


# El Salvador

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- Population (2013): 6,108,590
  - Capital: San Salvador
  - Area: 21,040 km<sup>2</sup> (8,124 sq mi)

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

2014-2015

- Stakeholder Engagement Begins (Jan)
- CDM & RVA Framework Development (Jan-June)
- In-Country Kickoff Meeting (Feb)
- Data Collection & Integration Begins (June-Jan '15)
- CDM Interview and Surveys (June-Jan '15)
- Midterm Report & Workshop (Sept-Oct)
- Final Report & Workshop (Mar '15-Apr)
- Final Integration of Data (Apr '15)

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

El Salvador was selected to participate in the National Disaster Preparedness Baseline Assessments because of its diverse hazard profile. The country is at risk for volcanic activity, earthquakes, flooding, landslide to name a few. El Salvador also has a strong disaster management culture with active civil-military preparedness and response engagements.

**Goal:** Develop, implement, and conduct national and sub-national baseline assessments focused on risk and vulnerability identification and existing disaster management capacities.

**Objective:** Identify the conditions throughout the country that make regions more or less prepared and capable of effectively responding to and recovering from disasters.

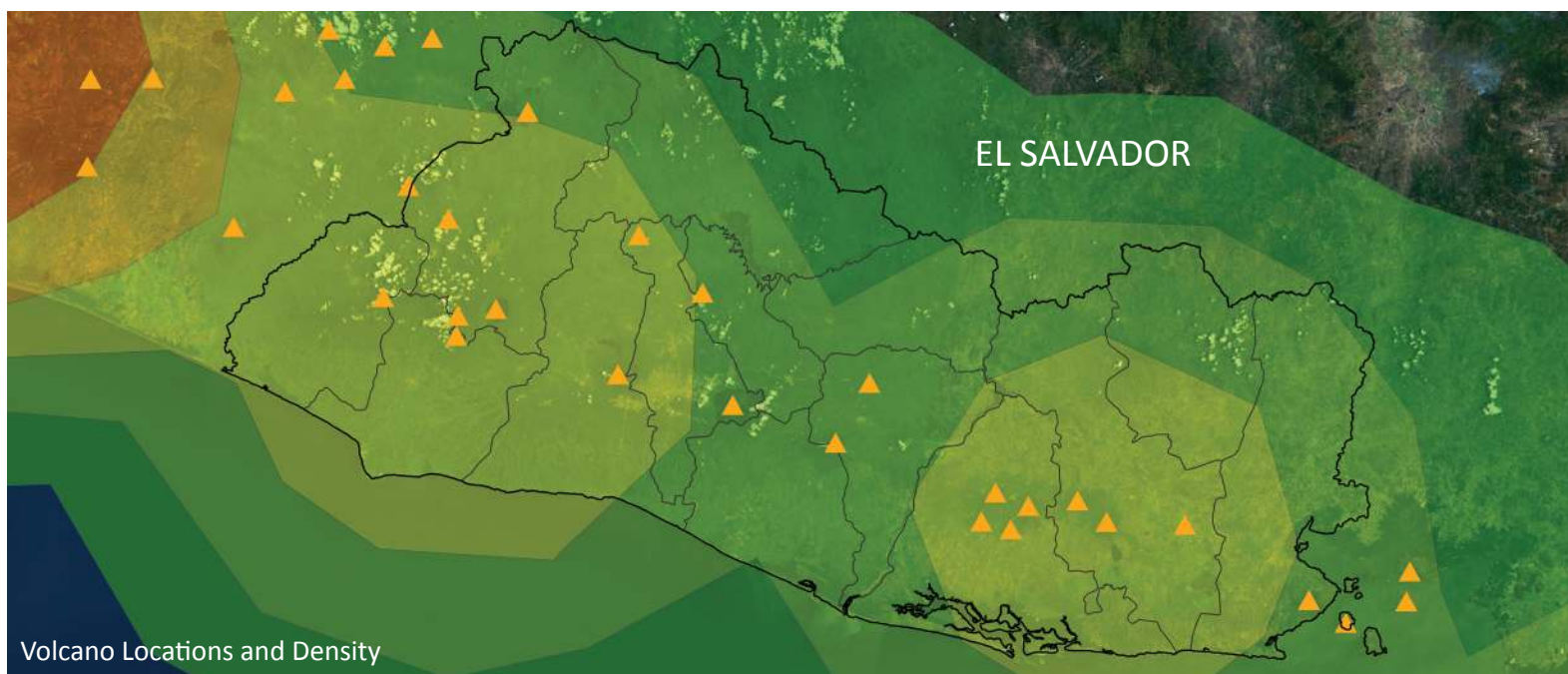
**Synopsis:** This project is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of national disaster preparedness capabilities. Project outcomes are intended to support effective decision making to enhance preparedness through targeted capacity and capability building.



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## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- **Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Capabilities and Gap Assessment:** National and subnational assessments to determine preparedness and response capabilities and capacities based on international best practices. The CDM assessments will identify areas of successful disaster management capabilities and processes, as well as potential gaps and barriers. The assessments are also designed to help determine the geographic (social & cultural) and political challenges to successful disaster management.
- **National and Sub-national Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (RVA):** Bi-lateral assessments will help identify various factors that contribute to disaster risk and vulnerability. Assessment results can be used to help anticipate challenges before, during, and after a disaster; prioritize action; and/or identify potential leverage points to support sustainability.
- **Application of Findings:** Bi-lateral assessments will be uniformly undertaken in order to provide the foundation for short-and long-term preparedness activities. The output will include:
  - A gap analysis and recommendations for maximizing comprehensive disaster management capabilities,
  - A proposed five-year plan to build capacity and capability, and
  - The integration of key data into a decision support system.
- **Data Integration and Information Sharing:** Baseline data and the results of the RVA and CDM assessments will be integrated into PDCs decision support applications powered by DisasterAWARE. Ensuring that data are available to all stakeholders.



### ABOUT PACIFIC DISASTER CENTER

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PDC helps meet the needs of the disaster management community by making high-quality information from trusted sources securely available and accessible. Additionally, the Center provides the up-to-date information, science, and technology necessary to support evidence-based decision making.

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