

USACE Disaster Impact Model

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Abstract: Leaders at the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) rely heavily on their own internal decision-making processes to provide information for decisions. While USACE has decades of experiences that can be used to inform key leaders, some of USACE's current processes for making decisions are reactive in nature. Focusing on Emergency Operations, Civil Works - USACE, an interactive assessment model was developed which assess five regional characteristics: geography, infrastructure, economy, historical data, and population. The USACE Disaster Impact Model (UDIM) provides the ability to assess the potential impact of a regional disaster prior to the disaster. This valuable information enables USACE leadership to make well-informed, forward-looking decisions based on the readiness of a region. With the UDIM, USACE key leaders will be able to evaluate the readiness of regions regarding potential disasters and allow USACE to focus their support efforts more efficiently and effectively according to their organizational mission.

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