

# Disaster Prevention and Management in Asia:

*The Context of Human Security and  
Its Relevance to  
Infrastructure Planning and Management*

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# Disaster Definition is Changing

- Disaster Risk = Function of Hazard and Vulnerability
- Disaster Risk = Function of Hazard, Vulnerability and **Capacity**
- Disaster Risk = Function of Hazard, Vulnerability, Capacity, and **Uncertainty**



# How Do We Define Uncertainty?

- Dynamic Pressure:
  - Population
  - Urbanization
  - Environmental Degradation
- Climate Risk: Change in disaster pattern/  
Rainfall intensity/ Typhoon paths: Hydro-  
met disasters
- Geo-political Context:
  - Decentralization
  - Globalization



# Sources of Security/ Threats

	Military	Non-Military
States	<b>National Security</b> (Conventional approach of security studies)	<b>Redefined Security</b> (environment/ economic)
Societies/ Groups/ Individuals	<b>Intrastate Security</b> (civil war, ethnic conflict)	<b>Human Security</b> (Environmental and economic threats to the survival of societies, groups and individuals)



# People Oriented

- Human Security and Human Development
- Human security is to protect people from different types of “downside risks” (equity, dignity, human rights, freedom)
- Empowerment of human beings
- Development needs (hunger, water, population and environment)



# Global Issues

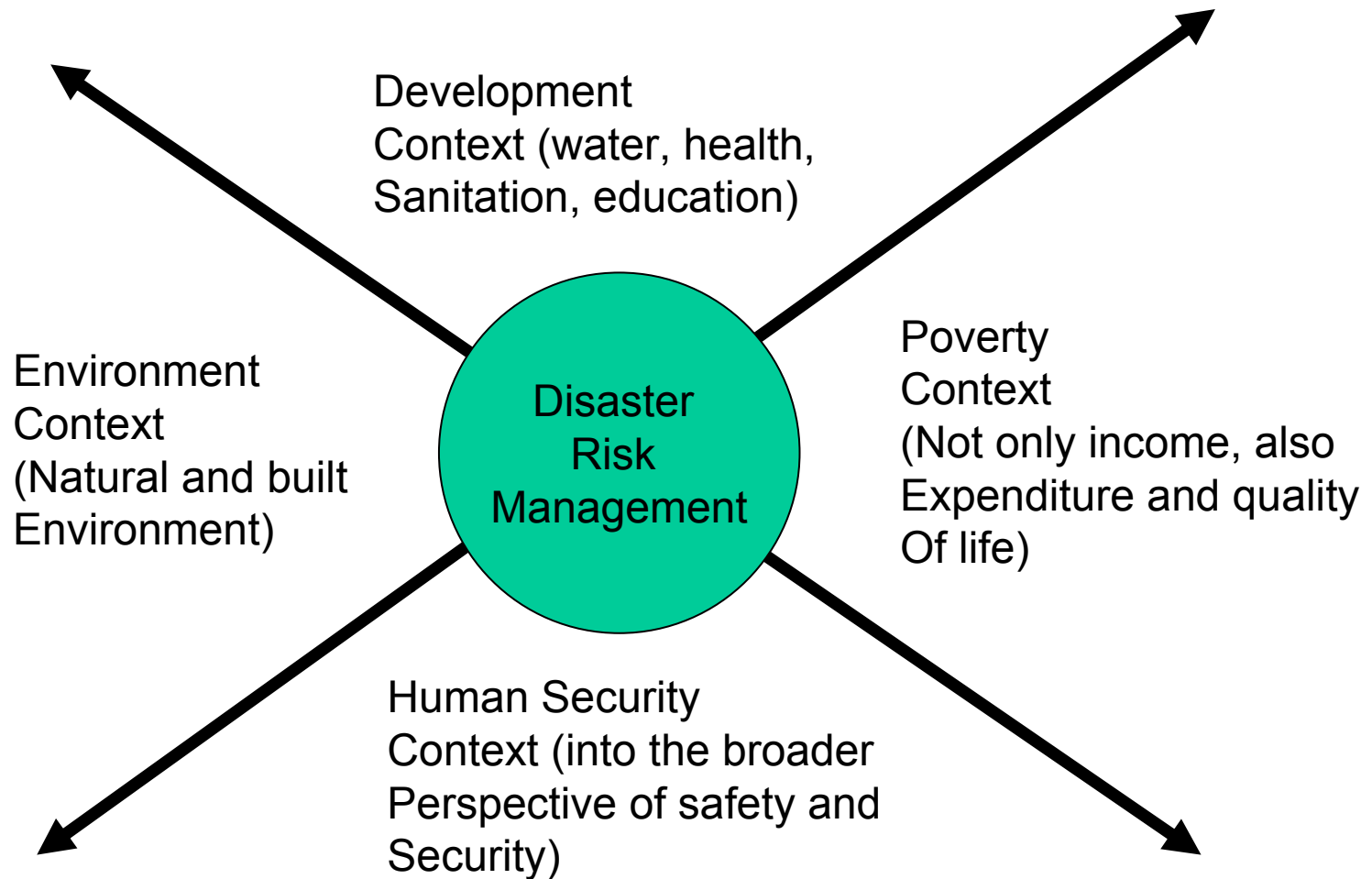
**“At the center of sustainable development is the delicate balance between human security and the environment”**

*Sadako Ogata and Amartya Sen* in  
“Human Security Now”, May 2003

- Governments and other stakeholders are increasingly aware of the relationship between ecological stability and human security. The emphasis is more on the environment management. However, there has been little concrete actions at local level to ensure the participation of affected communities and people in such management.
- Critical to this is the need to explicitly plans for improved environment management and sustainable development to disaster prevention and preparedness.



# Disaster Context at Present





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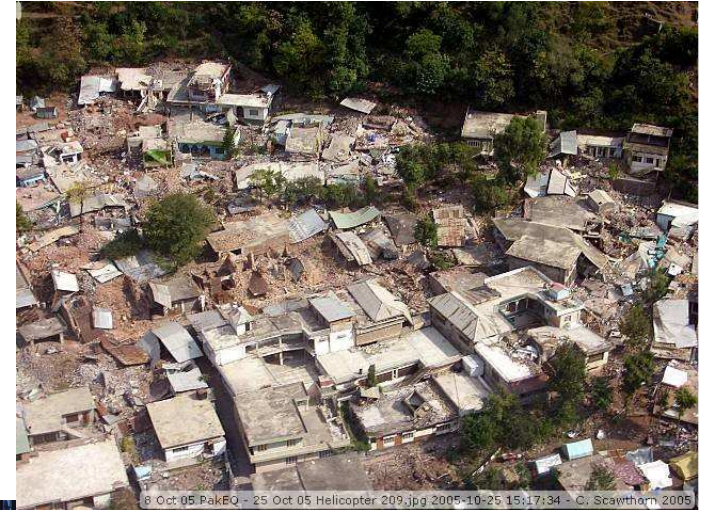
# Post-Disaster Information Management

- Challenges:
  - Too many roles players in post-disaster scenario
  - Tremendous resources come in within a short period
  - Strong or weak governance play a role
  - Accountability, Transparency
  - Lacks sustainability



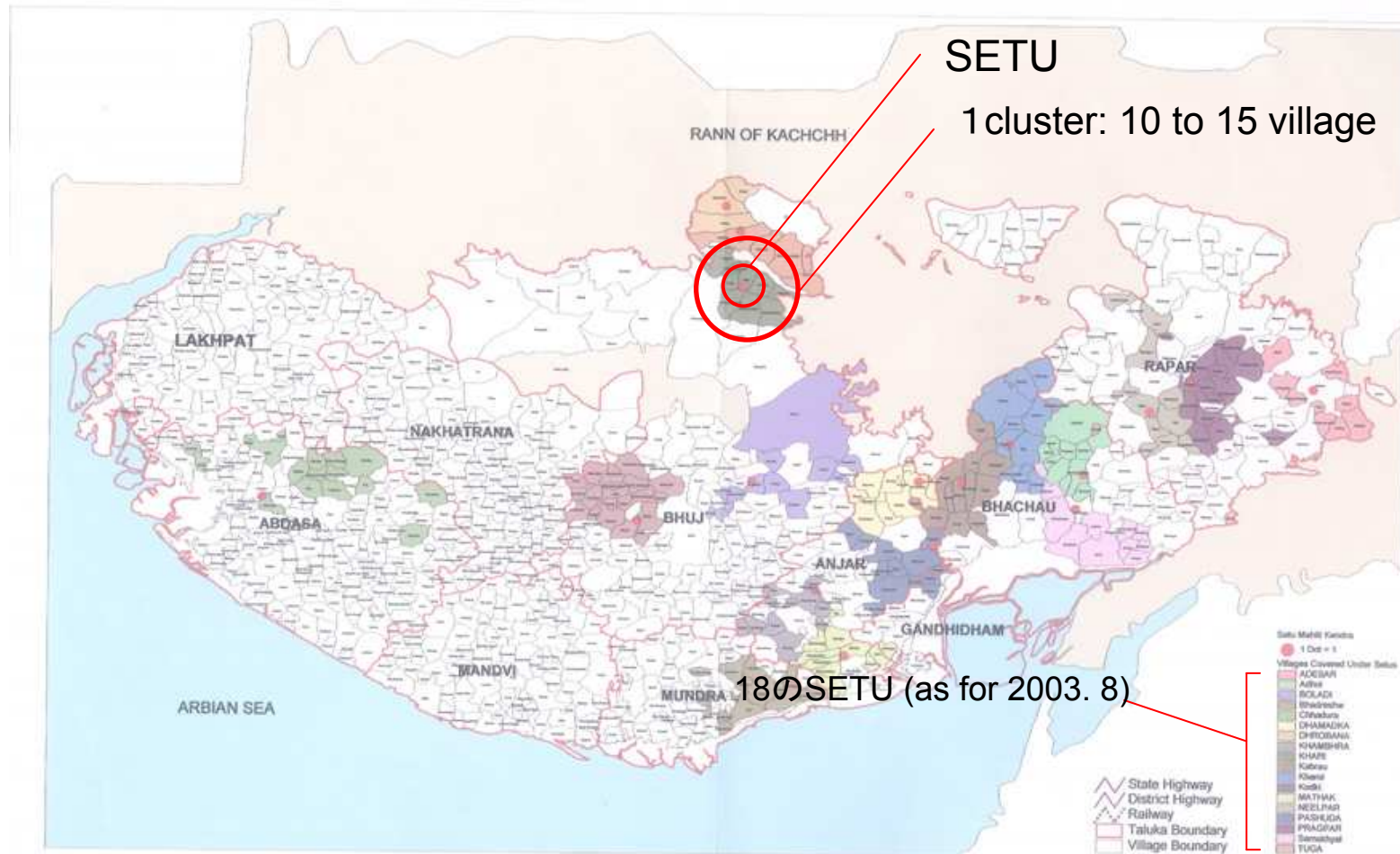
# Example of Information Management

- Gujarat Earthquake, 2001
- Indian Ocean Tsunami, 2004
- Pakistan Earthquake, 2005

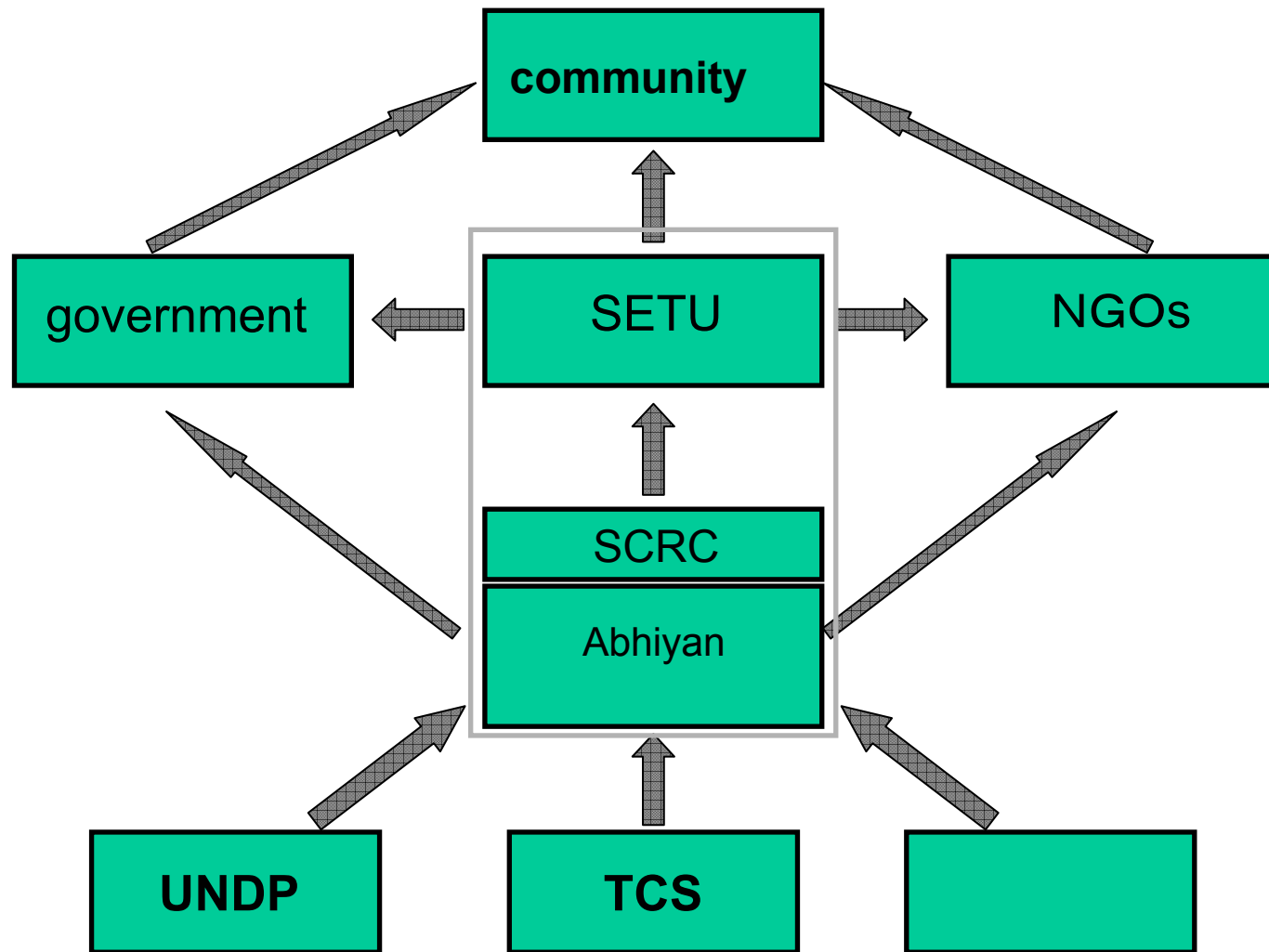




# Gujarat Earthquake SETU



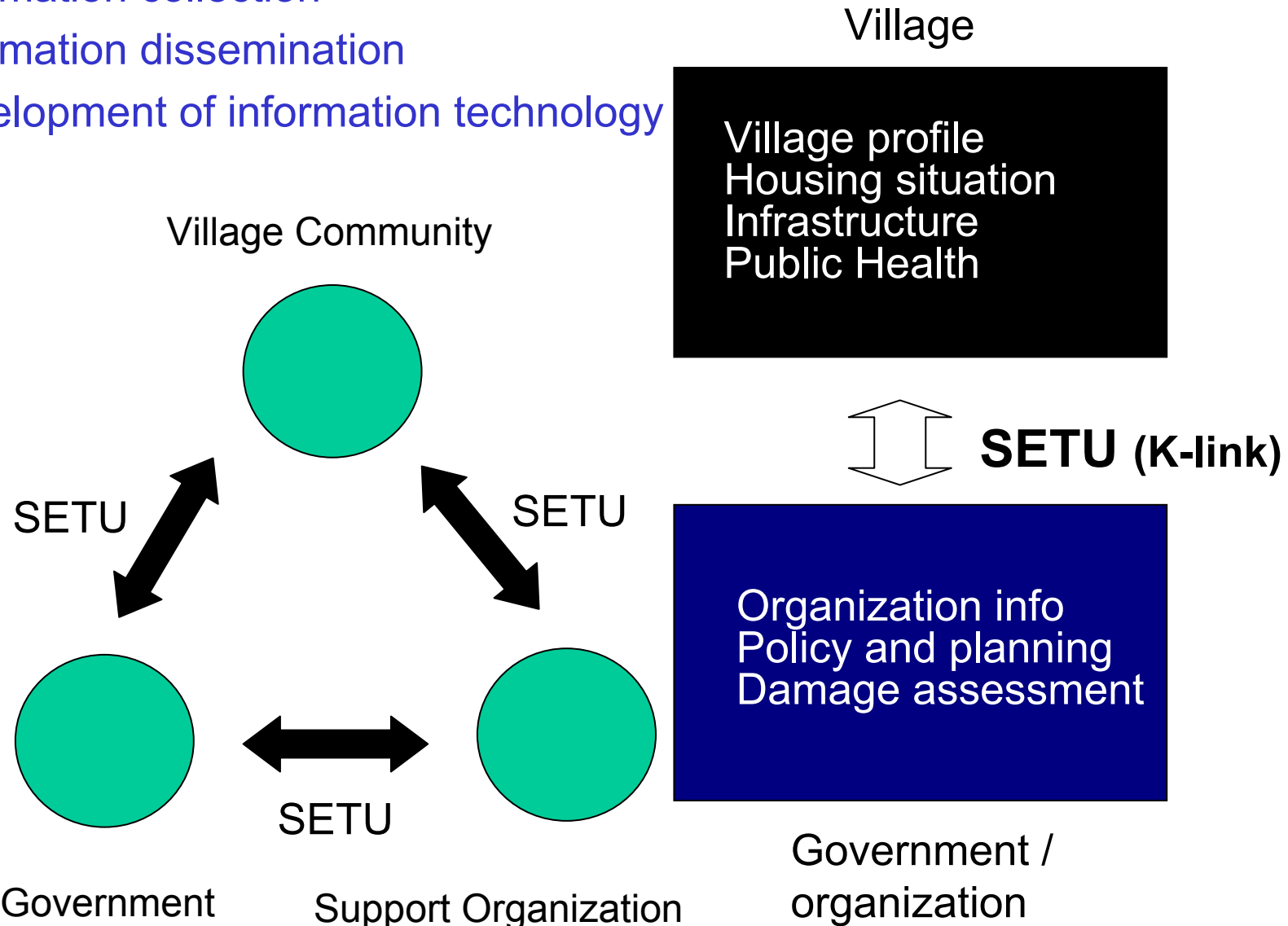
# SETU - relationship



## Information Coordination

- Information collection
- Information dissemination
- Development of information technology

## SETU - activity



Government

Support Organization

Government /  
organization

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# SETU - activity

## Characteristics

- Information management and coordination
- Objectives (community participation and community empowerment)
- Transition (rescue, rehabilitation, development)
- Current target
  - Education, development, health
- Future target
  - Climate Risk, towards Human Security



Changing Role  
From Reconstruction  
To Development

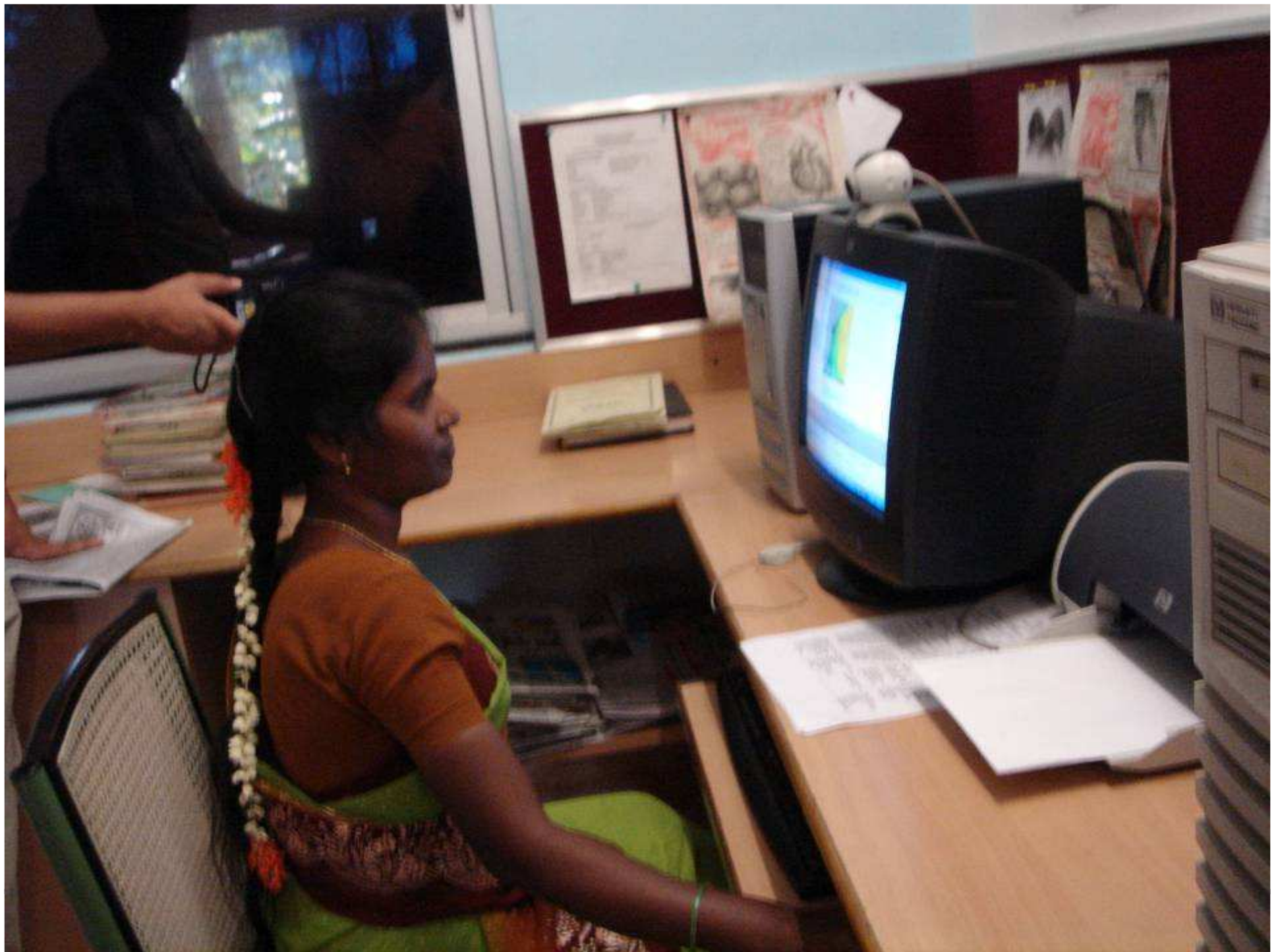




# Resource Center in TamilNadu











# Experience of Knowledge Resource Centers in Recovery & Preparedness

## Gujarat, 2001

- Concept of “SETU” , a body which acts as a bridge between the affected people, NGOs and Government, and donors and enables them **to dialogue effectively with each other.**

## Tamil Nadu

- Concept of “Rural Knowledge Centres” to harness the power of ICT in the knowledge, skill, economic and social empowerment of rural families.....(has been useful in **disseminating early warnings to fishermen**)



# Resource Knowledge Center in Aceh

## PANEL 2: EMERGENCY PHASE

- Medical relief
- Aid distribution (essentials)

## PANEL 3: RECOVERY PHASE

- Medical relief
- Set up of temporary shelter services
- Planning for permanent housing

## PANEL 4: REHABILITATION PHASE

- Build & handover permanent houses
- Education on disaster risk mgt

## PANEL 1: INTRODUCTION:

- Objective of setting up the Resource Center
- Introduction to Disaster (general)
- Introduction to the SEA Tsunami in Aceh, Sri Lanka and India

## TRAINING CENTER

### POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES AT SKILLS TRAINING – LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM:

- EDUCATION ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
- INFORMATION SHARING SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS ON TDRM AND DRM
- EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO DRM – CONCERTS, DANCE, ETC
- BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING, EVAC DRILLS EX, ETC

## SUPPORT SERVICES AT RESOURCE CTR:

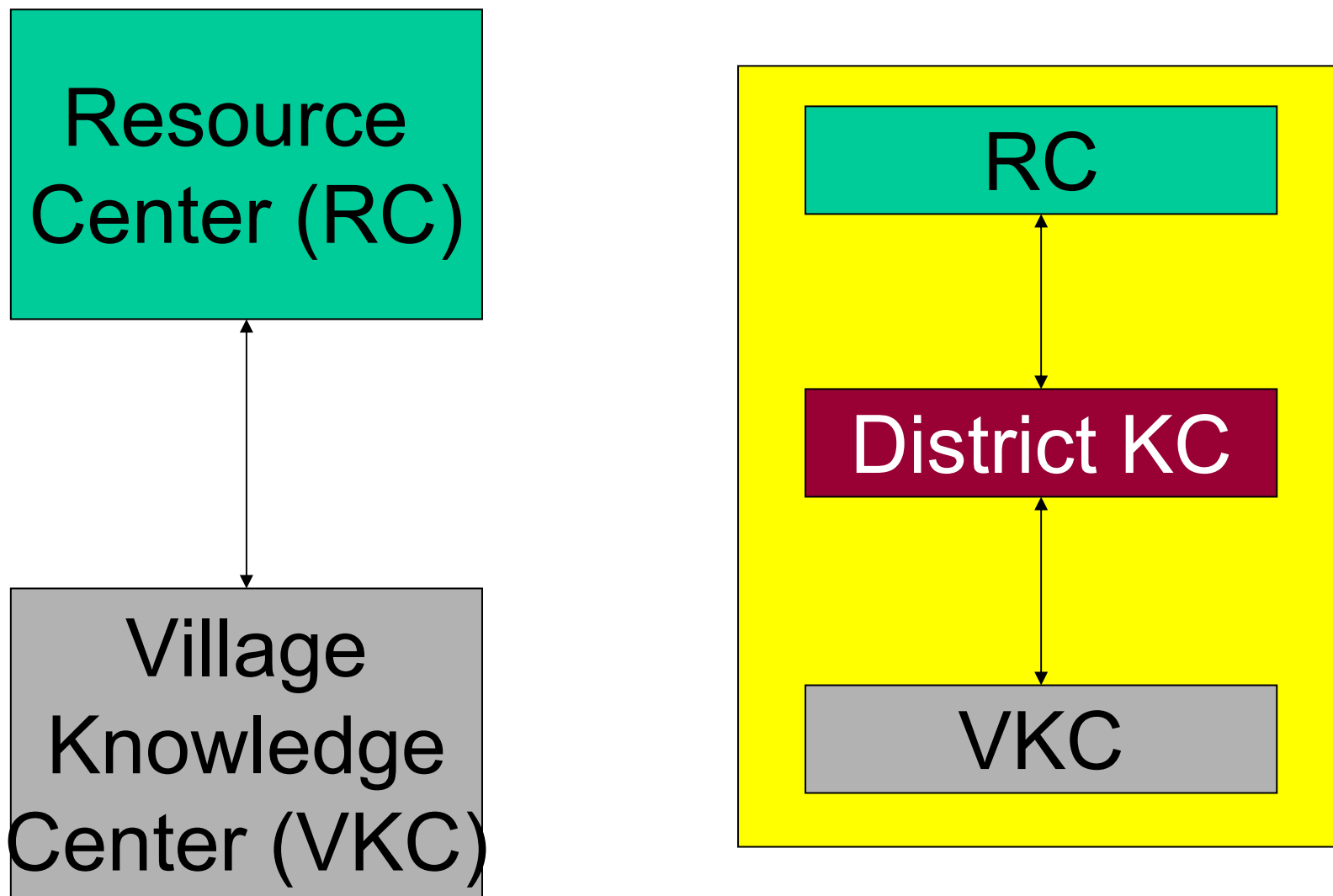
- COMMUNITY RADIO ?
- LIVELIHOOD EXHIBIT CORNER
- LIBRARY – DISASTER RESOURCE CORNER
- REFRESHMENT CORNER – ‘WARKOP’

enter

exit



# Resource Center in Pakistan







# Criterion of selection of location of KCs

KCs should be established in the place where people can access easily (where people often visit)



Market/Health center

KCs should be established in the useful place to distribute information.



Schools



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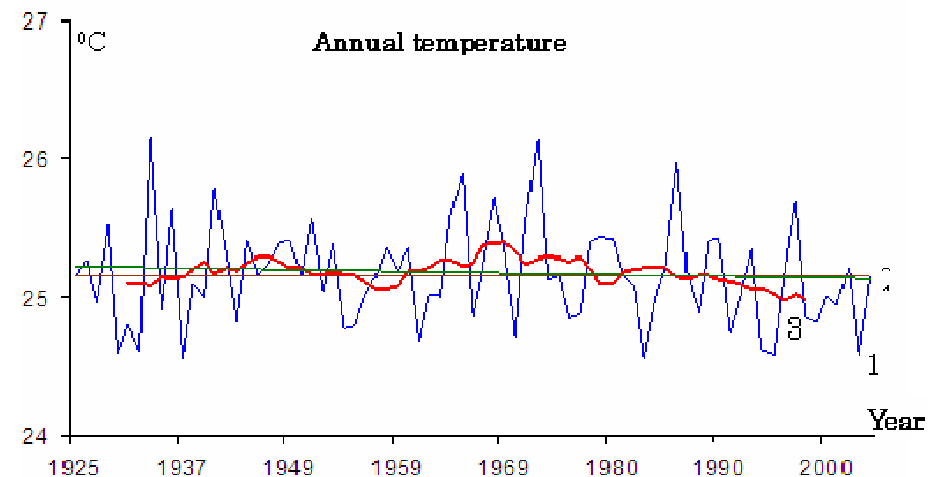
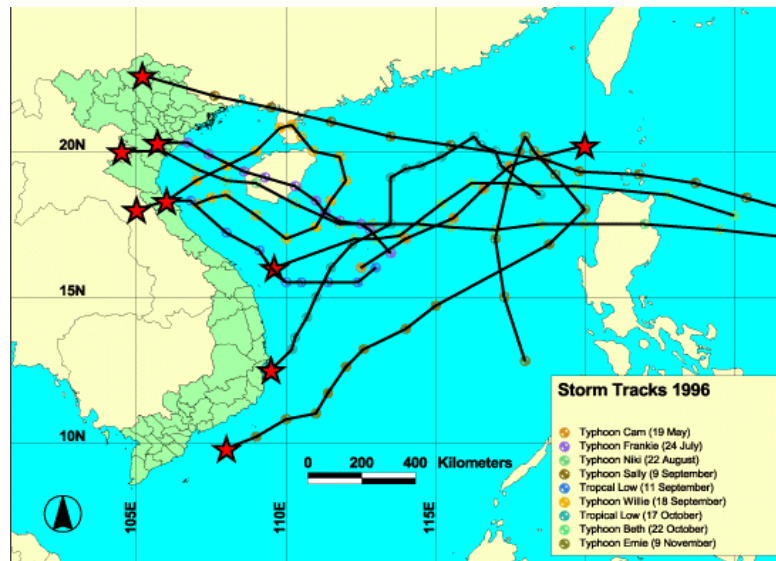
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# Climate Change Risk and Community Infrastructures

- Vietnam Example
- Sri Lanka Experience

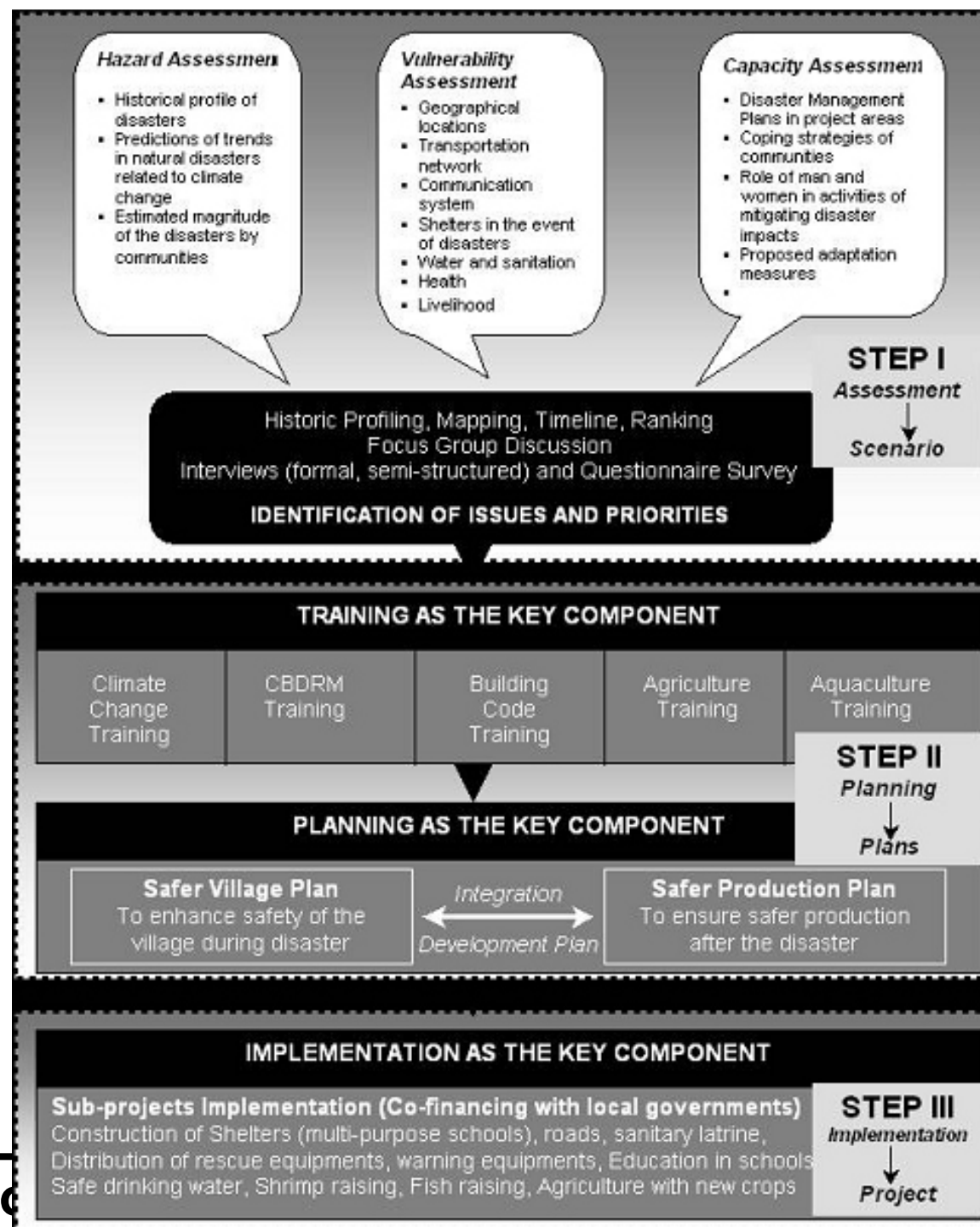


Pic. Variability (1), climatological average (2), moving average (time step - 11 year) (3) and linear trend (4) of annual temperature at Hue

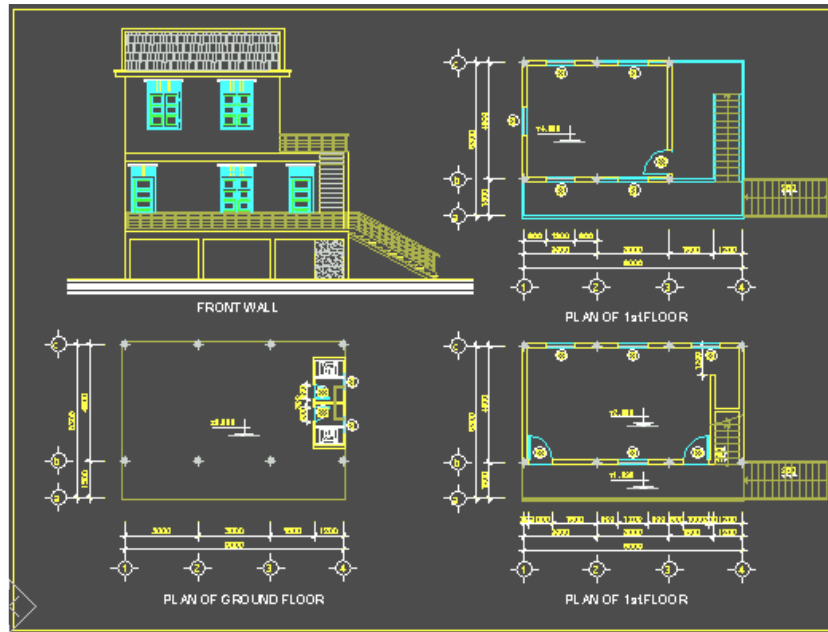


# Central Vietnam: Thua Thien Hue Province





# TRAINING ON DISASTER RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES



Participants (engineers, technical supervisors, and local builders 2 districts, 4 communes, and 8 villages) were trained

Guidelines for disaster resistant construction practices were produced.



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# ADAPTATION STRATEGIES

## Support to Safer Village Plans through the Community Adaptation Fund (CAF)



**Sanitation**

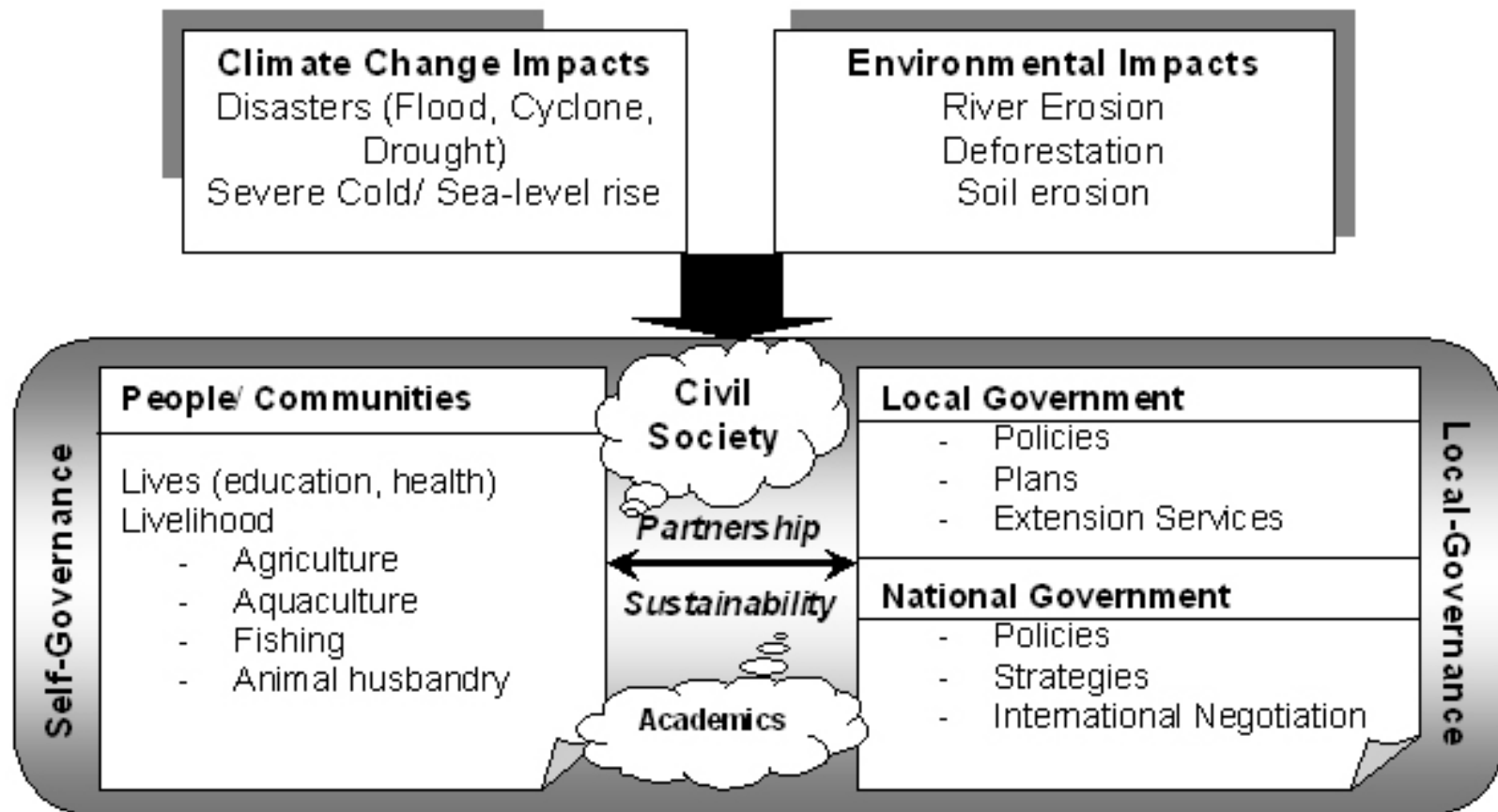


**Road**



**Multi purpose building**





### HUMAN SECURITY (PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY DIMENSION)

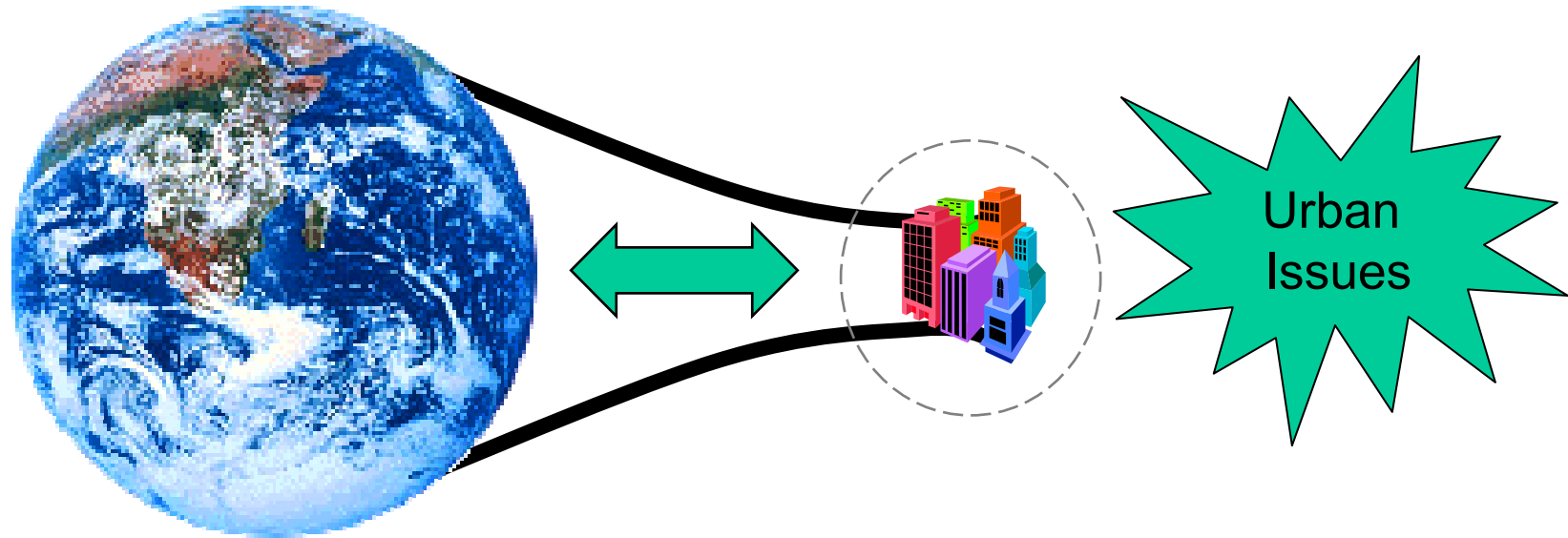
Livelihood Security	Environmental Security	Social Security	Self - Security	Information Security
Life-Style	Resource Management	Choices	Freedom	Right Information

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# Rethinking Infrastructure Management



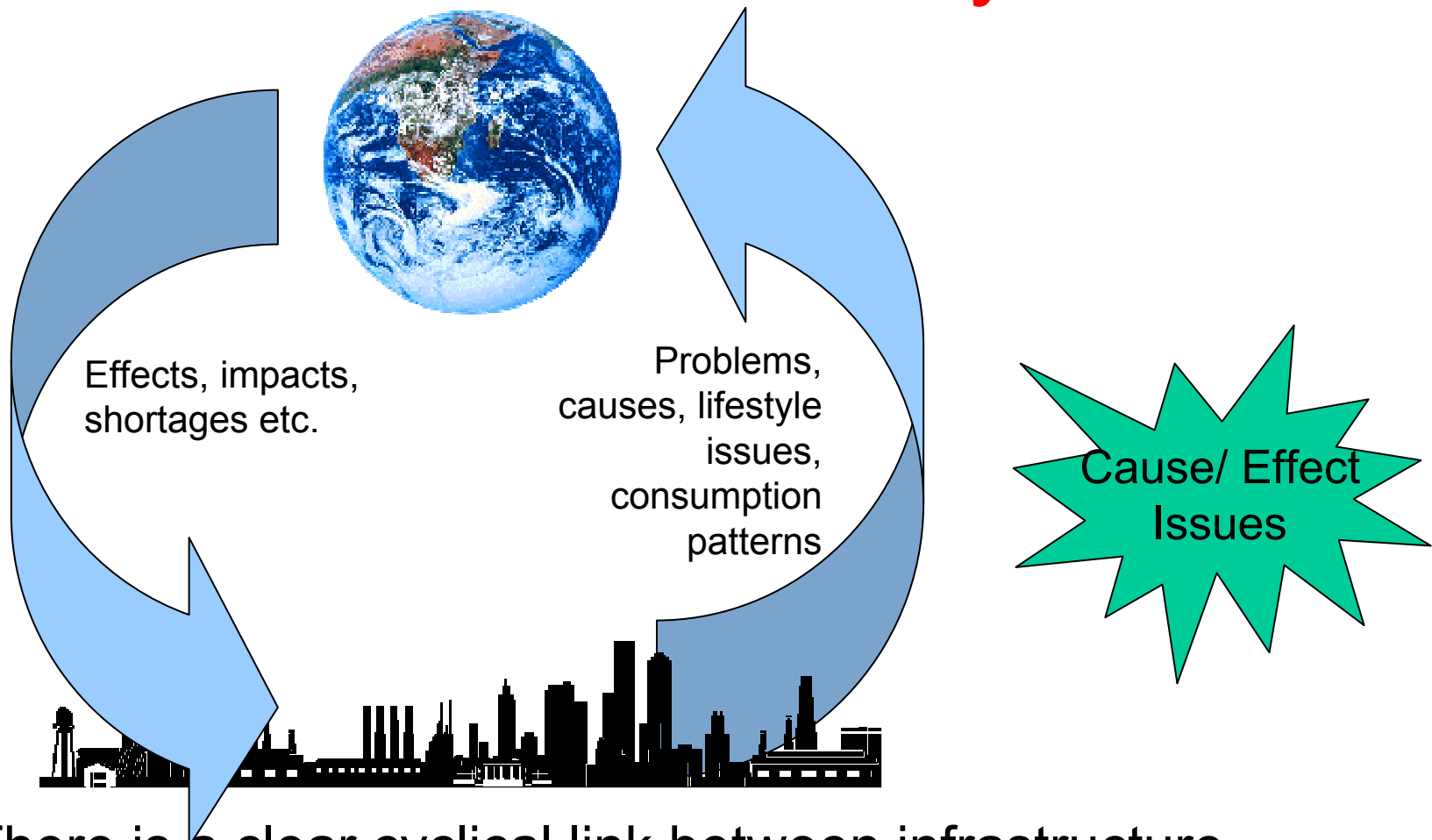
Take any of today's environmental problem faced by people, and its causes and pressures can easily be traced back, directly or indirectly, to urban areas.

The forces and processes that constitute 'urban activity' have far-reaching and long-term effects not only on its immediate boundaries, but also on the entire region in which it is positioned.





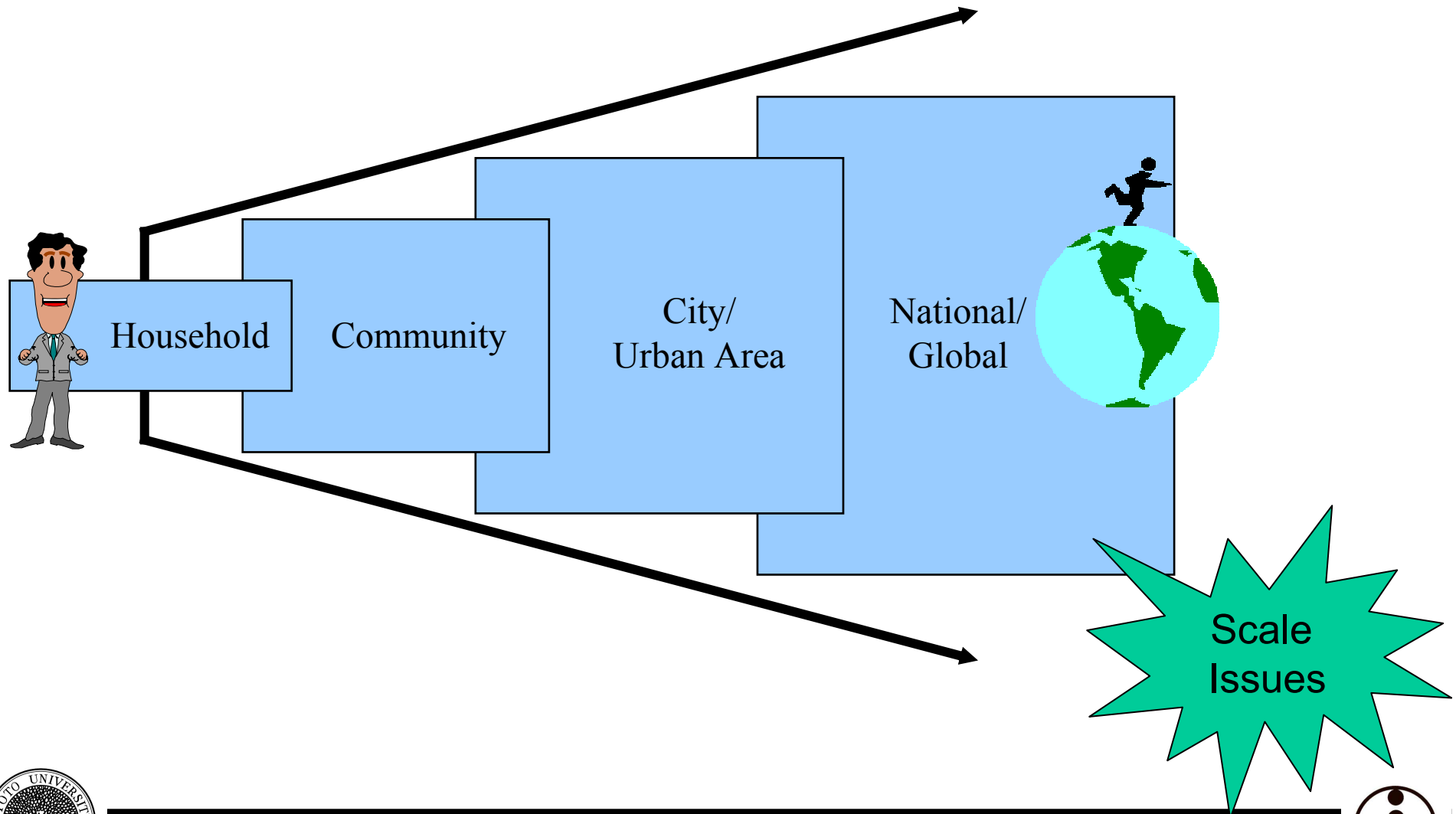
# Cause and Effect Cycles



There is a clear cyclical link between infrastructure management on one hand, and global environmental problems on the other ...



# Understanding the Scale of Environmental Problems




# Need for a New Approach



*How can we (re)define Infra Management?*

- IM as the core of human settlements and population concentrations
- IM as centers of economic activity
- IM related to areas with high quality of life (living and infrastructure)
- IM as repositories of knowledge, information and ideas
- IM as compact ecosystems

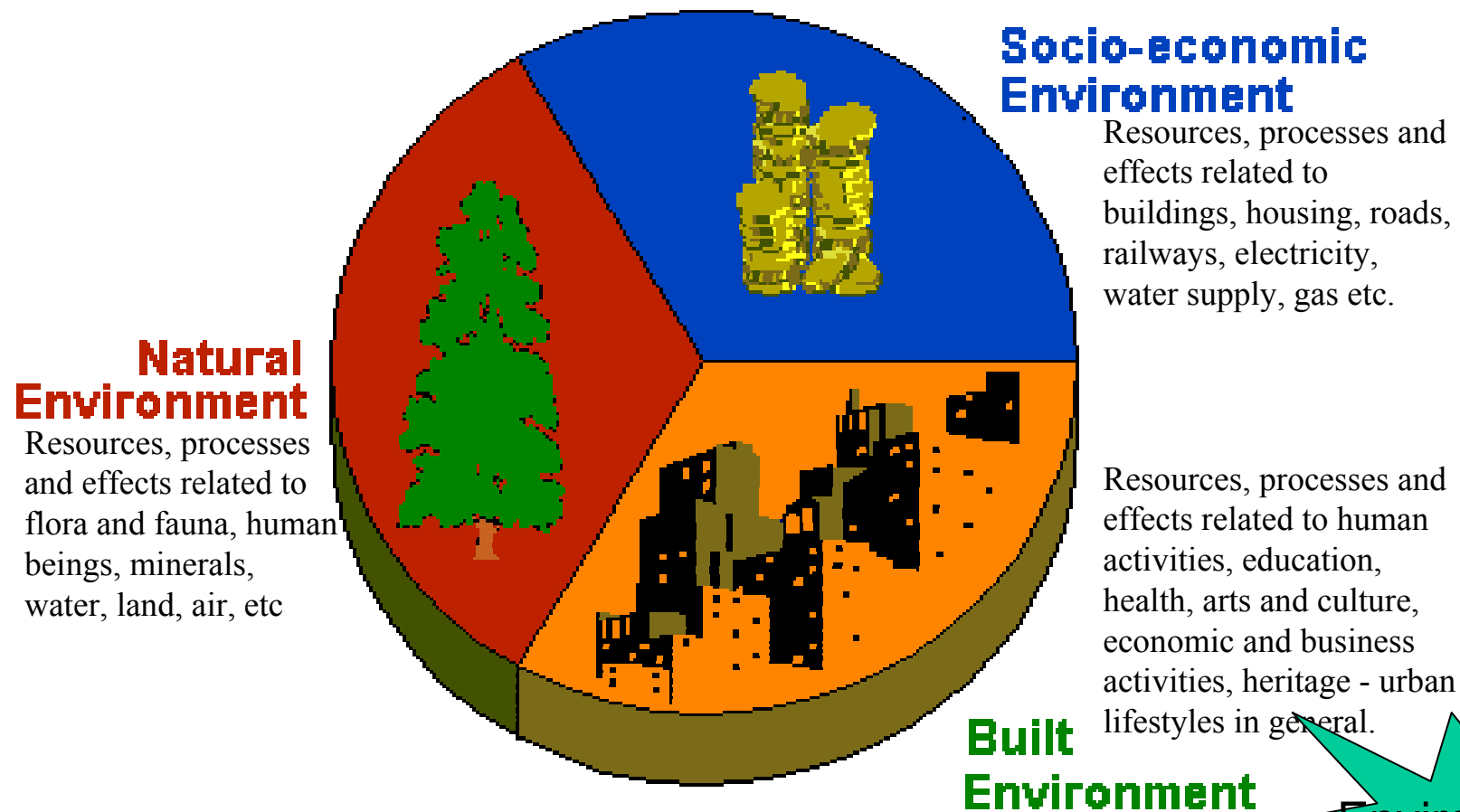


Innovation  
Issues

*There is a clear need for a new,  
comprehensive and holistic approach*



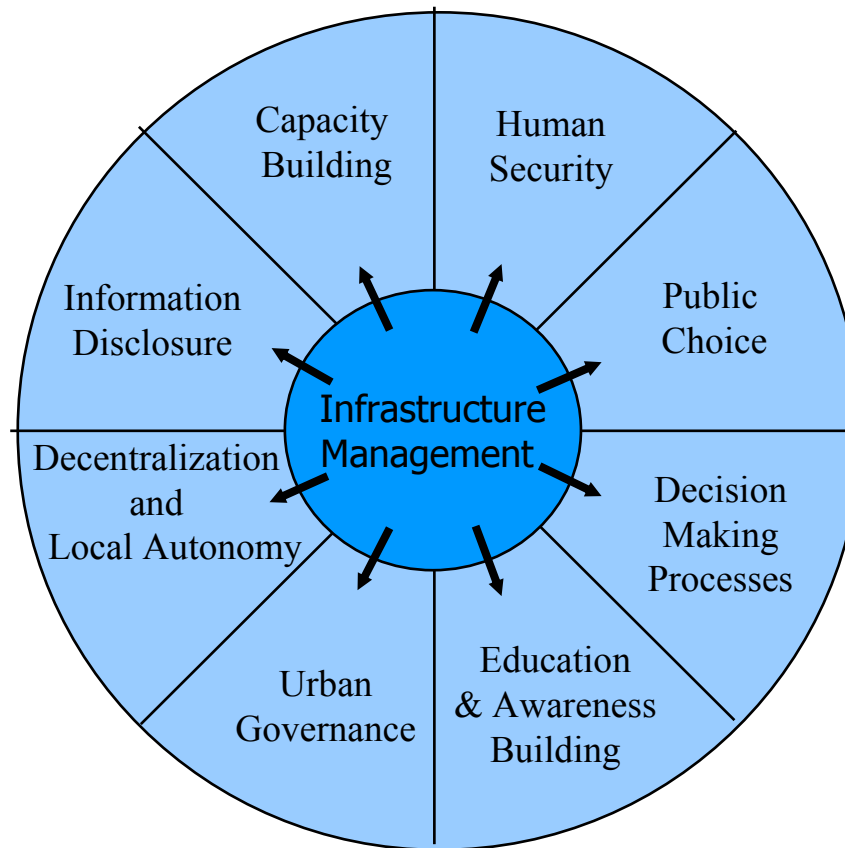
# Environmental Dimensions of Infrastructure Management



**Environmental Issues**



# Expanding Paradigms



The paradigm of **‘Infrastructure Management’** has now expanded to include many new ones ...

Expanded Paradigm

