



Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development Project – Modelling from Risk Mitigation Strategy to Investment Planning to Project implementation

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Trigger and Precedence

- June 3rd flood event
- Post-disaster impact assessment (damage & repairs)
- City Strength diagnostic
- Greater Accra Climate & Disaster Mitigation Strategy & Investment Planning
- GARID project
- Phase 1 – Odaw Basin (271km²)





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AND HOUSING**



**MINISTRY OF SANITATION
AND WATER RESOURCES**



ASSOCIATED CONSULTANTS
Architects, Planners, Engineers, Surveyors

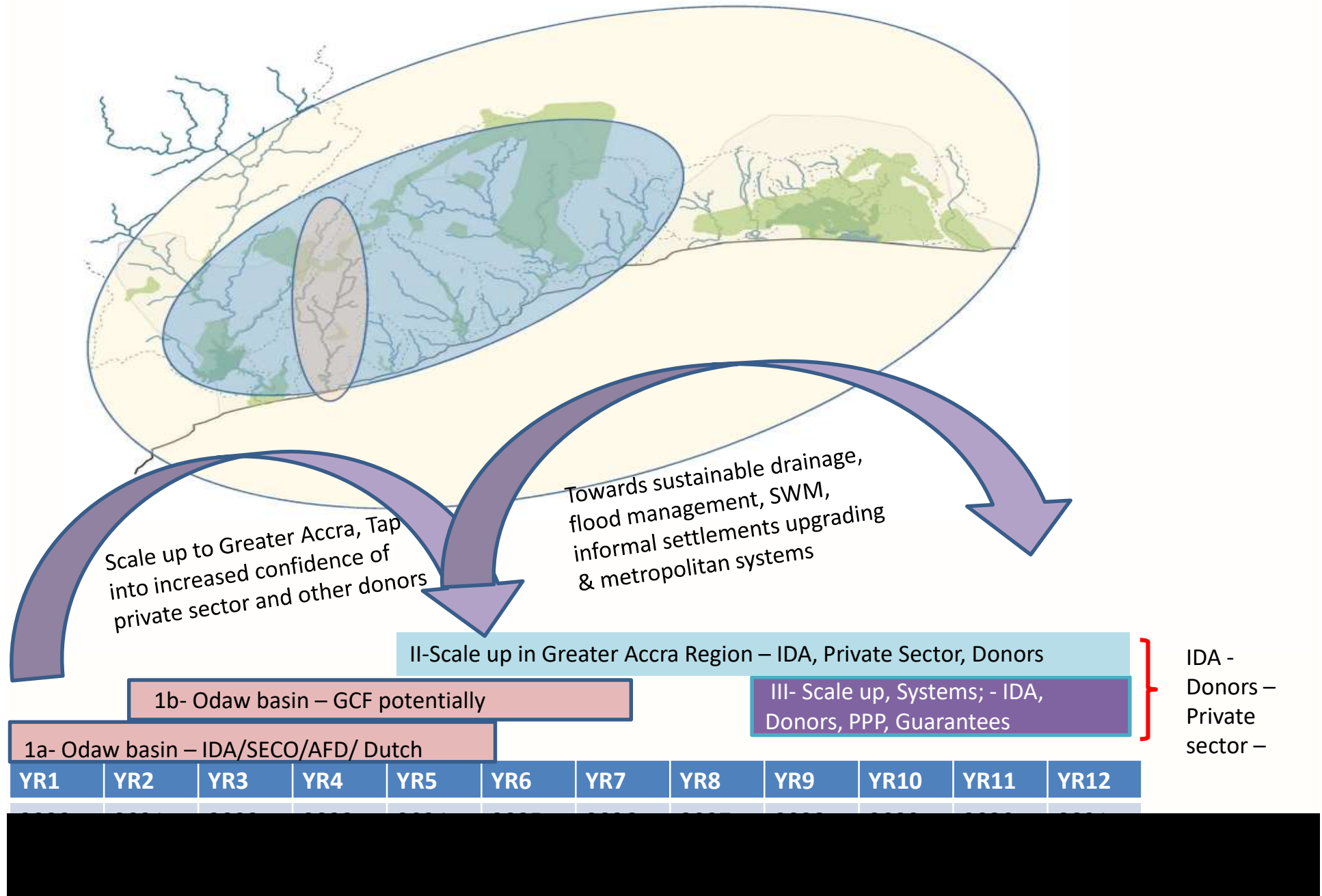


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- GARID has 4 components:
 1. Flood protection
 - a. Structural (drainage infrastructure for flood protection)
 - b. Non-Structural (Flood early warning system)
 - c. Flood protection component was developed within the project: Greater Accra Climate and Disaster Risk Mitigation Strategy and Investment Planning (GARID-FP)
 2. Waste management
 3. Slum upgrading and metropolitan planning and coordination.
 4. Project management

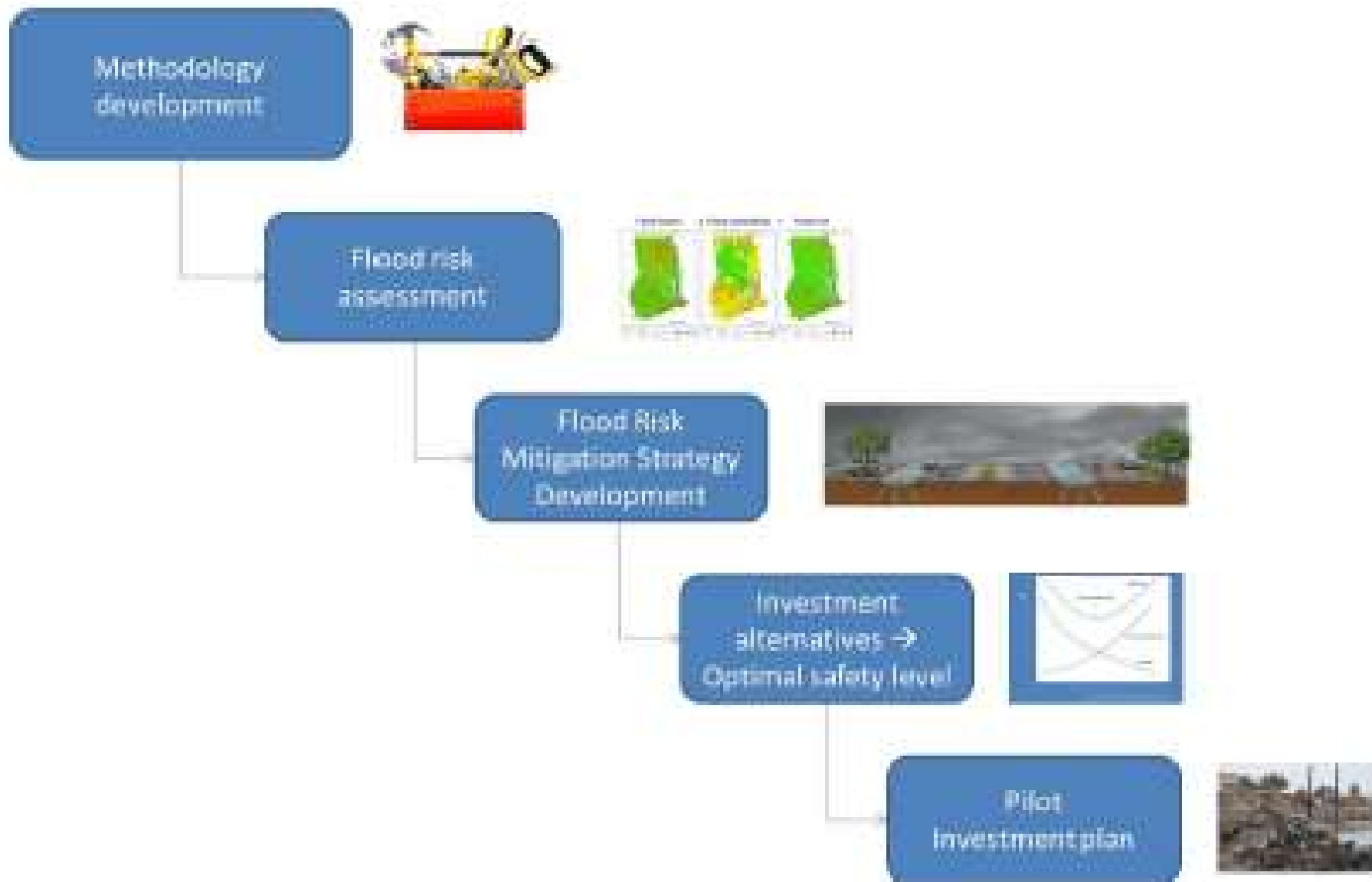
Program Approach: Series of projects



GARID-FP main objectives

- Develop an **objective** evidence based decision making framework for flood mitigation interventions in Accra (Odaw basin)
 - science, data and model based
 - quantified cost benefit analysis (economic impact)
 - Multi Criteria Analysis with many stakeholders
- Develop a realistic pilot **investment plan** (with a set of measures)
 - main conditions used
 - Budget, and
 - Safety level (at least 1:10 years safety against floods)

GARID-FP Method



Models developed

- Flood model of Odaw (including high flood risk areas)
- Damage model of Odaw
- Climate and urbanisation model

- Main source of data: June 3rd flood event , including findings from impact assessment directly after the disaster

Main challenge: how to calibrate or validate the models?



Models developed

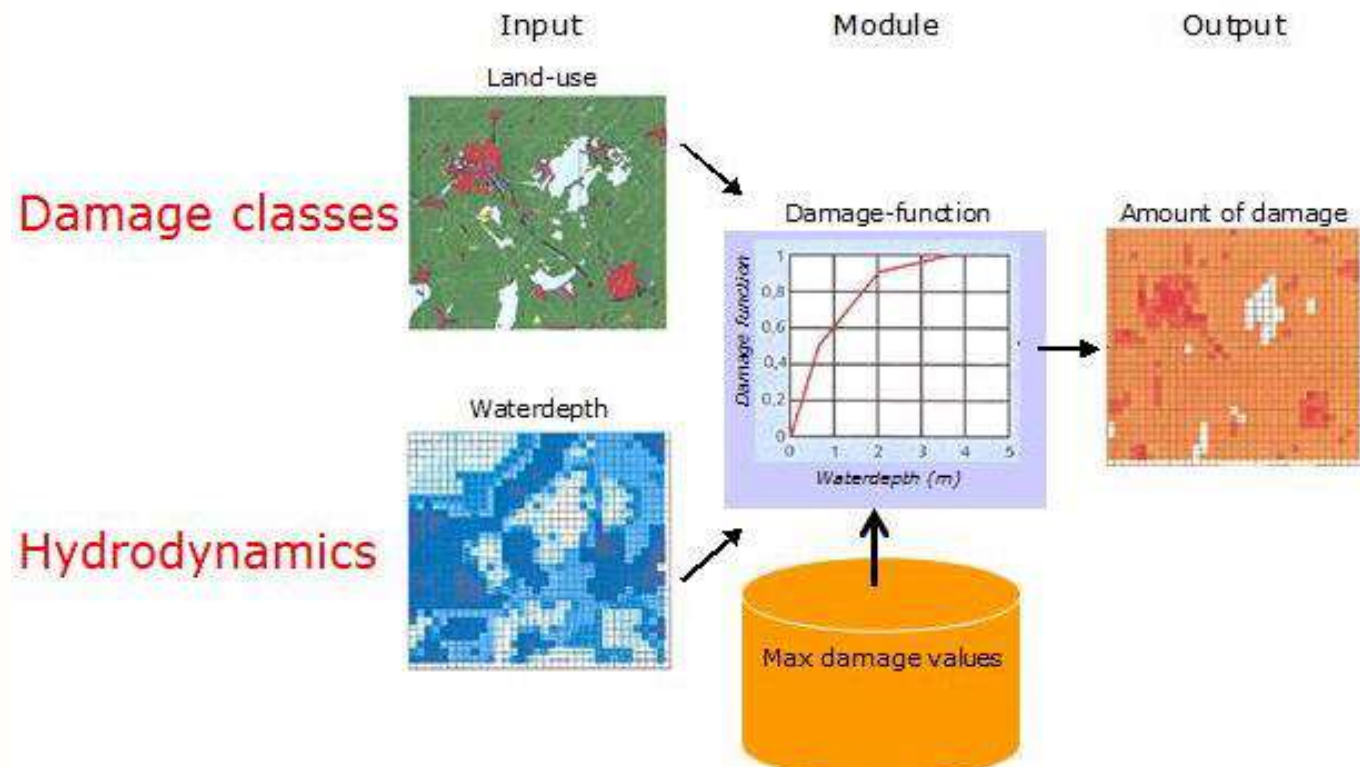
Flood model of Odaw (including high flood risk areas)

- Main source: June 3rd flood event , including elaborate impact assessment directly after the disaster
- Data used:
 - Elevation model to capture the runoff and inundations (Level 2)
 - No LiDAR
 - DTM purchased (World DEM)
 - No recorded data on water levels or discharges measured since early 1990s.
 - Drain geometry to capture the hydraulic processes in the drains
 - Meteo data: observation 2015 and statistical data from GMET (Intensity Duration Frequency Curves)
 - The flood model was calibrated for the 2015 event using the following info:
 - Experts (who where there)
 - Photos, videos, internet
 - Interviews, field visits

Models developed

Damage model of Odaw

- Data used:
 - Impact assessment 2015 event (including damages and people affected)
 - Different types of economic figures validated by national experts



Models developed

Climate and urbanisation model

- World Bank climate portal for climate scenarios
- Urban growth model in GIS

Result

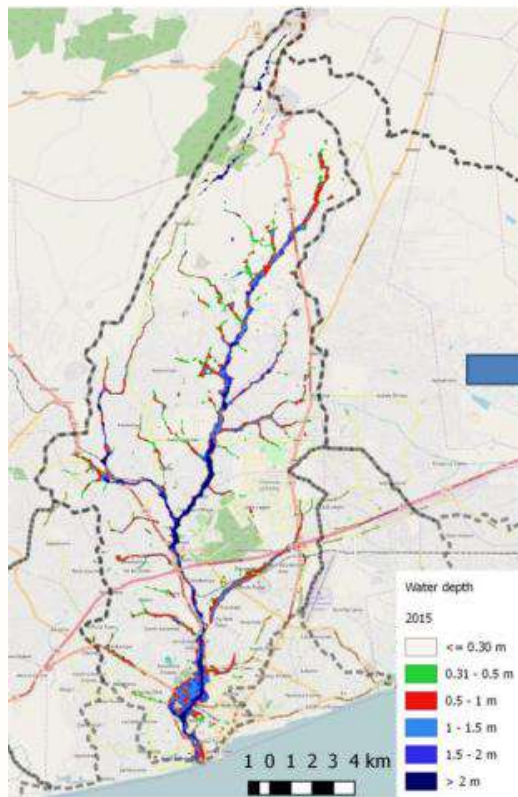
- Accepted set of modelling tools that represent the impact of the flood event of 2015
- Accepted set of scenarios for different return periods and climate scenarios
 - 1:10; 1:25; 1:50



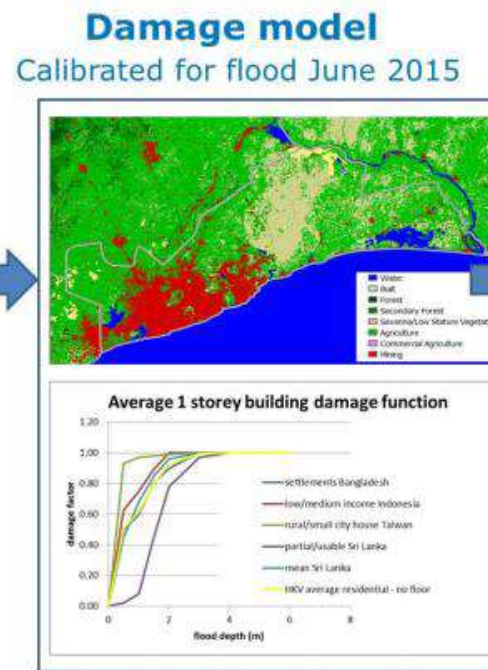
Result

- Modelling tools used to determine the risk reduction caused by interventions

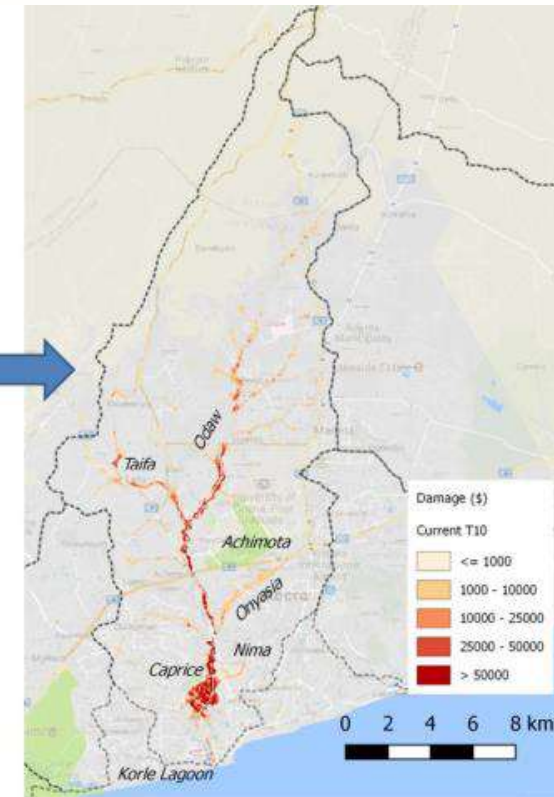
Flood model



Damage model



Risk (damage \$/year)



Conclusions

- Successful assessment as it led to an approved loan
- Recent disaster (2015) and impact assessment right after the disaster was invaluable
- Good cooperation between consultants and national experts (public service)
 - Local expertise limited (found in Universities than consulting firms)
- Pragmatic and effective use of data (relative cheap elevation data and local expertise) combined with state of the art tools (hydraulic flood model and damage model)

Lessons learnt

- Flood / disaster assessment directly after event
- An expert assessment of the data needed for a particular assessment can save a lot of money and efforts: tailor the data and tools to the study objective
- Local institutes should store and collect data before during and after floods (drains, geometry, flood marks and so on):
 - Go into the field and start observing and surveying.
 - Simple tools like QGIS, GPS and camera help a lot
 - Metropolitan level coordination more cost effective

Next Steps

- Engineering Consultant being recruited to undertake detailed engineering designs for interventions in Odaw Basin only
 - validate modelling results
 - LiDAR (March 2020)
 - Detailed engineering design
- Model for entire watershed hydrology of Greater Accra (8 other basins), including upstream and downstream areas and possible tidal influence, has not yet been developed
 - Phase 2 & 3 focus (3,428km²)