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City Scan

Building Urban Profiles from
Global Datasets

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Why invest in urban resilience?

Investing in urban resilience boosts **long-term economic, social, and physical sustainability** by safeguarding the gains from current developments for future generations

Greater urban resilience builds the capacity of local governments to help households, communities, and enterprises **manage and avoid disaster shocks and stresses**



Why invest in urban resilience?

Key questions

- Which **hazards and climate conditions** pose the greatest resilience challenges?
- What are the **opportunities and trends** that could amplify investment impacts?
- How might investment priorities **differ** in different parts of the city?



What is the City Scan?



A **rapid, low-cost geospatial assessment** of how urbanization affects the resilience of various urban forces, networks, and people

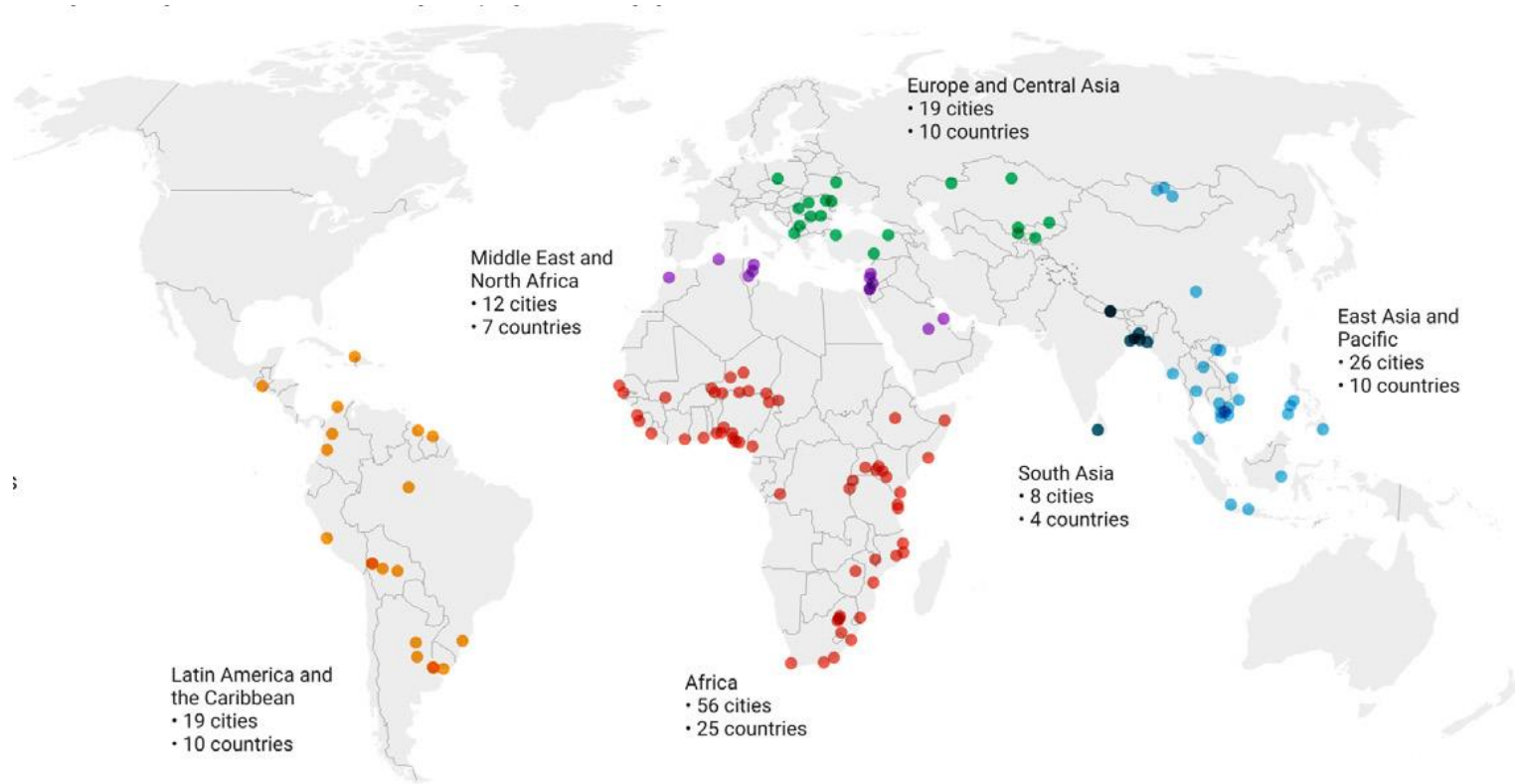


Uses the best **publicly available** global datasets and **open-source** tools, which can be further elaborated with detailed local studies



Intended as a **conversation starter** to support operational teams in building dialogue around a city's most pressing resilience challenges and risk-informed investment proposals

What is the City Scan?



CRP has conducted City Scans for

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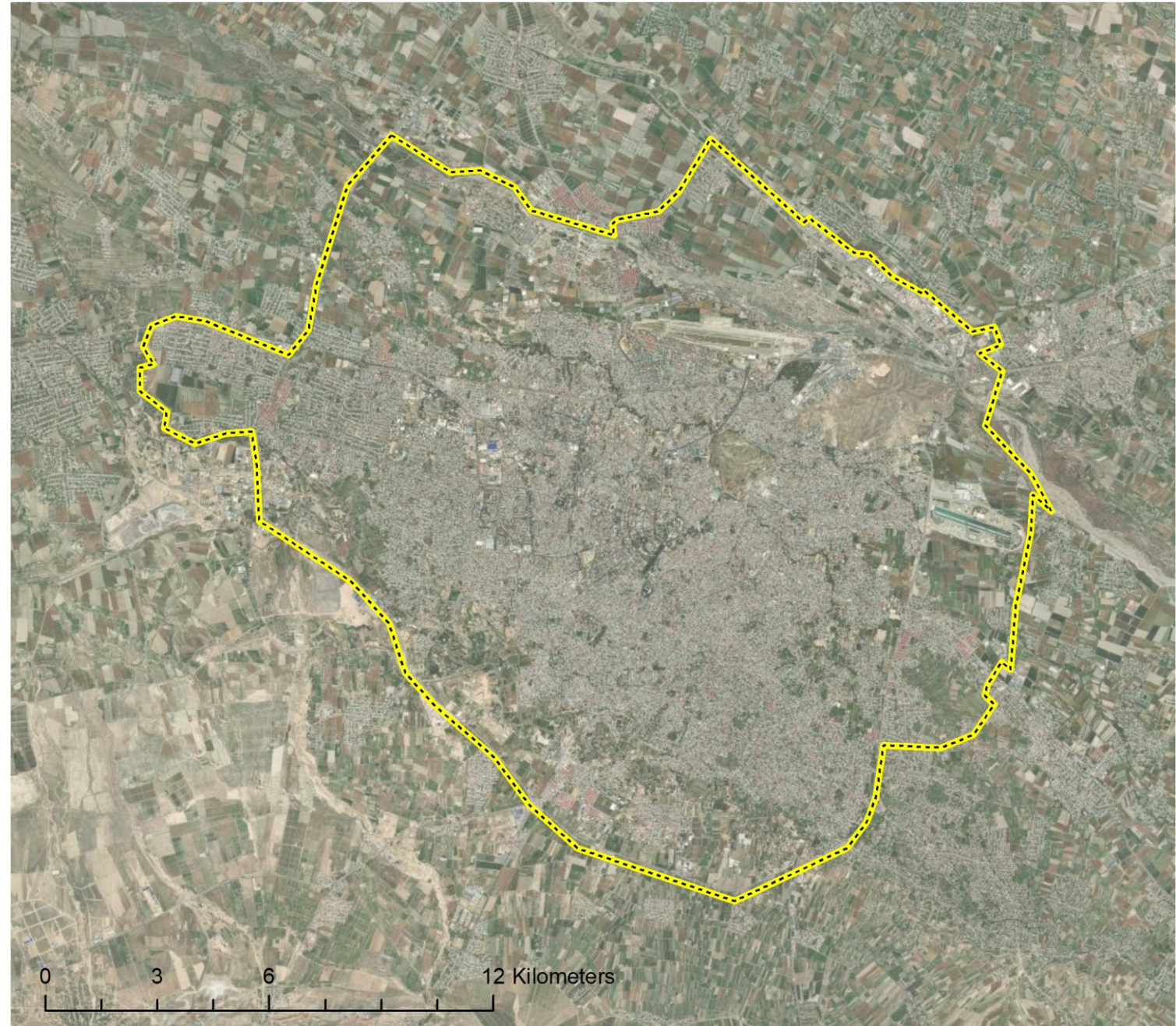
cities as of June 2024,
including

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cities in Central Asia

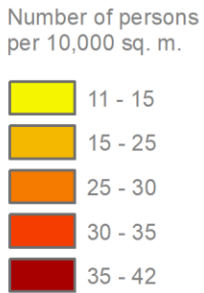
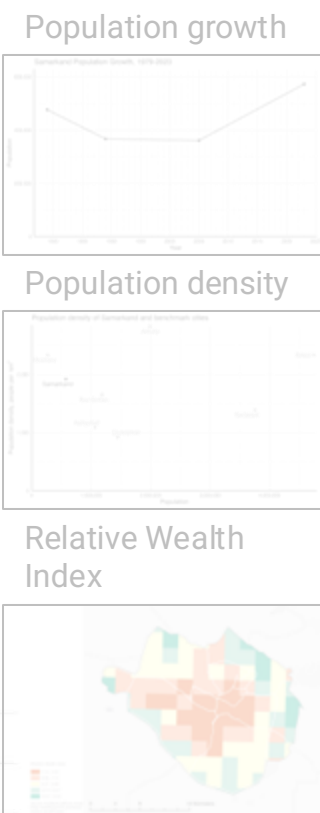
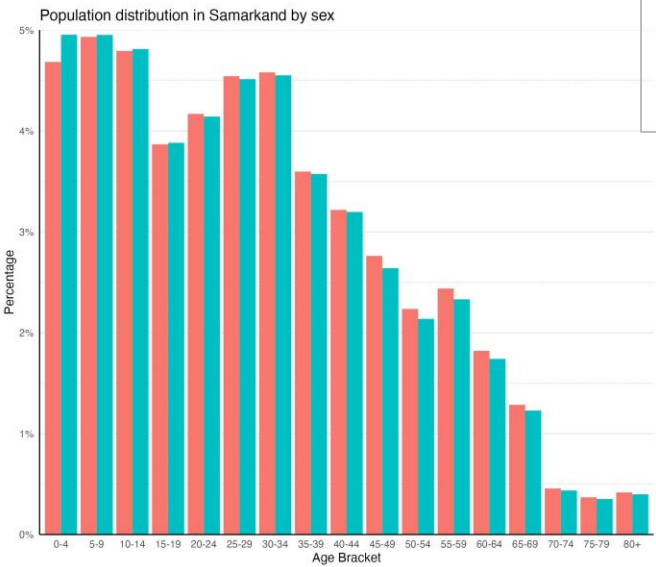
Case Study: Samarkand, Uzbekistan

- A city located in southeastern Uzbekistan
- Population: 572,835
- Area: 298.4 square km
- The city's historic section was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001

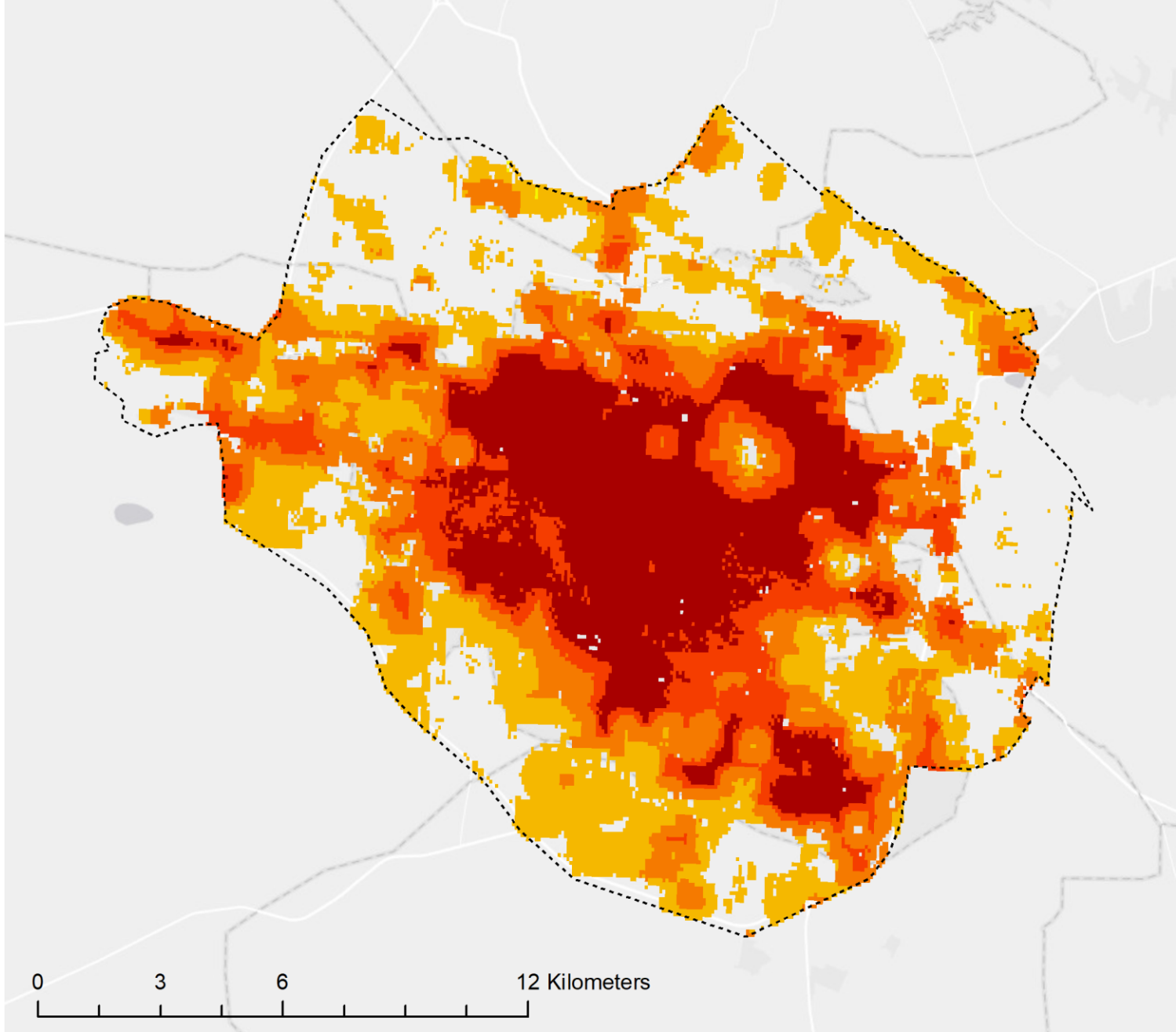


Population Demographic Trends

- How are population and wealth distributed within the city?



Data Source: WorldPop
<https://www.worldpop.org/>



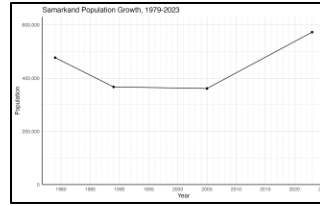
Population Demographic Trends

- How are population and wealth distributed within the city?
- How has the city's population changed over time?
- How does its population density compare with similar cities?

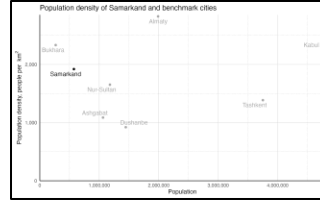
Data sources

- WorldPop
- Meta Relative Wealth Index
- Oxford Economics

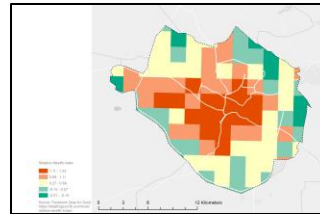
Population growth



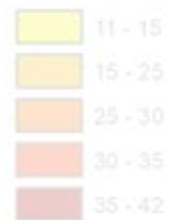
Population density



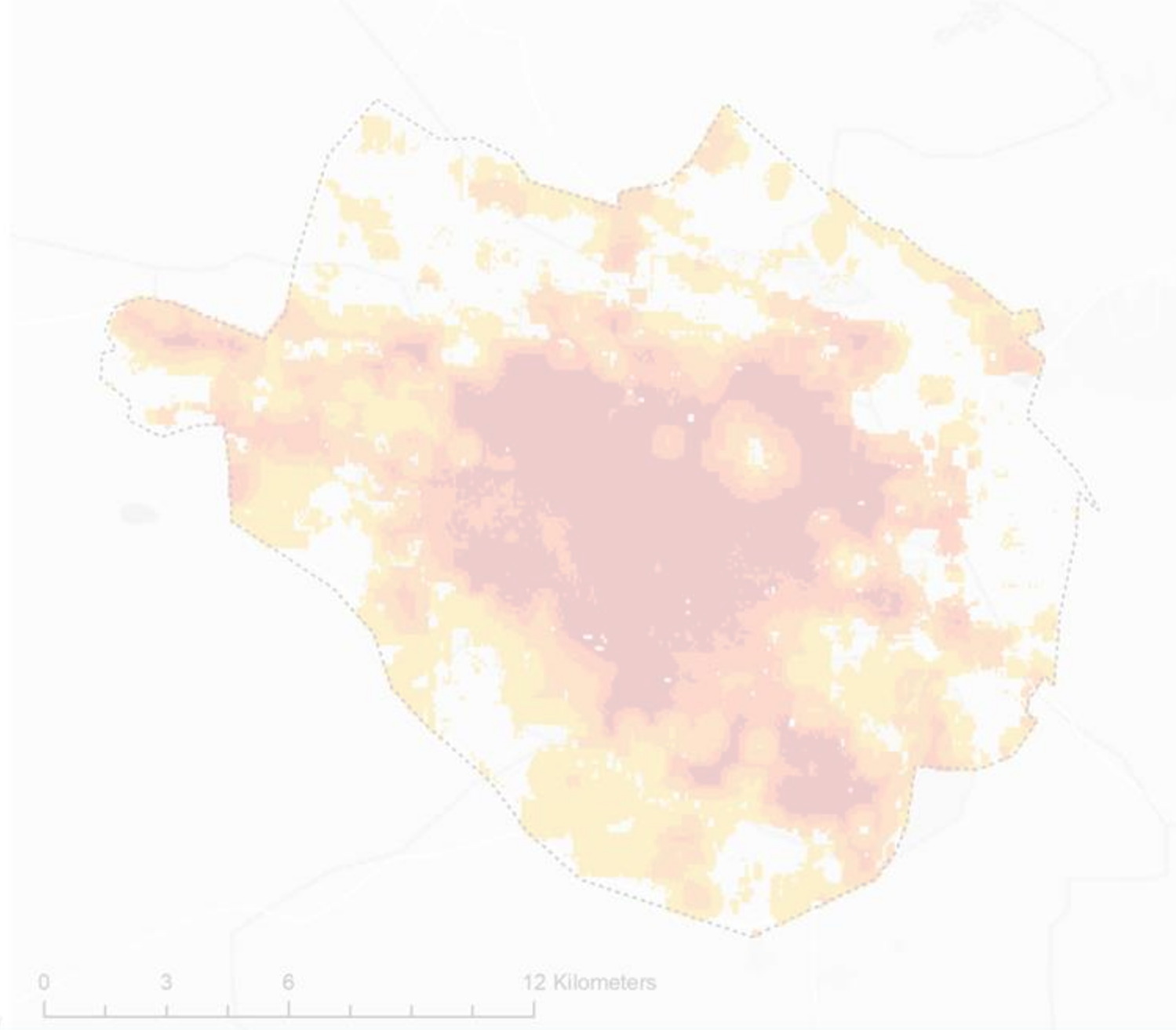
Relative Wealth Index



Number of persons per 10,000 sq. m.

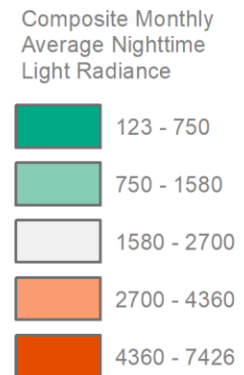
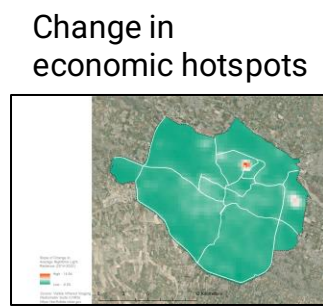


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Economic Activity

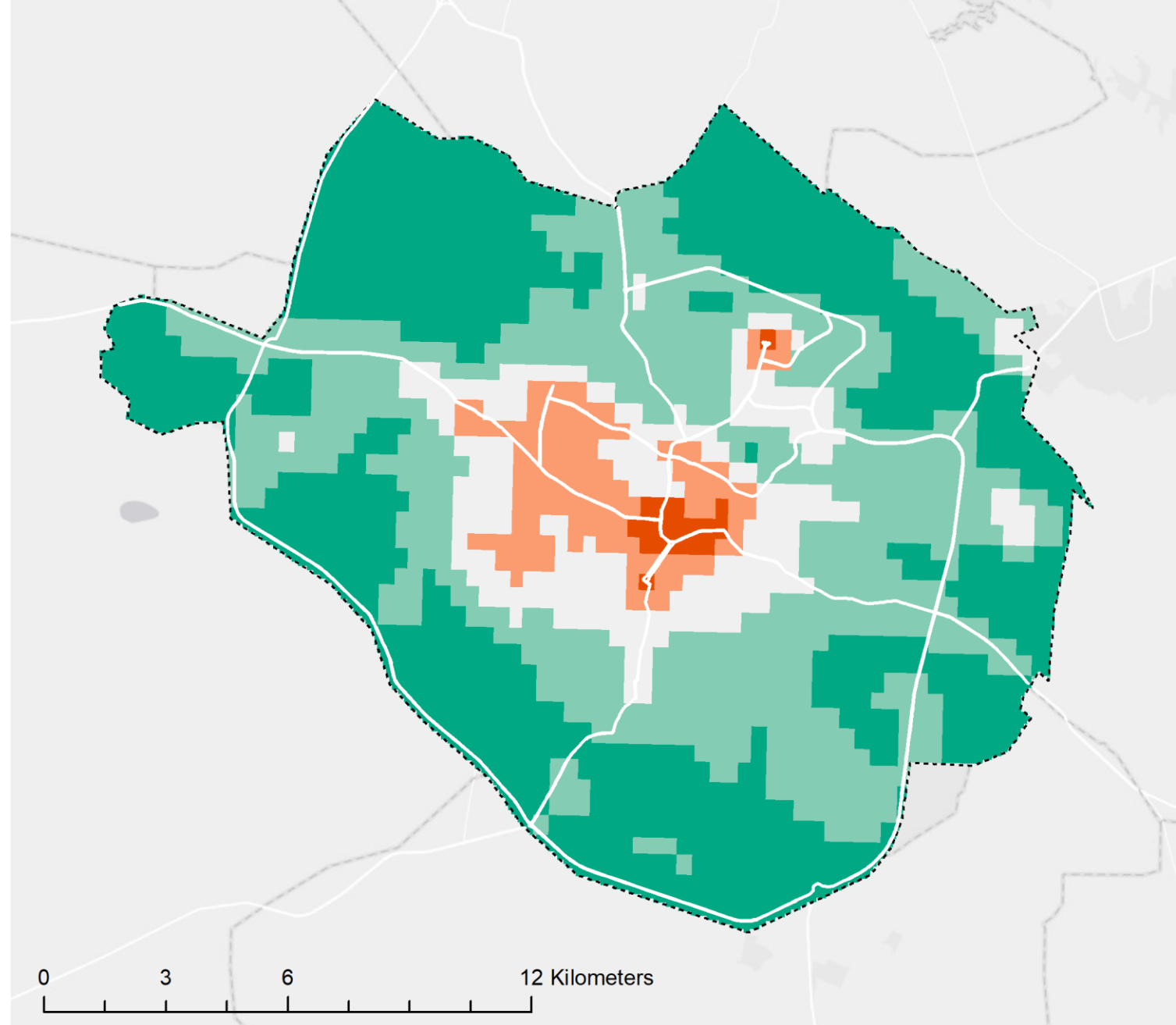
- How are economic activities distributed within the city?
- Where are economic activities increasing or decreasing?



Source: Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS), https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/viirs/download_ut_mos.html

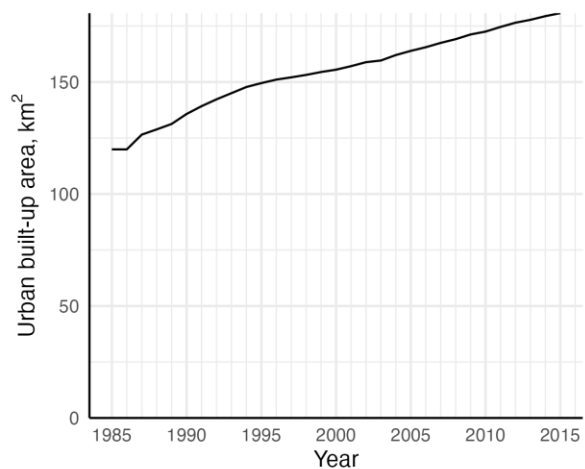
Data sources

- NOAA VIIRS nighttime light



Built Form

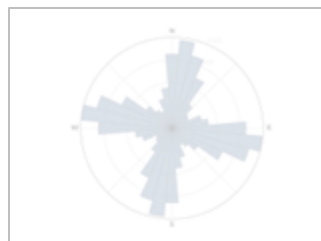
- Where has urban expansion occurred?



Land cover



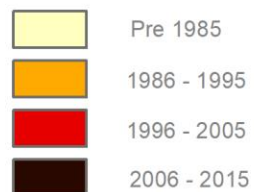
Road network orientation



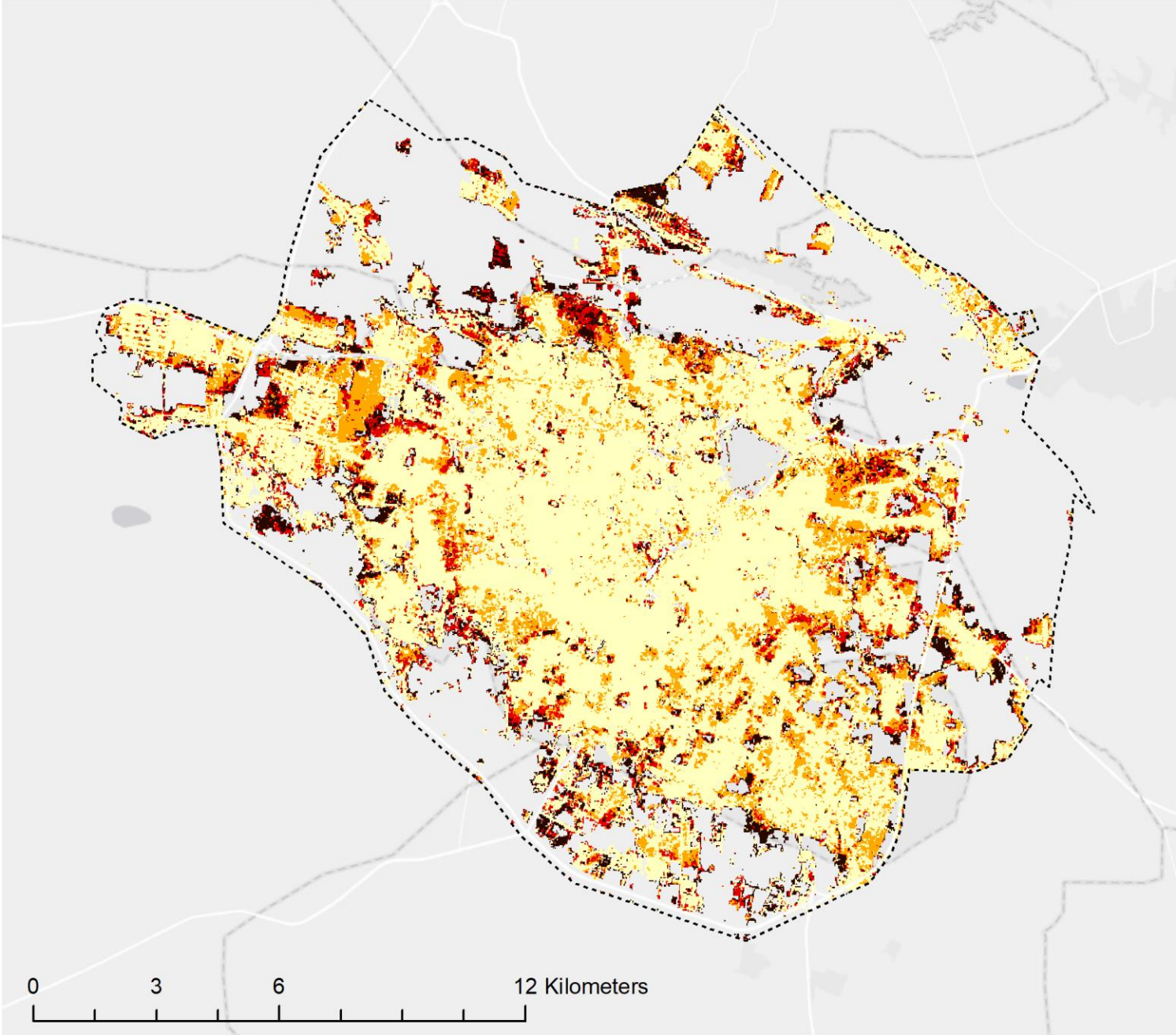
Access to schools



Built-up Area



Source: World Settlement Footprint Landsat 5/7"



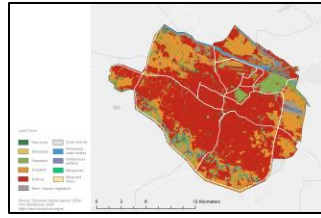
Built Form

- Where has urban expansion occurred?
- What does the city's road network say about its planning history?
- Do residents across the city have good access to schools and hospitals?

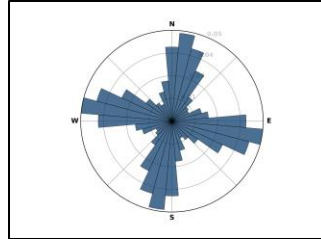
Data sources

- World Settlement Footprint
- ESA WorldCover
- OpenStreetMap

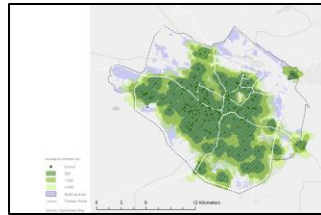
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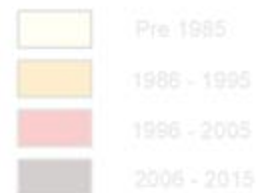
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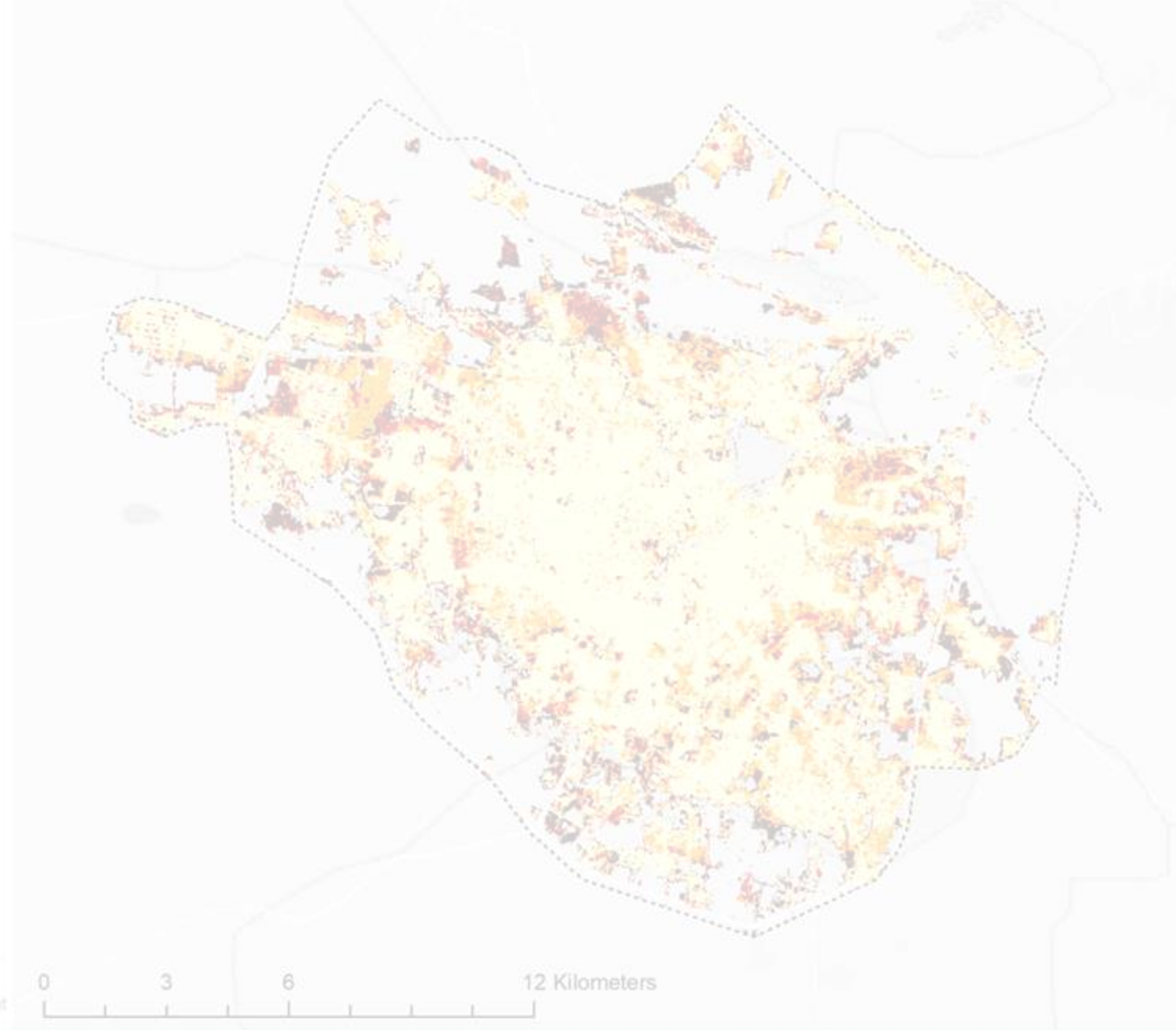
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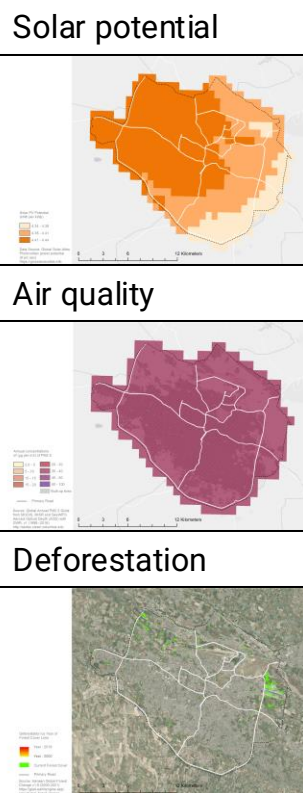


Climate Conditions

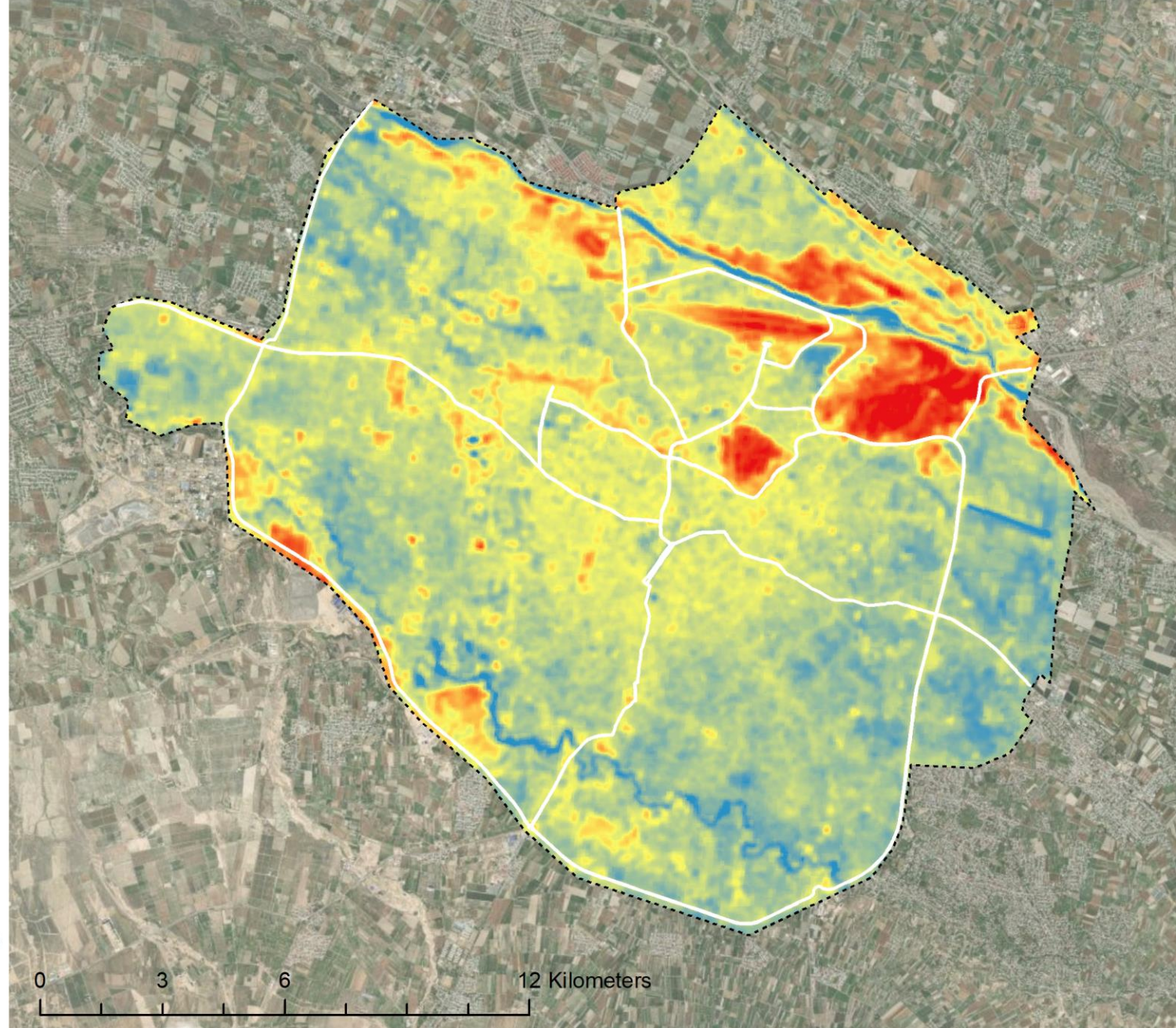
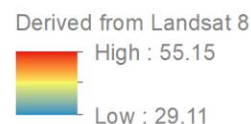
- Is there an Urban Heat Island effect in the city, and how does it relate to the land cover?
- What are the main climate impacts and mitigation potential?

Data sources

- Global Solar Atlas
- Global Annual PM2.5 Grids
- Landsat
- Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
- Global Forest Change



Summer Surface Temperature (C)



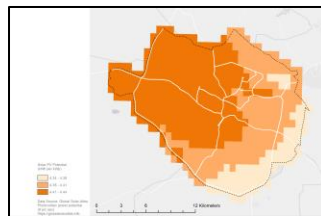
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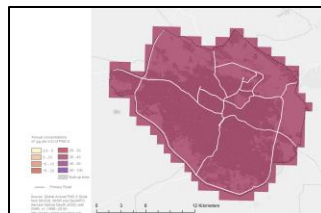
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Solar potential



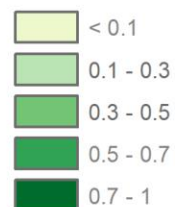
Air quality



Deforestation

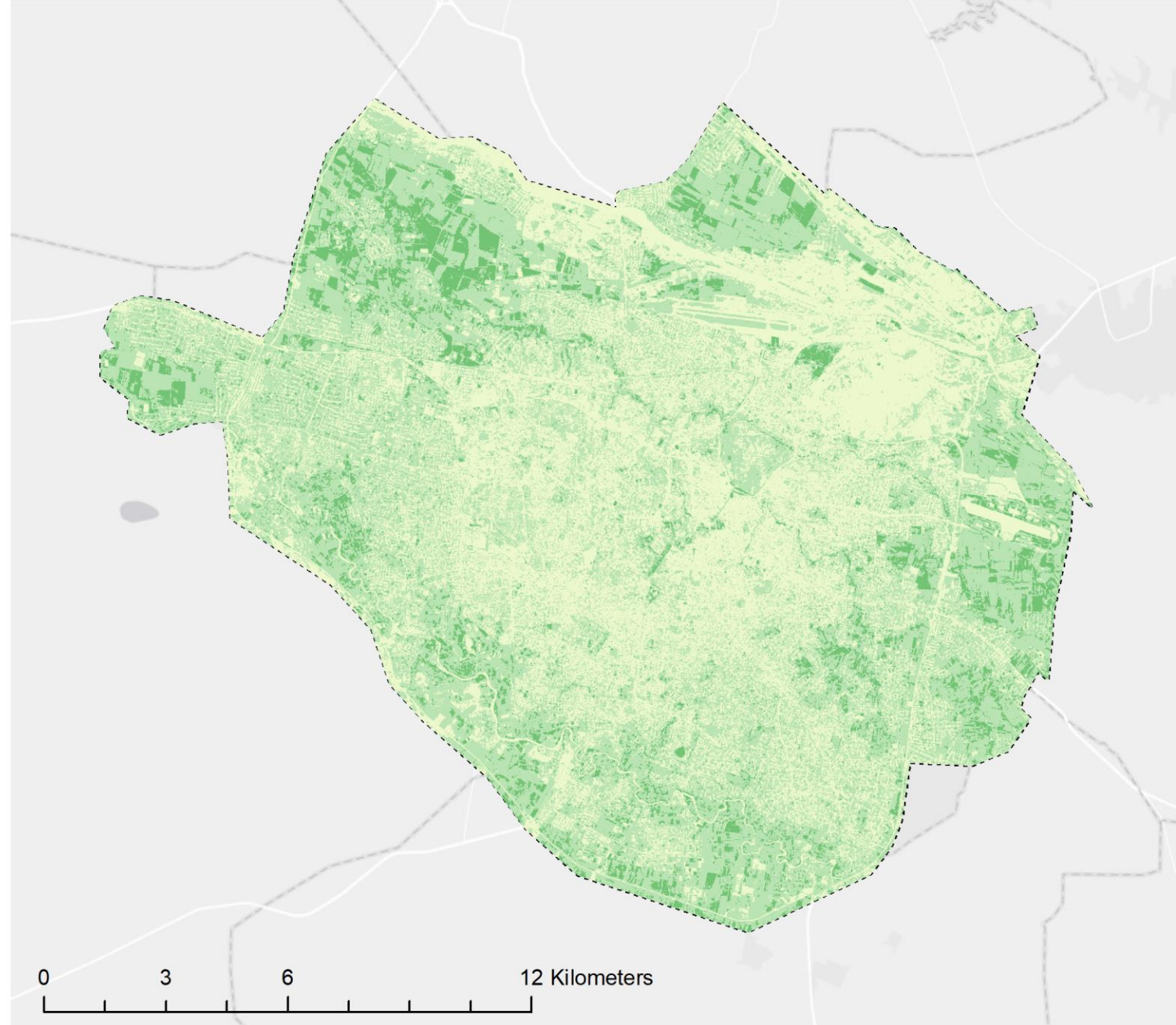


Green Spaces



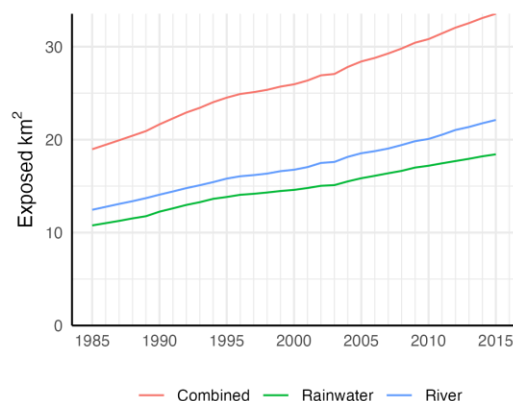
Vegetated Areas, based on
Normalized Difference
Vegetation Index (NDVI)

Source: Sentinel-2 MSI:
Multispectral Instrument



Risk Identification

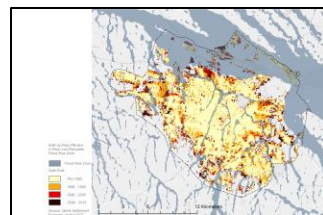
- Which parts of the city are most exposed to flooding?



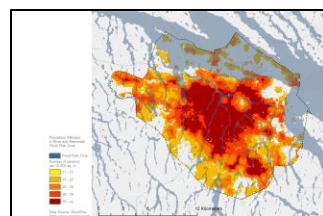
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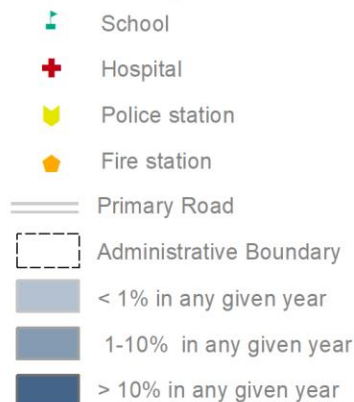
Built-up area exposed to flood



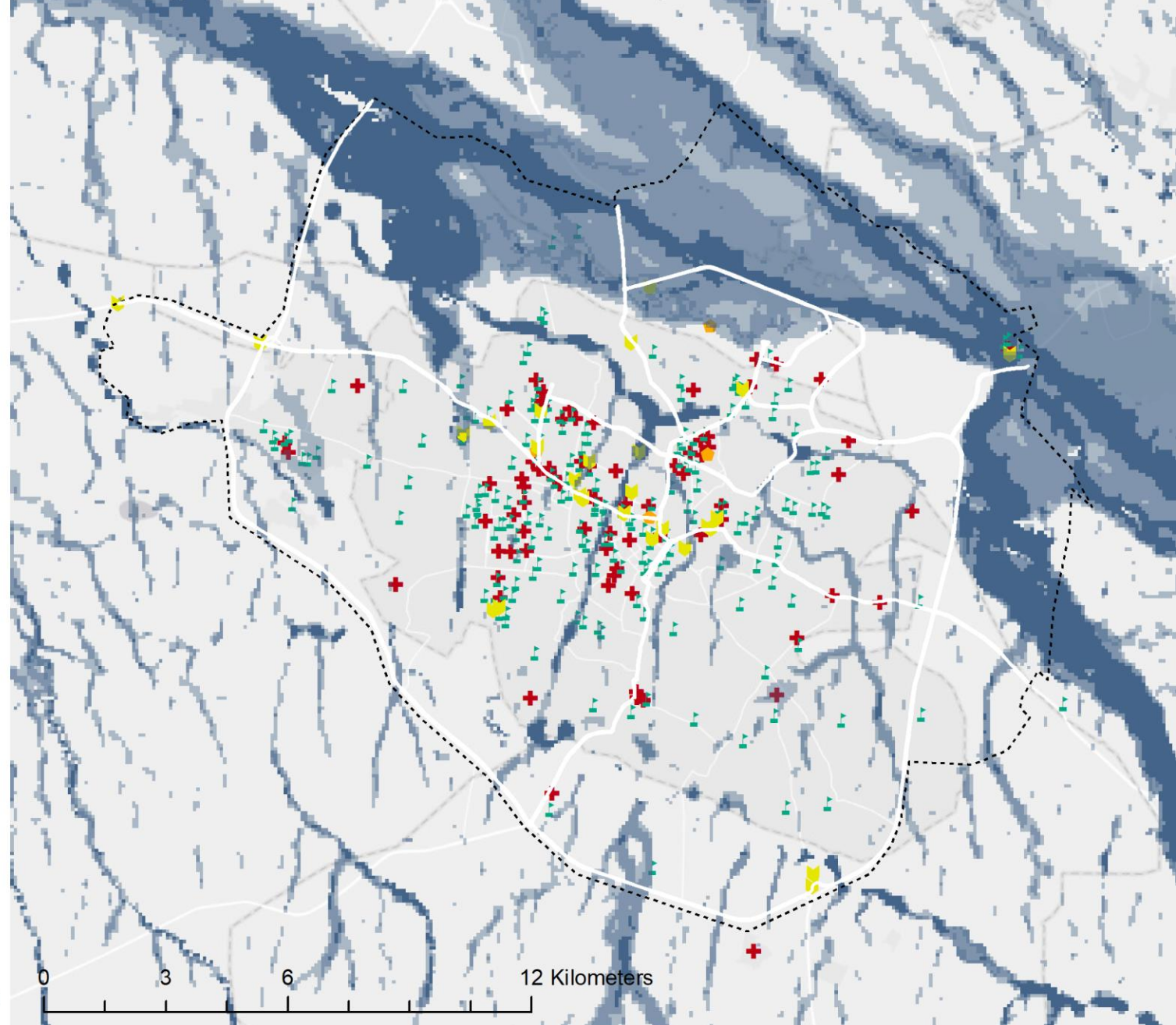
Population exposed to flood



Rainwater Flood Probability



Data Source: SSBN 3 arc second (90 m)
Global Hazard Data (World Bank License)
*OSM data may not include all facilities



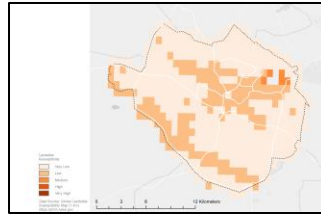
Risk Identification

- Which parts of the city are most exposed to landslides?
- Which road segments would disrupt connectivity the most if they became inaccessible?

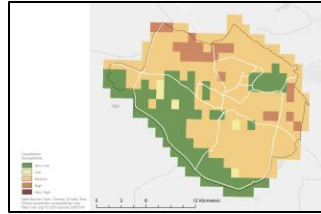
Data sources

- FABDEM
- NASA Landslide Susceptibility
- Zorn & Koks 2019
- Global Earthquake Model
- OpenStreetMap

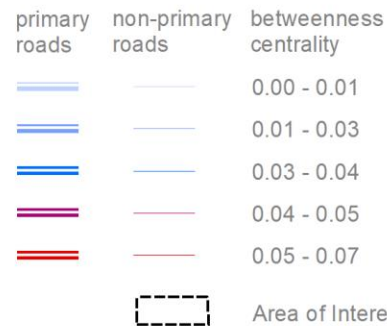
Landslide susceptibility



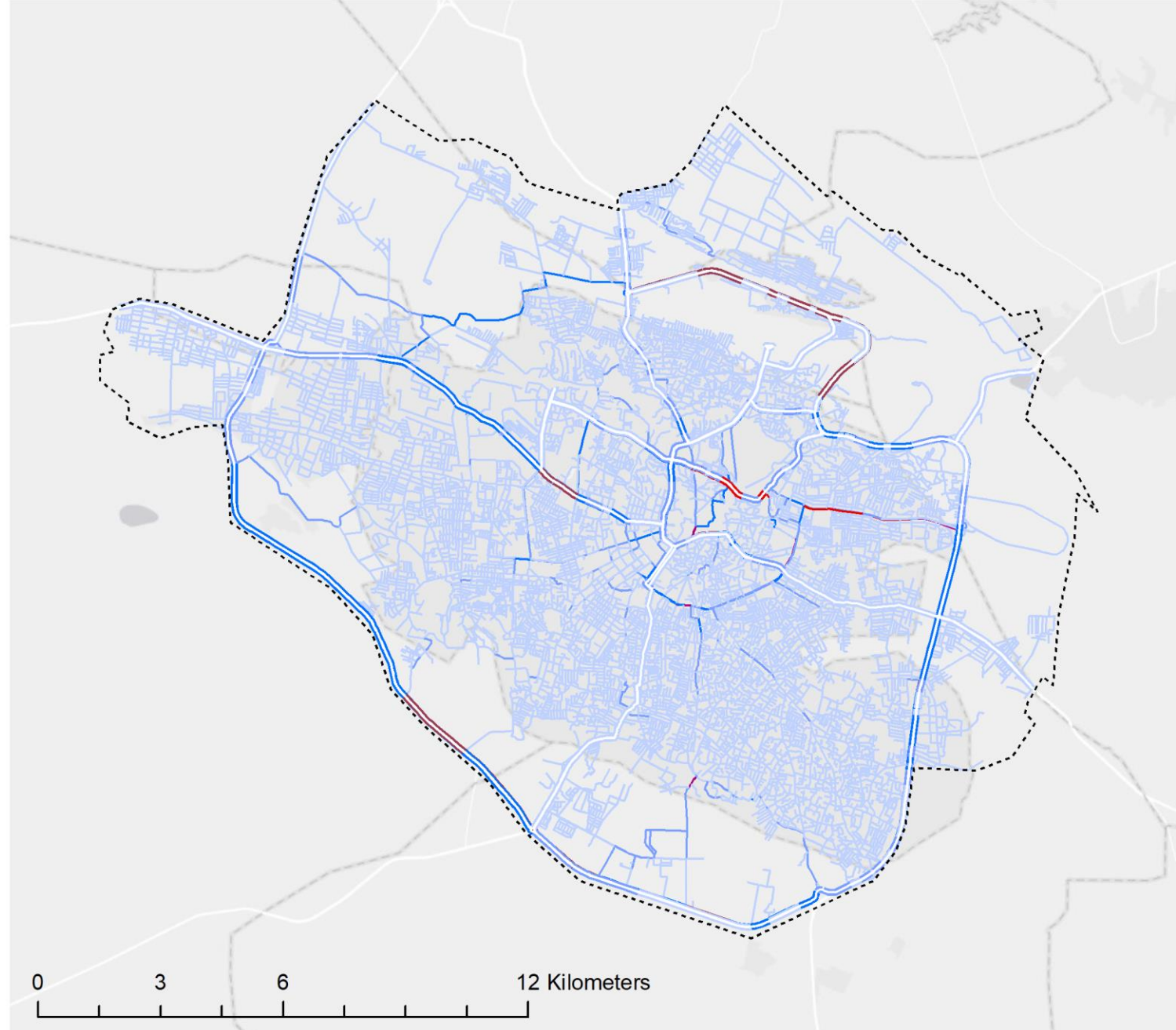
Liquefaction susceptibility



Critical Segments of Road Network (%)



Source: OSM road network
www.openstreetmap.org



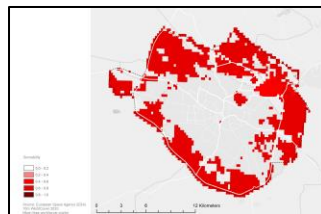
Risk Identification

- Is the city threatened by wildfires in the surrounding regions?
- When and where are wildfire risks highest?

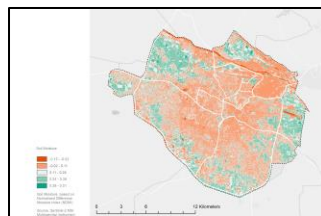
Data sources

- ESA Land Cover CCI
- Normalized Difference Moisture Index
- GlobFire
- NASA Global Fire Weather Database

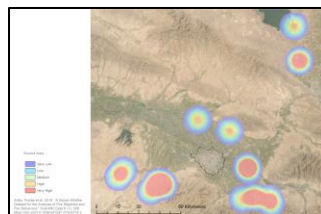
Land cover burnability



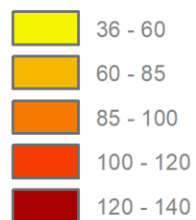
Soil moisture



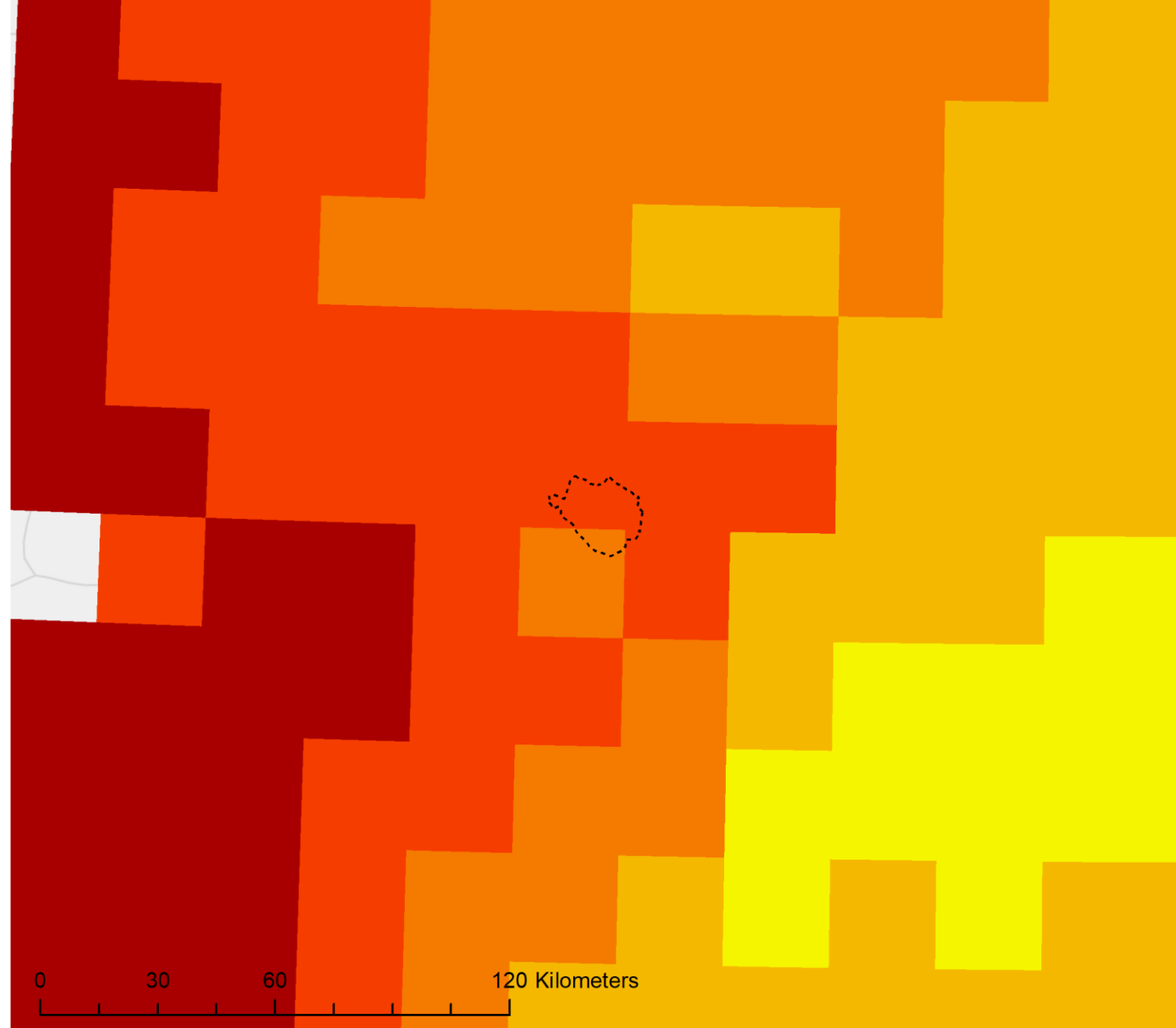
Historical burnt area

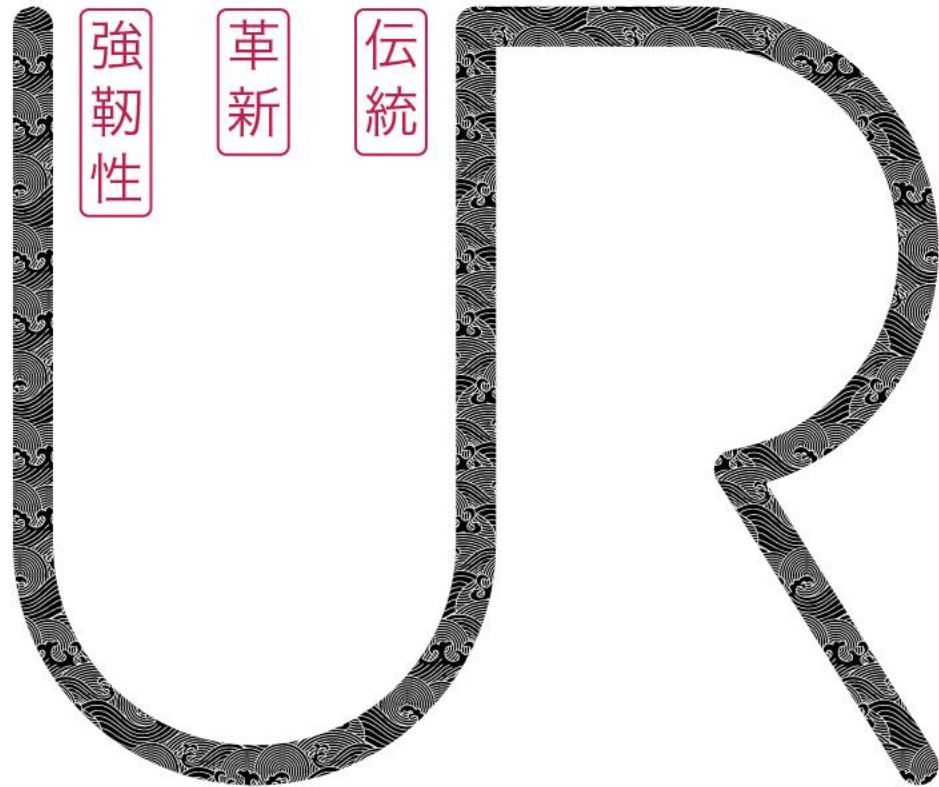


Fire Weather Index



Source: European Space Agency (ESA)
10m WorldCover 2020
<https://esa-worldcover.org/en>





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What patterns could a City Scan illuminate that you had not considered before?



How could a City Scan help you understand your city's critical development challenges?



What other information or analyses would you like to complement the City Scan?



How would you use the City Scan to prioritize investments in urban resilience?