

## ***Interactive comment on “Brief Communication: Understanding disasters and early-warning systems” by H. Castanos and C. Lomnitz***

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The commentary summarizes some interesting observations compiled by the authors. There are many discussion points which might lead to a lively discussion. However, at a current stage the "brief communication" is fine as it is. As a technical note: Please enhance the quality of the graphics, e.g. is not acceptable, that Fig. 1 does not contain coordinates or a north arrow and a scale bar. Please increase the quality of the graphics.

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