# **Applications of GIS**

- Natural Resources' Applications
- Environmental Applications
- Socioeconomic Applications

Sample GIS Applications

- Land-use planning and management
- Mineral exploration
- Forestry and wildlife management
- Soil degradation studies
- Monitoring desertification
- Natural Hazard Mapping



#### **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM**

Adapted from J.Stars and J.Estates

# FLOOD RISK MODELING

#### How much water is there?

#### Hydrologic Modeling:

(precipitation-runoff modeling), determines for a given area, how much water will become **runoff.** 



#### • Where will it go?

#### Hydraulic modeling:

takes the **quantity of water** and the **shape of the landscape** and stream channel and determines **how deep and fast** the water will be, and what area it will cover.

# **Flood Risk Assessment**

### **Risk = Hazard \* Vulnerability \* Exposure**

- Hazard accounts different characteristics of hazard like velocity, depth of water, Probability, Intensity, duration etc.
- Exposure takes into account the environmental conditions e.g. Proximity, susceptibility etc.
- Vulnerability is weaknesses of a person or a group to cope with, or resist and recover from floods.

#### Example: Flood Risk Assessment for Budni Nullah (Peshawar)

## FLOOD HAZARD MAPING

The degree of flood hazard in a certain area is determined by a combination of factors. These factors are provided in the form of maps like:











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# **Vulnerability Assessment**

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# Vulnerability maps for different return period

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# RISK MAP AS A PRODUCT OF: HAZARD, VULNERABILITY AND EXPOSURE MAPS

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## Final risk and cost maps for 25 year return period

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## Final risk and cost maps for 50 year return period

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## Final risk and cost maps for 75 year return period

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No riskrisk = 0 Rs.Low risk $risk \leq 250000$  Rs.Moderate risk $risk \ 250000$  Rs.High risk $risk \ 250000$  Rs.

Abbott (1996) stated:

"Still, those who decide to build on a flood plain are gamblers. They may win their gamble for many years, but the river still rules the floodplain, and every so often it comes back to collect all bets".

# Thank you