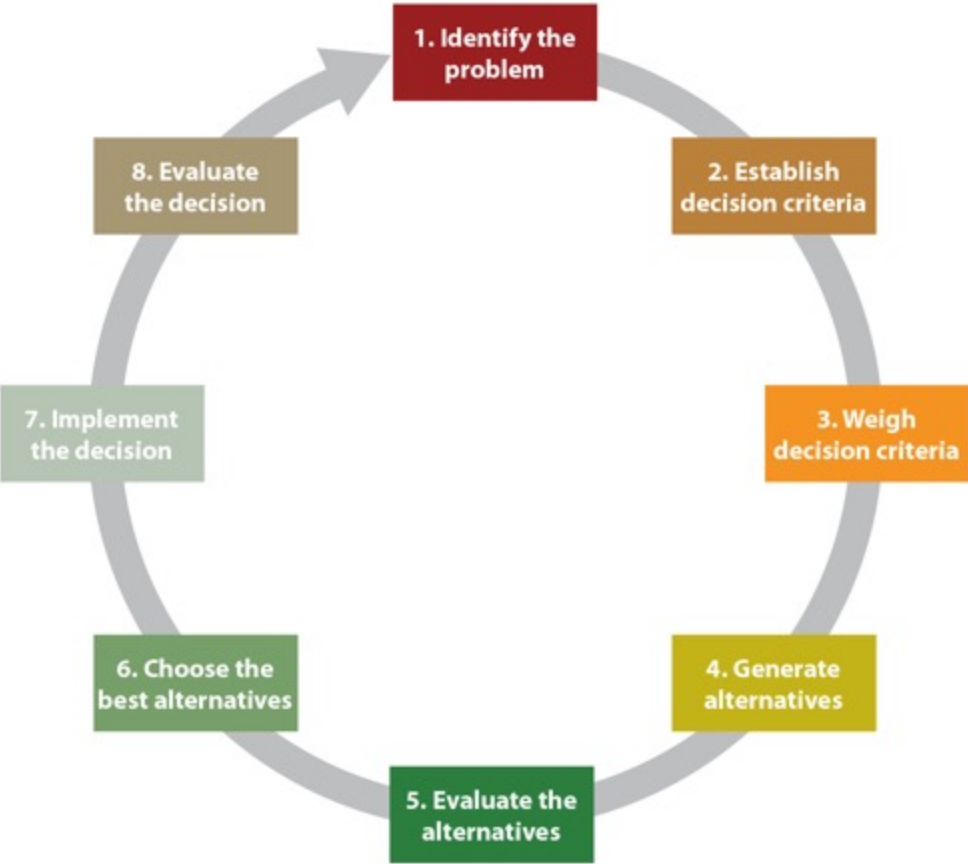
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# Data-Driven Decision Making



**Poland: Population density change pre-crisis (Feb 8 - 19) to current (Mar 21 - 30)**



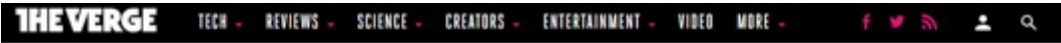
Difference in % change

- 0.0 - 0.9
- 1.0 - 2.3
- 2.4 - 3.7
- 3.8 - 6.6

Province (Level 1 Admin Unit)

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mapped by Shenyue Jia

# Complex Emergencies vs. Disasters

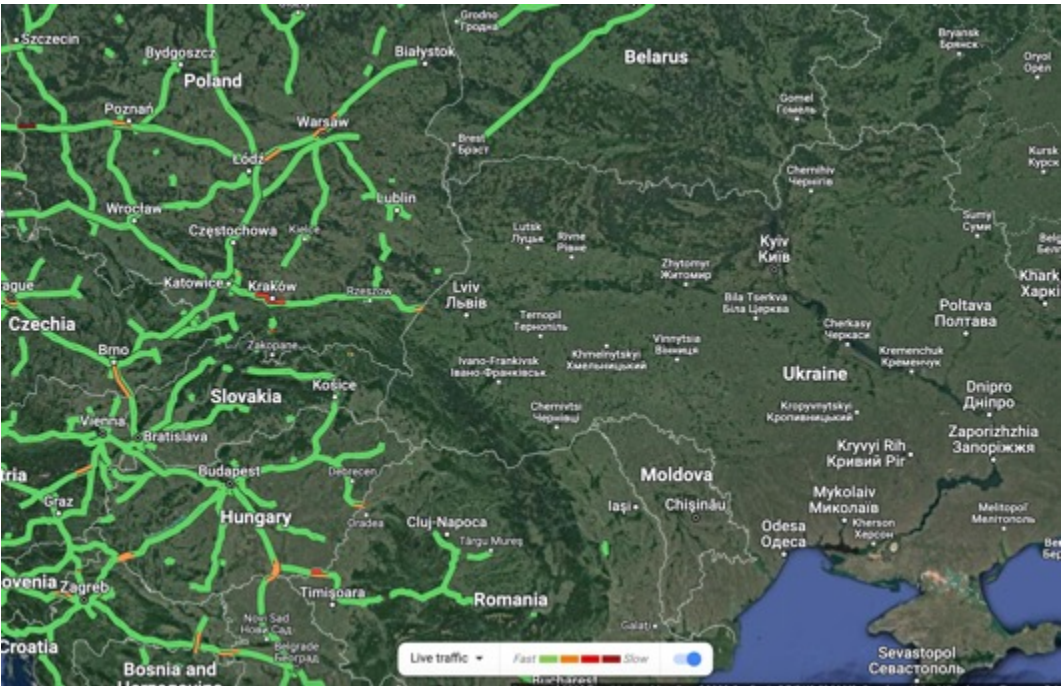


## Google disables Maps traffic data in Ukraine to protect citizens

Google Maps data could be dangerous during the invasion

By James Vincent | Feb 28, 2022, 5:22am EST

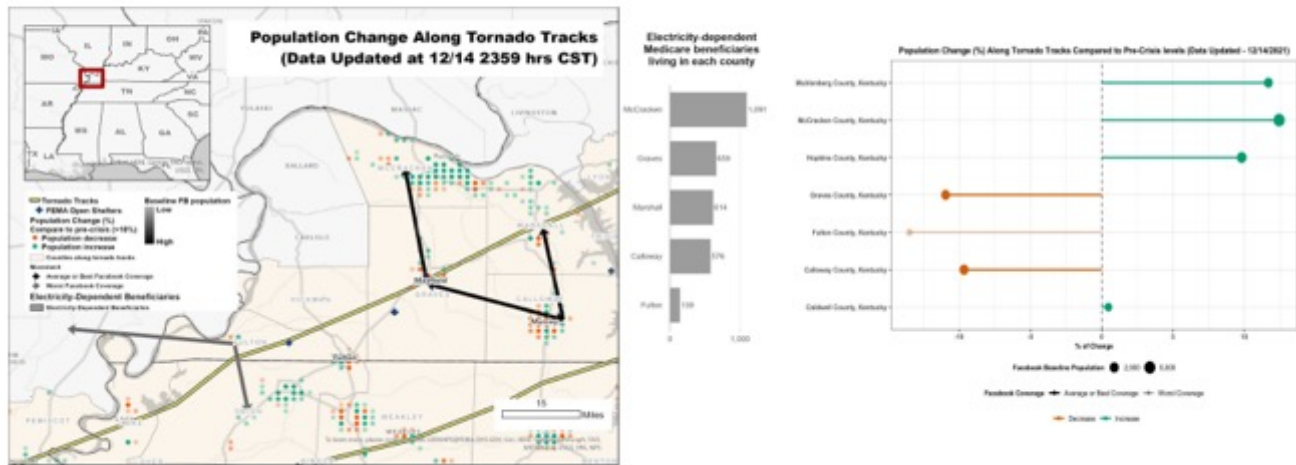
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## Kentucky Tornado Situation Report

Central United States Tornado: Kentucky (14 December, 2021)

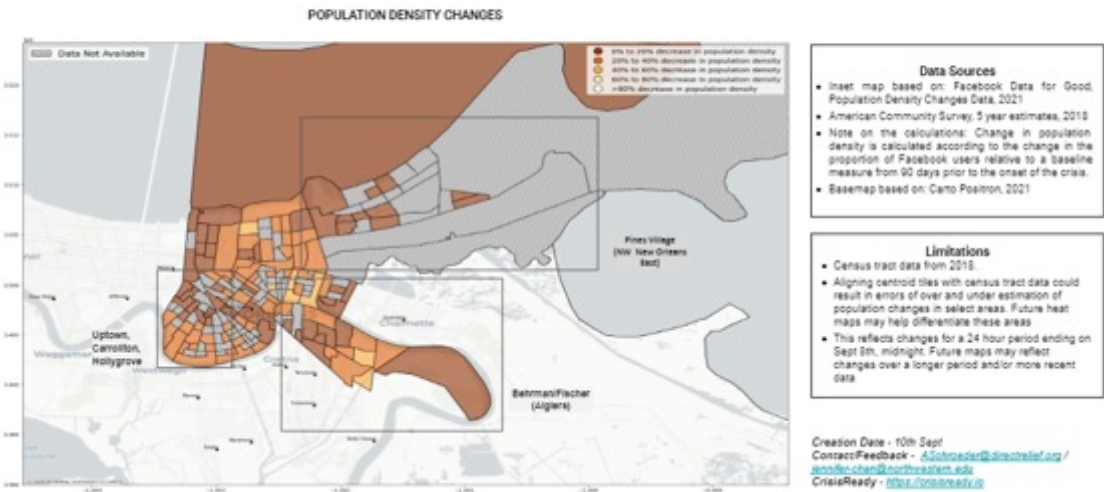
**SUMMARY:** On Friday, December 10, 2021, a historic, long-track tornado entered western Kentucky and moved northeast from 9:00 PM - 11:20 PM CST, producing widespread destruction in Graves, Caldwell, Fulton, Hopkins, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Taylor, and Warren counties. The visualizations below show the changes in population densities along the tornado's path in the aftermath of the disaster on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.



## Population Change Situation Report

Hurricane Ida: Orleans Parish (7 September - 8 September, 2021)

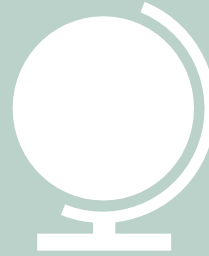
**SUMMARY:** Hurricane Ida, a Category 4 hurricane, made landfall early on Sunday, 29th August about 25 miles west of New Orleans with wind speeds close to 150 mph.





# Use of Survey, Mapping and Economic Analysis

Statewide and Regional Polling Projects Assessing **Impact, Attitude and Outlook** of Harvey and COVID-19



“Real Time” Mapping Efforts Linking Harvey and COVID-19 Data with **Social Vulnerability Index**

Economic Analysis of COVID-19 Related Hospitalizations and Deaths on **Health Disparities of Black and Hispanic Texans**



Use of Research and Mapping Data to Inform **Grant-making Strategy** and Inform **Policy Discussion**

## TEXANS' VIEWS ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE BEXAR COUNTY AREA

Findings from the Episcopal Health Foundation  
2020 Texas COVID-19 Survey

Prepared by:

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## BRIEF REPORT ON TEXANS' VIEWS ON A COVID-19 VACCINE

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF  
DISPARITIES IN TEXAS 2

An Update in the Time of COVID-19

### COVID19 in Texas

Statewide survey  
on the impacts  
of the pandemic

COVID-19

LATEST NEWS: New studies look at impact of

alhealth.org



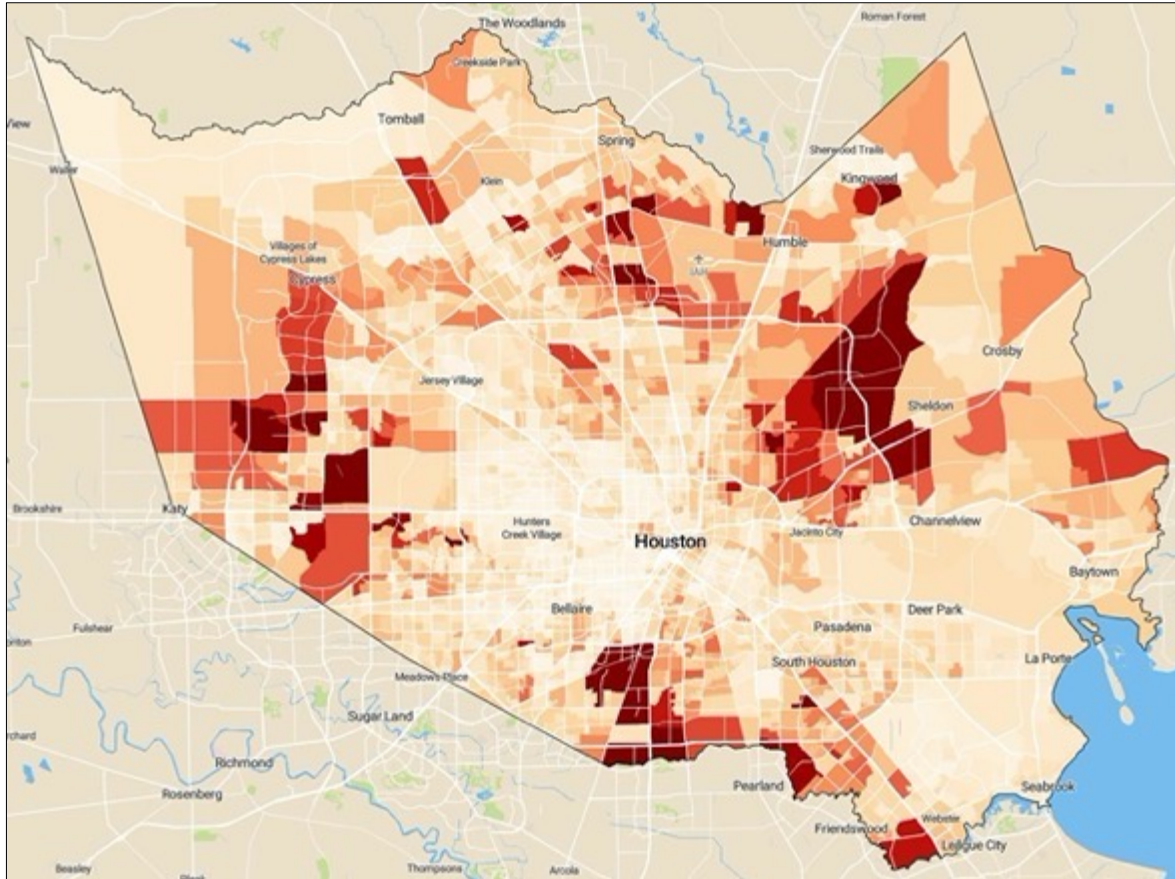
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# Mapping Areas of High Need and High Vulnerability

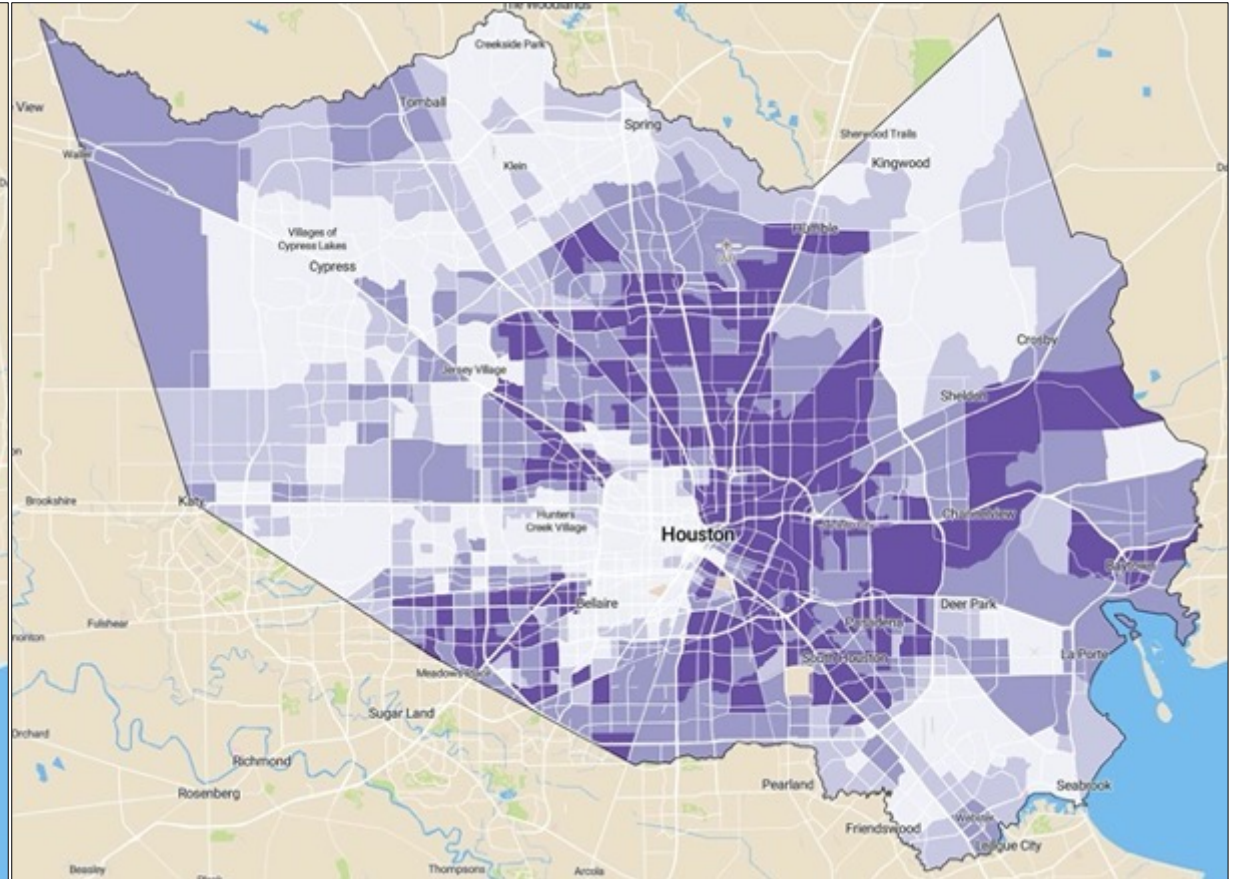
**Map: Total Number of FEMA Applications by Census Block Group in Harris County**

**Darker red areas** had the most number of FEMA applications

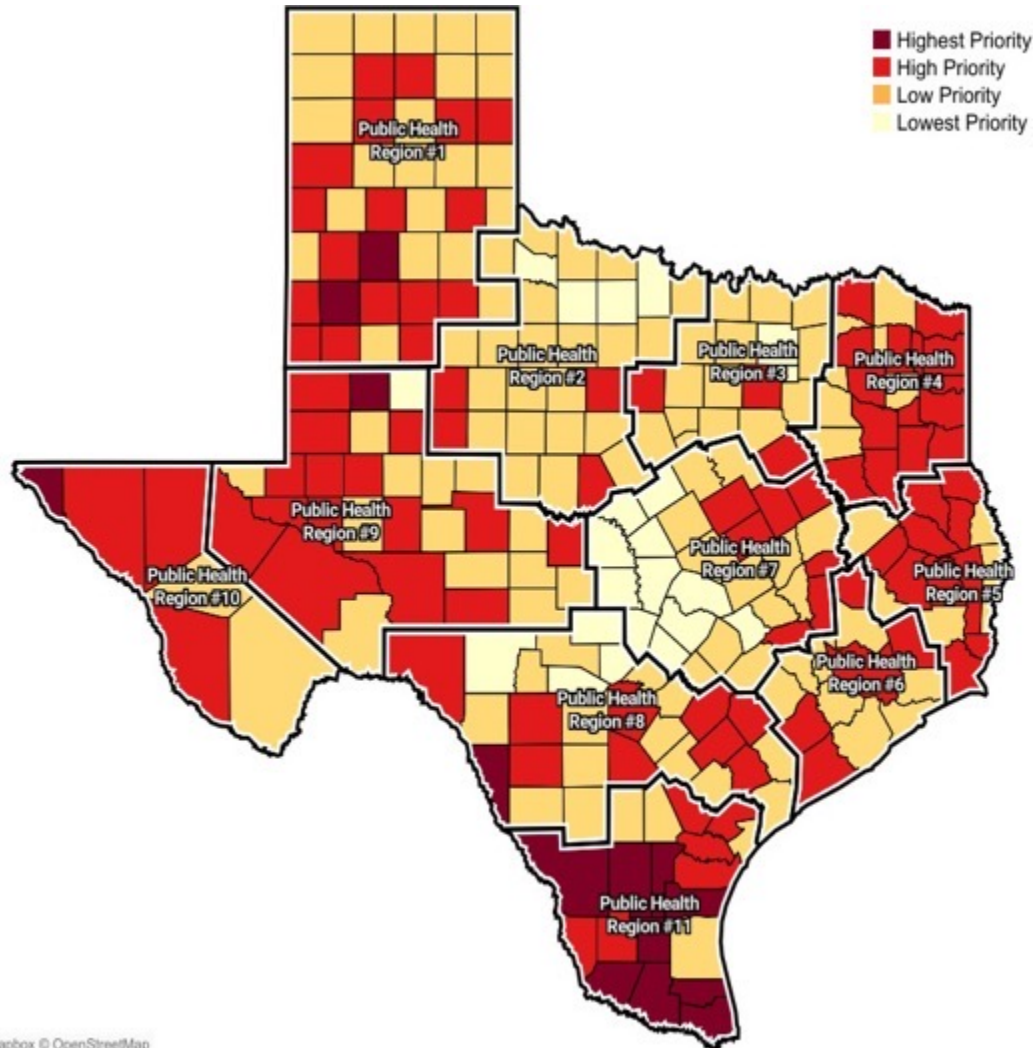


**Map: Social Vulnerability by Census Tract in Harris County**

**Darker purple areas** have higher social vulnerability



# Mapping Analysis #1: A Real-Time Effort to Inform the One Star Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Fund in 2020-21



## Public Health Indicators:

- COVID-19 Related Hospitalizations
- COVID-19 Related Deaths

## Resiliency Indicators:

- CDC's Social Vulnerability Index
- Unemployment Statistics
- Access to a local philanthropic fund





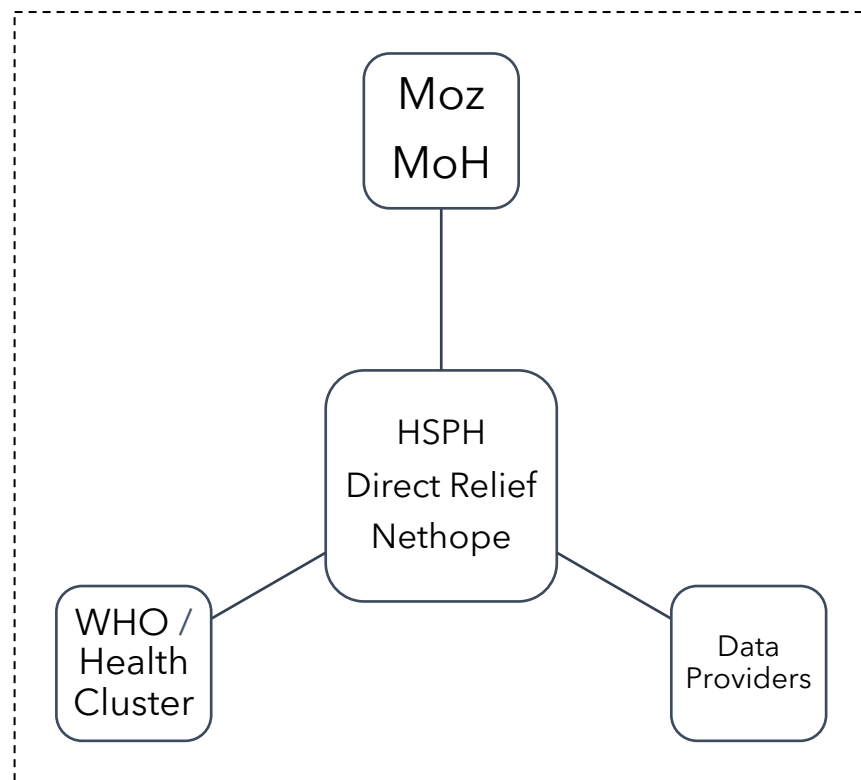
Flooding on the Yankton Sioux Reservation.  
Photo by Jacqueline Keeler, appeared in [Indian Country Today](#) on  
[October 1, 2019](#).

## No data without story. No story without data.

Data should not shape our interactions and decisions absent of the faces and stories of those living in community and with lived experience.

- Use data as a highlighter — not a sharpie or a checkbox.
- Use data and story to gut check assumptions and reveal biases.
- Use story and relationship to see what is invisible in the data and provide context.
- Use data and story to empower and advocate alongside communities and organizations. Whenever possible give it away.

# Data as a “Translational” Social Relation



- Cholera Case Data
- Cholera Endemicity Studies
- Remotely Sensed Flood Imagery
- Weather / Climate Data
- High-Resolution Settlement Data
- Movement Dynamics Data

## Cholera in Mozambique

We modeled cholera outbreak risk based on four measures:

1) Gravity model risk index: In the gravity (diffusion) model, we assume that the volume of travel between two pairs of districts is based on the population size of the two districts and the geodesic distance between the districts. The risk index calculates a weighted average of the simulated travel from all places that reported cases in the previous week, with the weights determined by the proportion of cases for each reporting district.

Input the number of cases in the past week to update the gravity model.

High resolution population data comes from [Facebook](#).

2) Flooding risk index:

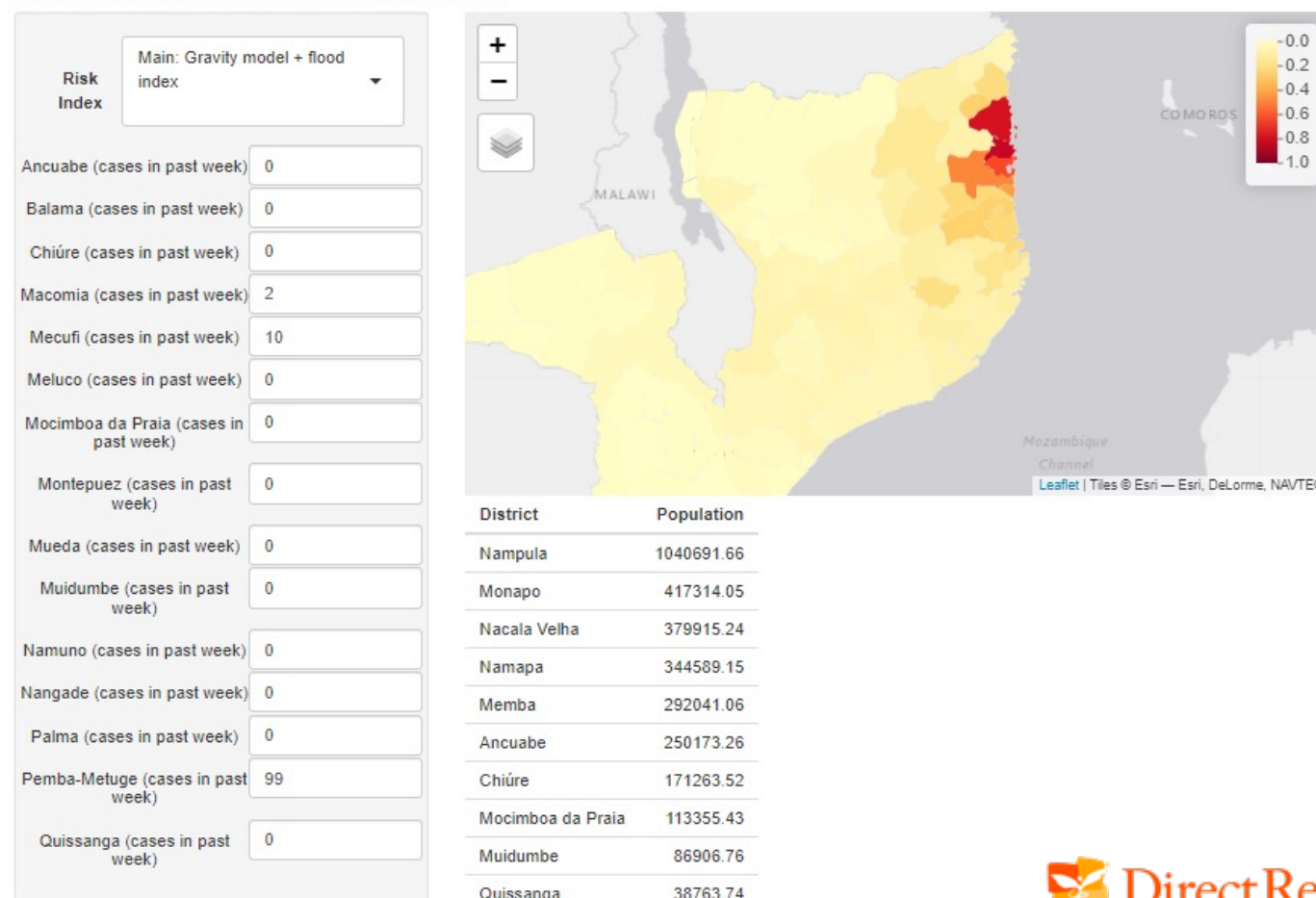
Cyclone Kenneth: We used reported flooding data from [here](#) and calculated the percent of each district with flooding.

3) Annual cholera incidence: This risk index is based on modeled annual cholera incidence, based on previous cholera outbreak data and ecological data, from [Lessler et al.](#)

4) El Niño sensitivity index: This risk index is based on comparisons of cholera incidence between El Niño and non El Niño years, from [Moore et al.](#)

We scaled all risk scores to be between zero and one. The maps display each risk score separately, as well as an average of the scores when multiple indices are selected.

Hover cursor over areas to see district name and population sizes.





## Tools

## Ask questions

## Go to a smaller grocery store

A few on my list:

[CDC's Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#)

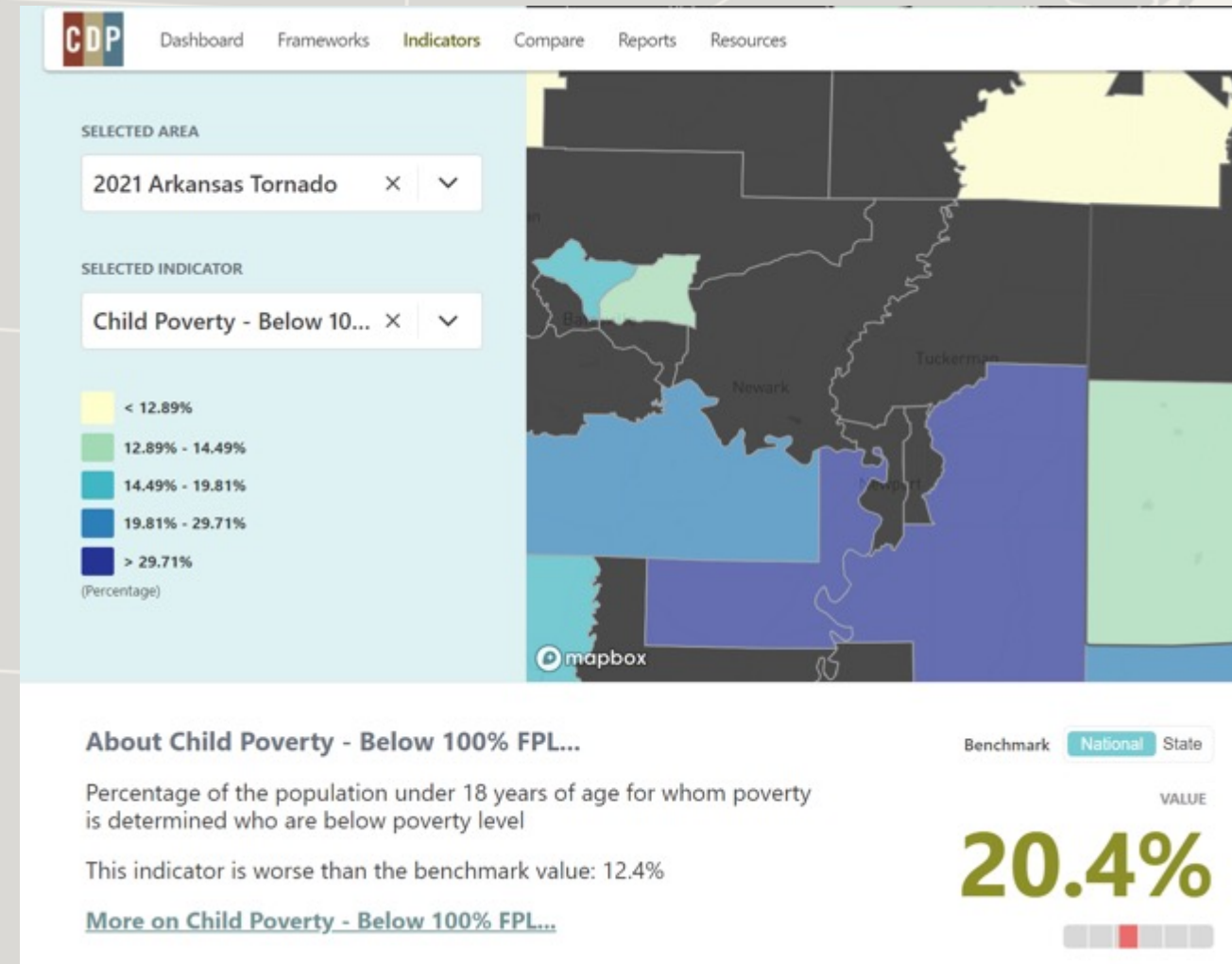
[Headwaters Economics](#)

[SparkMap](#)

[The National Risk Index](#)

[Community Commons](#)

## Dig in



Midwest Recovery Fund Assessment Platform



# Some Key Steps in Communicating and Socializing the Survey and Mapping Findings



Presented survey and mapping findings to governments, funders, community groups, community stakeholders



Published blog articles in national and state blogsites, such as Health Affairs, Texas Medical Association, Understanding Houston



Published newspaper op-eds in major newspapers calling attention to the findings

Using Harvey data, partnered with State Relief Fund and CDP in engaging stakeholders to discuss relief and rebuilding priorities



COVID economic analysis on health disparities informed advocacy strategies, op ed articles, and bill development to address health equity



COVID maps and data dashboards have informed two major COVID grant-making strategies – relief effort and vaccine uptake - in Texas



# Q & A

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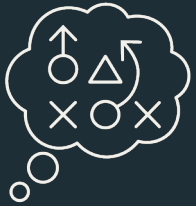


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## NEXT STEPS AND ACTIONS

1. Don't be intimidated by data.
2. Use freely available sources.
3. Ask the experts.

# Expert Resources



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