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# **South African Hazard and Vulnerability 'ATLAS'**

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# Rationale

**The increase in the frequency of disasters and their associated damages during the last decades is a regional trend.**

**It results both from growing environmental and social vulnerabilities and it reflects changing climate patterns.**

# About Atlas

**South African Hazard and Vulnerability Atlas is hosted by NDMC.**

**Atlas is a database-driven, web-enabled interactive "virtual book".**

**Various "chapters", such as drought, flood, cyclones, storms, severe weather, wild fires.**

# Main Elements of the Atlas

- Developing a comprehensive database to identify and visualise hazard, vulnerability and risk-prone areas.
- Understanding and addressing risk.
- Assimilating and disseminating information.

# Atlas is ...

- **Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Management Tools.**
- **Early Warning Tools.**
- **Single Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Information Entry Point / Portal.**

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