

## Disastrous landslides under changing forcing factors triggered end 2019 in West Kenya

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# Outline

- Natural hazards in Kenya
- Humanitarian Rapid Mapping Service
  - International Response
  - Case of West Pokot in December 2019
- Satellite Imagery Analysis
  - International Charter (UNOSAT)
  - Geohazard Exploitation Platform (GEP/ALADIM)
- Discussion and Conclusion





# Natural hazards in Kenya

- INFORM (Index for Risk Management):
  - useful tool for risk assessment developed by the UN Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Team for Preparedness and Resilience and the EC

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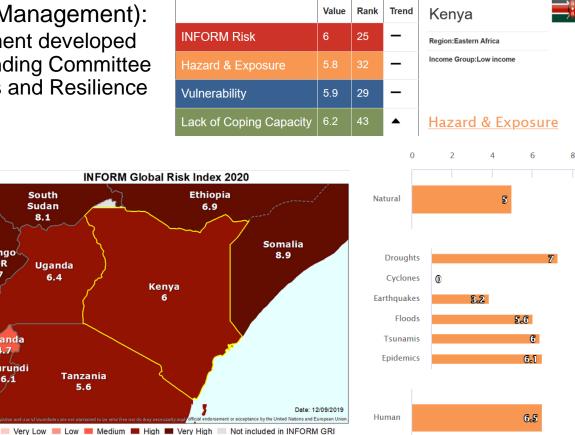
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- assesses risk at country and sub-country level based on indicators to measure hazards and exposure, vulnerability & coping capacities

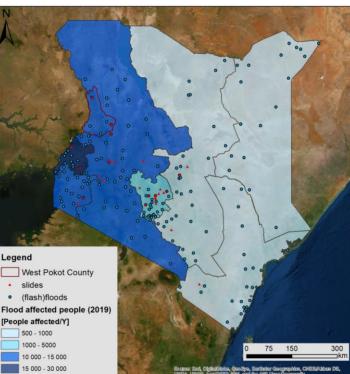




# Natural hazards in Kenya

- Heavy rains, flash floods, mudslides and landslides
- Undated: 39 land/mud slides and 566 (flash)floods from the national disaster inventory (shown on map)
- Non-geolocated: 756 floods and 51 landslides (2002 and 2016) from the DesInventar catalogue
- Time limited: 44 land/mud slides (2007 and 2013) from the NASA Landslide geodatabase
- → Incomplete natural hazards inventories in Kenya
- $\rightarrow$  Western region at risk





Hydro- geohazards in Kenya with flood affected people layer from http://riskprofilesundrr.org

#### DAILY NATION NEWS BUSINESS COUNTIES SPORTS BLOGS & OPINIO

### Death toll in West Pokot landslides rises to 52

MONDAY NOVEMBER 25 2019



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# Heavy rains cause flash floods in western Kenya

Police officers reportedly trapped in floods as West Pokot county is hit again by a potentially deadly landslide.

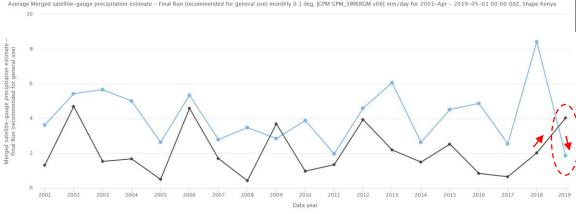
19 Apr 2020 🥤 🛉

# Kenyan climate and forcing meteorological factors

- Short (Nov-Dec) and long (April-May) wet seasons
- In April 2018: extremely wet season with > 8 mm/day over Kenya

Interannual Time Series

 In April 2019: unusual low rain while in December 2019 downpour with mean rainfall > 4 mm/day over Kenya





Matt Taylor explains the causes of the severe weather in Kenya

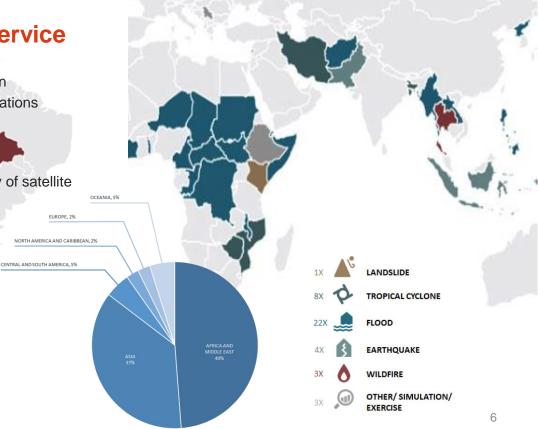
 Positive Indian Ocean Dipole or "El Niño" effect :

colder than normal in the Pacific Ocean and warmer than normal along the Horn of Africa with storm clouds becoming heavier and lasting longer (<u>BBC communication</u>)

### UNOSAT Operational Satellite Imagery Analysis & Mapping Support to Humanitarian Emergencies & Post Disaster Recovery

### Humanitarian Rapid Mapping Service

- Provides satellite image analysis during humanitarian emergencies, both natural disasters and conflict-situations
- 24/7 operational service
- Team of experienced analysts ensure timely delivery of satellite imagery derived maps, reports and data
- 2019: 41 activations following major disaster events





### SATELLITE ANALYSIS AND APPLIED RESEARCH - UNOSAT

Delivering applied research solutions through technology and data.

#### LATEST MAPS

#### FIJI, GLIDE NUMBER: TC20200408FJI

Meps and data = Latest maps

- Preliminary satellite-derived damage assessment, Central Division, Republic of Fiji 27 Apr 2020 10:52
- -• Preliminary agriculture damage assessment, Kadavu Island, Fijl 24 Apr 2020 11:58
- Buildings Damage Assessment of Fijl Museum in Suva City Center, Republic of Fijl. 21 Apr 2020 11:43
- 🗝 🛛 Buildings Damage Assessment & Related Density in Kadavu Province, Eastern Division, Republic of Fiji 17 Apr 2020 15:00
- -- Preliminary satellite-derived damage assessment in Central and Western Divisions, Republic of Fiji 17 Apr 2020 14:56

#### VANUATU, GLIDE NUMBER: TC20200403VUT

- Preliminary cultural heritage satellite-derived damage assessment report, Republic of Vanuatu 27 Apr 2020 10:46
- Damage Assessment in Paama Island, Malampa Province, Vanuatu 24 Apr 2020 15:24
- Preliminary agriculture damage assessment, Pentecost Island, Vanuatu 24 Apr 2020 11:54
- Preliminary satellite-derived damage assessment Pentecost Island, Penama province, Vanuatu 17 Apr 2020 14:10

#### TONGA, GLIDE NUMBER: TC20200409TON

- UNOSAT Live Map: Tropical Cyclone Harold, Tonga - 16 Apr 2020 - 18:00

### Satellite Imagery Analysis - UNOSAT Products-



LATEST MAPS

UNOSAT's latest maps for current events are listed here. Older maps and data can be found in the

Map Library.

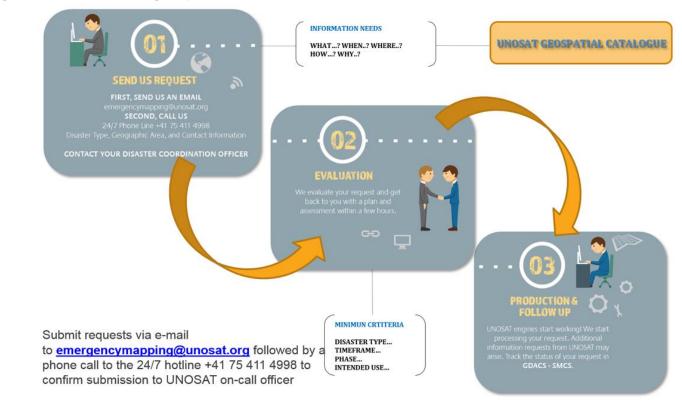
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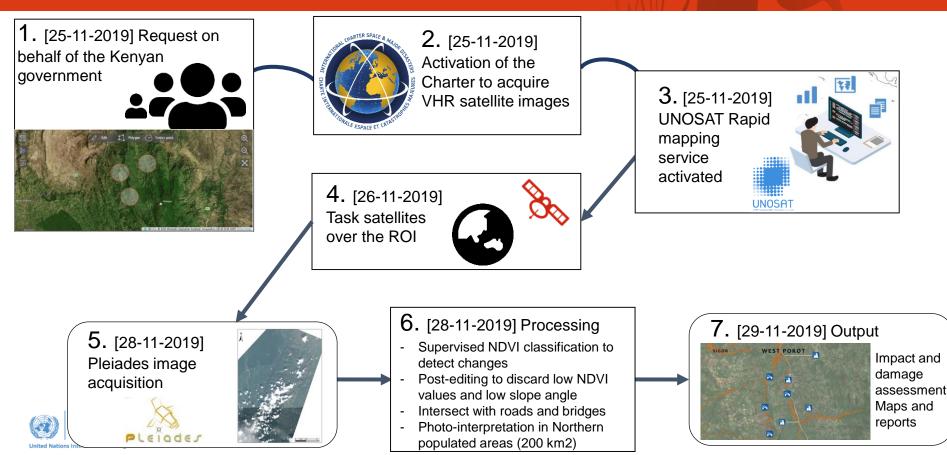
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### Rapid Mapping Satellite Imagery Workflow





# UNOSAT: tasks and processing flowchart after International Charter activation in Dec 2019, Kenya



# **Mapping Activities**

- Floods
- Landslides
- Earthquakes
- Cyclones
- Refugee and Internally Displaced
  Persons Mapping
- Cultural Heritage Sites
- Conflict Damage Assessment
- Etc.







KENYA Pokot South and Sigor Sub Counties, West Pokot County magery analysis: 28 November 2019 [Published 29 November 2019 [Version 1.0

Landslide



#### Landslides Assessment in Pokot South and Sigor Sub Counties, West Pokot County, Kenya

This map illustrates satelline-detected Indialdise In Poice South and Sigor Sub-caurues located in Viest Pokot county (Kenya) as detected from a Pielades-1 image acquired on 28 November 2019. Several modes in the valley have been affected and at lesst 5 ondges were destroyed. This is a prelimany rankysis and has not yet been validated in the field. Please send ground feedback to UNTRA-UNDSAT.

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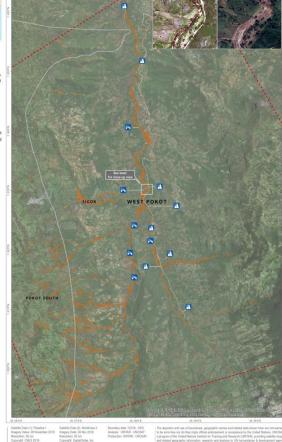
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	Bridge destroyed
2	Road destroyed
2	Potentially affected road
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	Sub-County boundary
- 63	Analysis extent
10	Landslide extent [28 November 2019]

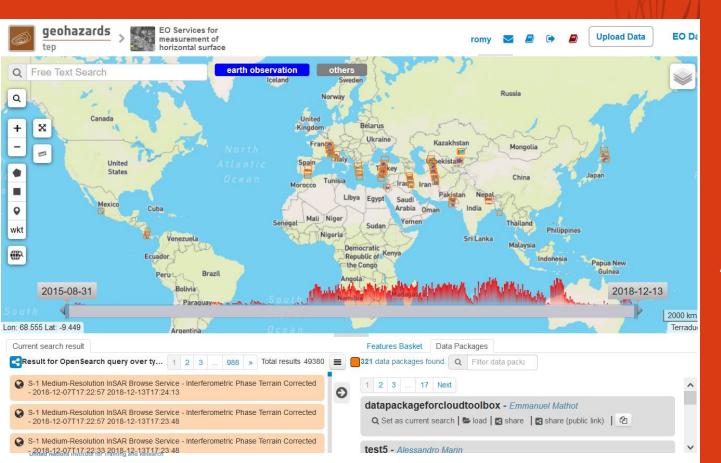
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Map Scale for A1: 1:40,000

Analysis conducted with ArcMap v10.7

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 36N Projection: Transverse Manzator Datum: WGS 1984

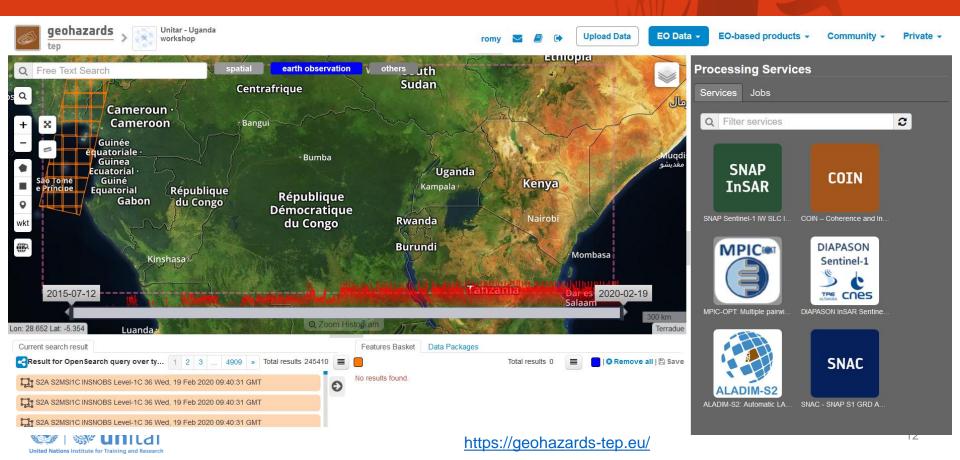




### Satellite Imagery Analysis

### ALADIM Service on the Geohazards Exploitation Platform

# **Geohazards Exploitation Platform | GEP**



# ALADIM-S2/VHR: a service for Landslide Detection on GEP

### ALADIM: Automatic Landslide Detection and **Inventory Mapping from multispectral images**



Service developped by



This service is developped by CNRS-EOST (Strasbourg, France). It allows to detect and map new landslides triggered by large forcing events (earthquake, heavy rains) from the analysis of pre- and post-event imagery, and is based on change detection methods. It allows the processing of High Resolution multispectral data (ALADIM-S2; Sentinel-2 SAFE files) and Very-High Resolution multispectral data (ALADIM-VHR; typically Pléiades and Spot 6/7). The set of pre- and post-image should be accurately co-registered in order to use the service. A training dataset of manually mapped landslides (by digitalization), the extent of the training areas, and the extent of the region of interest (ROI) should be provided as inputs (shape file-format) by the user. The outputs consist in a database of landslide polygons than can be assimilated to an Earth-Observation derived landslide inventory. ALADIM builds on the change detection methodology partially described in [1] and [2].



#### Input specifications

Beside the service parameters an archive folder containing the training set, the training areas (and aoi) in shapefile format is needed. See the tutorial (tutorial) to create these inputs.

#### Output specifications

- A shapefile (\*.shp files) containing the landslides detected at an F2 optimal threshold.
- An image (geotiff file format) containing all landslides detected at an F2 optimal threshold.
- Two documents (\*.pdf files) presenting the cross-validation guality control (precision-recall curves and acurracies of the parameters).



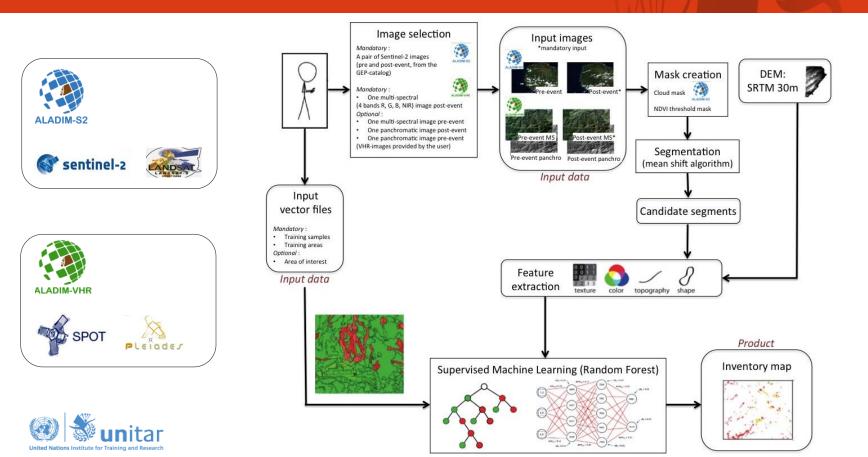


#### $\rightarrow$ Link to ALADIM data preparation

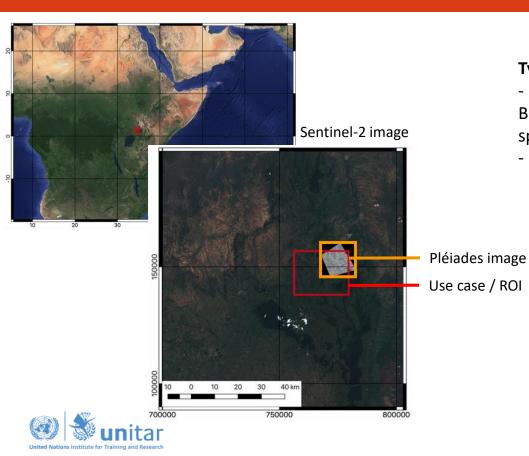
### A machine learning based service for Sentinel-2 and VHR images

Parameters	$\diamond$
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ALADIM_SEG_CO LOR_WEIGHT	0.9
ALADIM_SEG_SH APE_WEIGHT	0.1
ALADIM_SEG_MI N_SIZE	3
ALADIM_POSITIV E_THRESHOLD	0.5
ALADIM_SHAPES	https://recast.terradue.com/t2api/search/depreza/results? uid=4AFA3DA2147F67FC3F13034E916F661DAB3B4EE0

# ALADIM-S2/VHR: processing flowchart



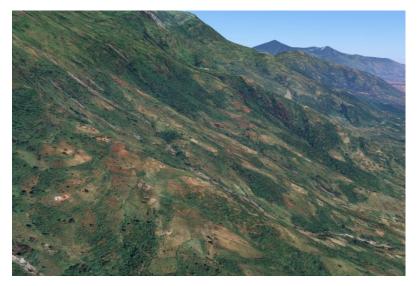
# Study case and image coverage: S2 vs. Pléiades

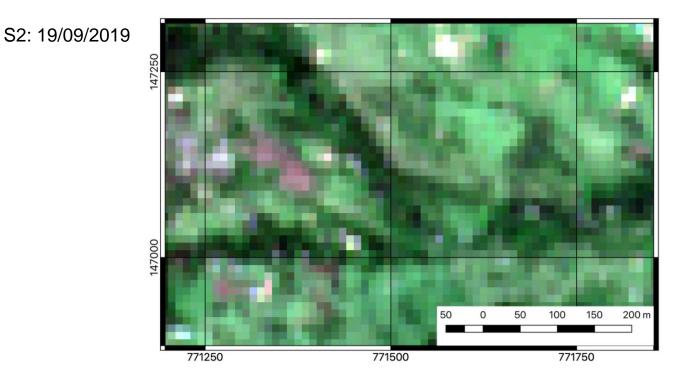


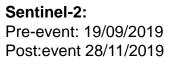
### Typical landscape in West Pokot (Kenya)

Difficult for EO automatic landslide detection
 Bare soils, agricultural fields and landslides have similar
 spectral behaviour

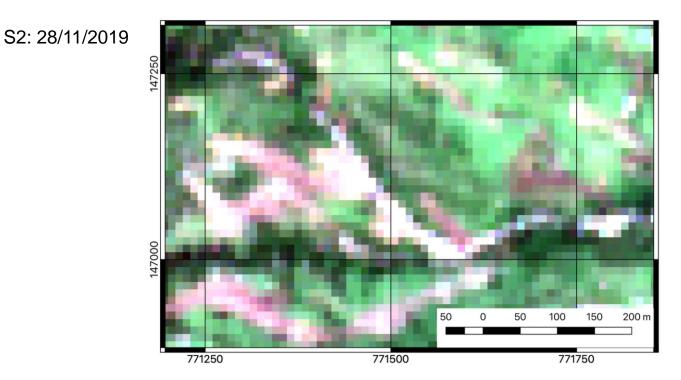
- Presence of previous landslides







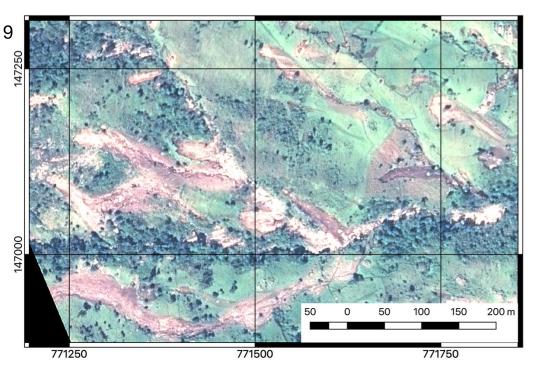


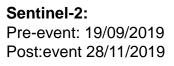


Sentinel-2: Pre-event: 19/09/2019 Post:event 28/11/2019



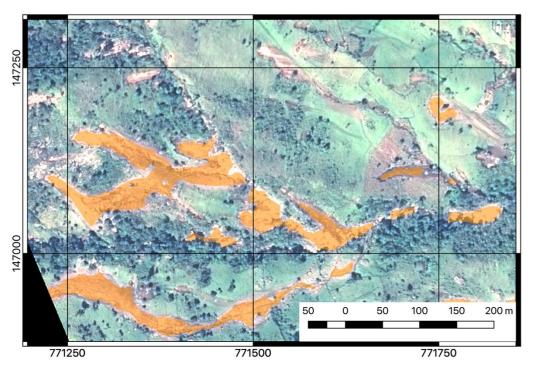
Pléiades: 28/11/2019 (available by International Charter and CIEST)







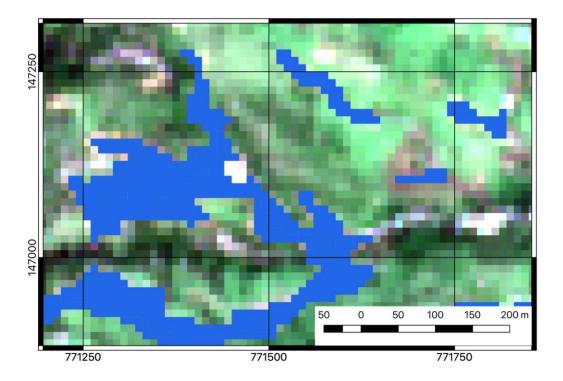
# Unitar: reference mapping



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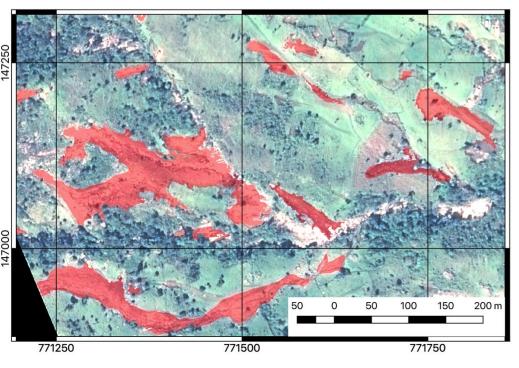




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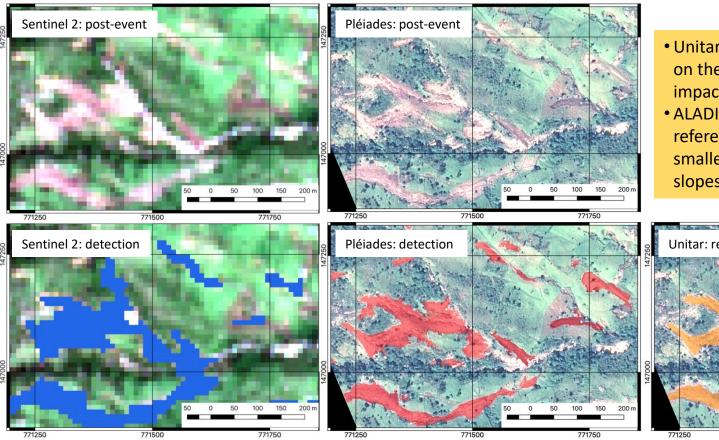


Pléiades: detection

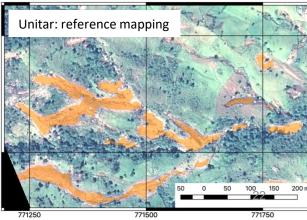


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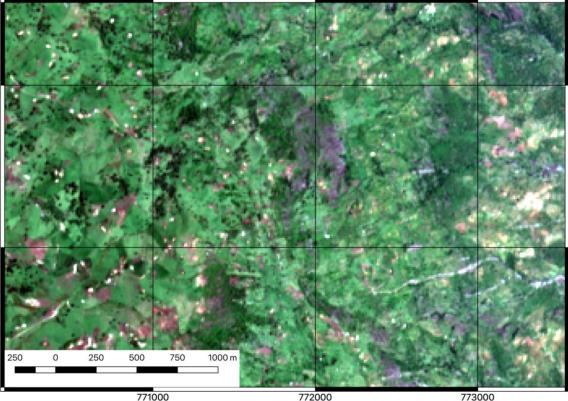




- Unitar reference mapping focuses on the largest landslides and most impacted areas
- ALADIM detects all the Unitar reference mapping, and also smaller landslides on the upper slopes

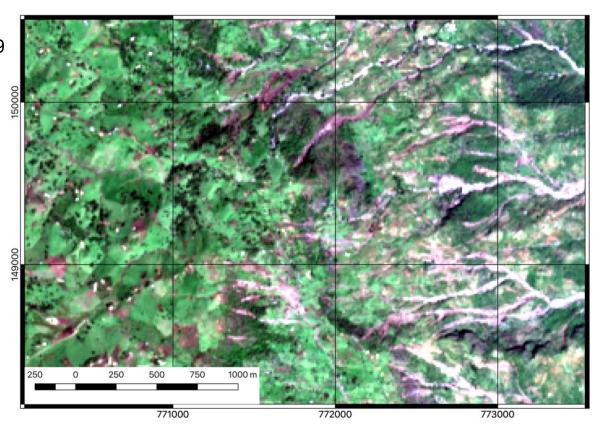


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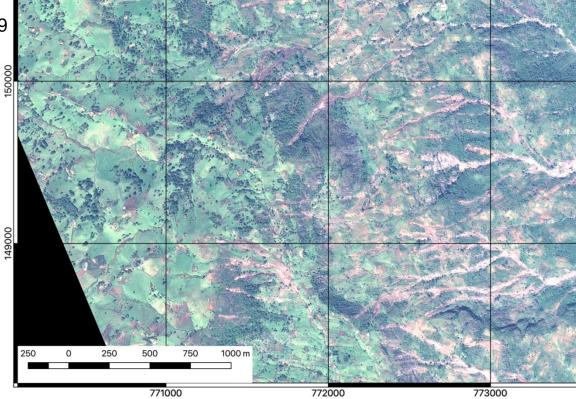
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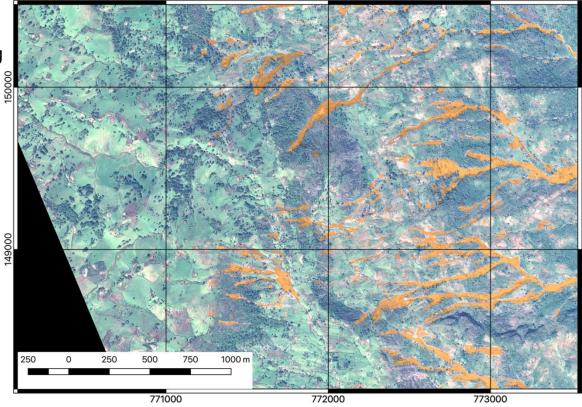
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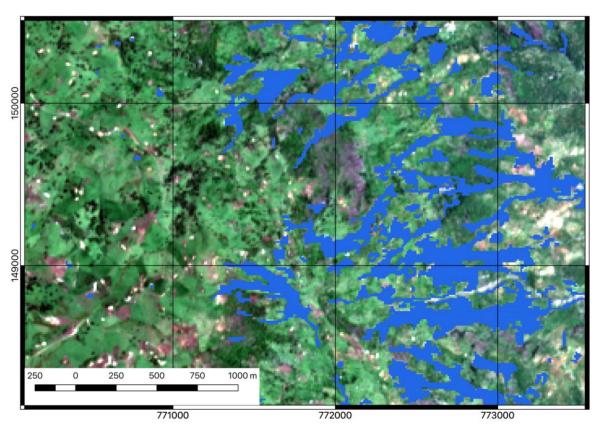
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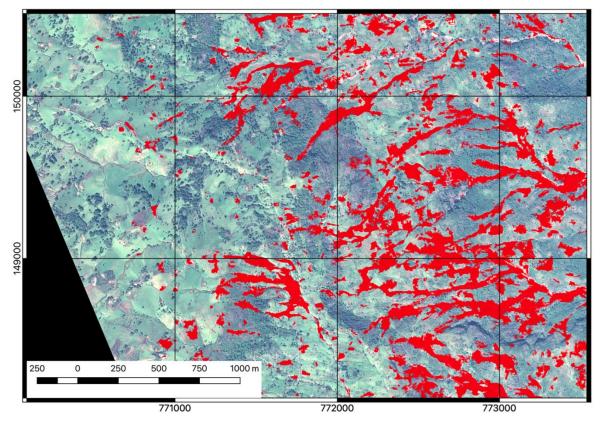






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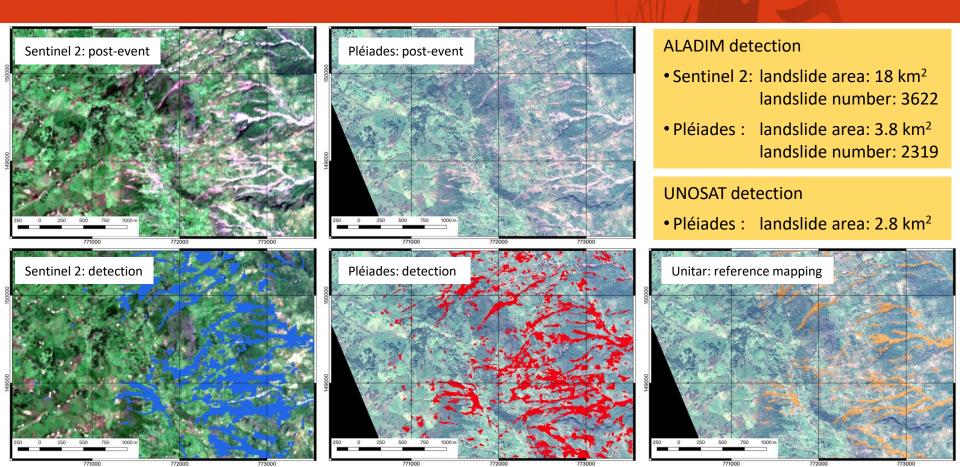
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# **Discussion and Conclusion**

### Recurrence of landslides affected by climate change in Kenya

- Swapping long and short term rainfall seasons
- Areas less-prone to natural hazards newly affected (due to land use changes?)
- It is important to document the hazard events after each meteorological events for landslide hazard management and disaster risk reduction to minimize fatalities
- Earth Observation data and user-oriented mapping tools are necessary in various phases of disaster risk management (preparedness, emergency, recovery) such as for hazard mapping, impact and damage assessment
- International Disaster Charter for Major Disaster and Rapid Mapping initiative (UNOSAT): impact and damages assessment maps within 1 day (3 to 5 days after the disaster happens according to satellite data availability) for emergency response purpose in populated areas
- Landslide Detection Services: ALADIM is currently being upgraded by the service provider CNRS/EOST (management of the training sets, other satellite sensor, mono-date vs. bi-date vs. time serie detection) for further flexibility. Landslide mapping ready after preparation of training datasets, processing and mapping of individual event over a larger area in about 1.5 days

