

# 1 Developing open geographic data model and analysis tools 2 for disaster management: landslide case

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## 9 Abstract

10 Disaster Management aims to reduce catastrophic losses of disasters. Geographic information  
11 technologies support disaster management activities for effective and collaborative data  
12 management considering complex nature of disasters. This study [with an original conceptual](#)  
13 [approach](#) aims to develop interoperable geographic data model and analysis tools to manage  
14 geographic data [sets](#) coming from different sources. For landslide disaster, 39 scenario-based  
15 activities were analyzed with required data according to user needs in a cycle of activities at  
16 mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery phases. Interoperable geographic data model  
17 for disaster management (ADYS), enabling up-to-date exchange of geographic data, was  
18 designed compliant with the standards of ISO/TC211 Geographic Information / Geomatics,  
19 Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), and Turkey National GIS (TUCBS). Open source and  
20 free analysis toolbox was developed and tested in the case study of the activities such as  
21 landslide hazard analysis and disaster warning system to support Provincial Disaster  
22 Management Centers of Turkey. [Open data models and analysis tools make effective activity](#)  
23 [management and data sharing possible. However, transforming data sets to the data exchange](#)  
24 [formats is laborious.](#)

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## 26 1 Introduction

27 Disaster is a natural, manmade, or technological event which causes physical, economics, and  
28 technological losses for the community and suspends the daily life of people with great  
29 destruction, ecological problems, loss of human life, and deterioration of health (UNISDR,

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1 2009; WHO, 2005; FEMA, 1990). Landslides, amongst the most damaging disasters in  
2 mountainous regions especially, cause loses of lives and affects economy. In Turkey, the  
3 annual economic loses of landslides are about US \$80 million, the second most common  
4 natural disaster after earthquakes. The majority of the losses are in the Eastern Black Sea  
5 region of Turkey that is subjected to heavy precipitation in mountainous topographical  
6 features (Yalcin, 2007; Ildir, 1995).

7 Disaster management aims to reduce potential losses, to provide essential assistance to  
8 victims, and to achieve rapid recovery. Disaster management works in a cycle of activities at  
9 mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery phases. Prior to disaster, mitigation phase  
10 activities analyze risks and reduce possible impact of disasters, and then preparedness phase  
11 activities plan to ensure a rapid and more effective response. Response phase activities  
12 include emergency operations for minimizing effects during the disaster event and recovery  
13 phase returns life to normal after the disaster (Orchestra 2008; OASIS, 2005).

14 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has an important role for effective disaster  
15 management. Considering complex nature of disasters, GIS can manage base geographic data  
16 sets such as buildings, roads, and topography and real-time data sets such as rainfall,  
17 earthquake, and water flow. In cases of disasters, actors and decision makers need up-to-date,  
18 accurately and timely geographic data from different data providers. The data sets need to be  
19 used for collaborative decision-making in disaster management activities. However, the lack  
20 of up-to-date exchange of the data sets hampers effective use of GIS in the activities. The  
21 delays and problems access to qualified data affect decision processes in disaster management  
22 activities (Abdalla and Tao, 2005; Zhang et al. 2010). The availability of the data sets is  
23 restricted by legal issues and limited by differences in data models and specifications  
24 (Aydinoglu and Yomralioglu, 2010).

25 Towards GIS, Geospatial Data Infrastructure (GDI) as a framework encompasses policies,  
26 access networks, standards, and human resources necessary for the effective management and  
27 the sharing of geographic data sets on web services. It provides multi-participant environment  
28 for the actors to support decision-making in disaster management activities (Mansourian, et  
29 al., 2006; Molina and Bayarri 2011). In this regard, data content standards supporting  
30 interoperability should be defined independent from any software and hardware for the  
31 successful functioning of the disaster management system. Otherwise the system working  
32 with inconvenient data will be ineffective in the case of disasters (Aubrecht et al., 2013).

1 GIS is mostly implemented for generating hazard and risk maps of disasters by using spatial  
2 analysis tools and visualizes the maps on the web environment for the planning purposes  
3 (Armenakis and Nirupama, 2013; Yalcin et al., 2011). As a part of National GDI initiatives,  
4 Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
5 developed the DHS data model to support data interoperability in disaster management  
6 community with allies (FGDC, 2009). Hazus is a national methodology that contains models  
7 for estimating potential losses from earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes especially (Schneider  
8 and Schauer, 2006). Geo-spatial Data Infrastructure for Disaster Management (GDI4DM)  
9 project develops open national data models to manage preparedness and response phase of  
10 disasters. Information Model for Safety and Security (IMOOV) compliant with other national  
11 data specifications of the Netherlands provides a general approach for disaster or event  
12 management, similar to GDI4DM (Geonovum, 2008; Zlatanova et al., 2010). As well as these  
13 projects, integrated disaster management and developing data models compatible with  
14 National GDI are current research topics.

15 This study aims to determine an original conceptual model for harmonized and integrated  
16 disaster management. According to the conceptual model of disaster type-activity-task-data  
17 relations with landslide case, this paper offers a method to develop open/general data  
18 specifications based on the requirements of all disaster management activities at different  
19 phases and to understand how open data sets can be analysed with open software tools. As the  
20 first case of Turkey National GIS (TUCBS) infrastructure following GDI vision, the  
21 interoperable data model for disaster management (ADYS) that makes up-to-date exchange of  
22 geographic data sets from different sources possible was designed. The ADYS analysis tools  
23 that are open, flexible, and independent from any software and hardware were developed.

24 In Section 2, within the scope of fight against landslide disaster, the activities were analysed  
25 at mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery phases to lead operations of Disaster  
26 Management Centers in provinces of Turkey. According to the standards of ISO/TC 211  
27 Geographic Information/Geomatics Committee, application schemas of the ADYS data model  
28 were designed with Unified Modeling Language (UML) and encoded to Geographic Markup  
29 Language (GML) data exchange format. Considering the activities for landslide, ADYS  
30 analysis toolbox requiring open geographic data sets was developed with the using of open-  
31 source GIS software tools. In Section 3, these application schemas were tested in case

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1 activities such as landslide analysis, disaster warning system, and disaster effect analysis. This  
2 study was examined for effective disaster management in the last sections.

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## 4 **2 Material and methods**

5 Conceptual approach for disaster management is defined to cope with the complex nature of  
6 disasters. This approach helps integrated management of disaster types such as earthquake,  
7 floods, landslides, fire, and transportation accident. The activities at different phases of  
8 disaster management were analyzed with required data to understand requirements of  
9 landslide case. According to this analysis, an open geographic data model for disaster  
10 management was designed and then open analysis tools were developed for the activities.

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### 12 **2.1. Conceptual approach for disaster management**

13 The conceptual approach (Figure 1) of disaster management was defined with upper classes;  
14 DisasterType, Actor, Activity, Task, and Data (Aydinoglu et al., 2012);

- 15 • "DisasterType" defines disasters causing loss of life and property, such as landslide,  
16 earthquake, and fire.
- 17 • "Activity" is the applications to fight against the disasters at mitigation (Z), preparedness  
18 (H), response (M), and recovery (I) phases. For example, landslide risk analysis at  
19 mitigation phase, determining response units for fire at preparedness phase, determining  
20 earthquake effect area at response level, and restructuring works following flood at  
21 recovery phase are some examples of disaster management.
- 22 • "Actor" is responsible for managing the activities of any disaster type as S.Actor and  
23 works in response activities as F.Actor. The actors as example are disaster management  
24 centers under the responsibility of governorships, civil defense, fire fighters, ambulances,  
25 and police. In addition to this, rescue team and wreck removal unit are the actors  
26 responding to landslide hazard.
- 27 • "Task" is a part of the activity. Actors perform these tasks respectively for the response  
28 activity of any disaster type such as registering incident, directing rescue team, and  
29 evacuating area.

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- 1 • "Data" is required and produced during a task. It is supposed that a task requires existing  
2 data from TUCBS base database and requires and produces static/dynamic data from  
3 ADYS disaster management database.

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## 5 **2.2. Activity analysis for landslide**

6 As a result of a fieldwork applied to the experts and the actors and examining academic  
7 research, for landslide, 39 sub-activities of 15 activity group were defined at all disaster  
8 management phases (Aydinoglu, et al., 2012). As well as landslide hazard and vulnerability  
9 analysis studied often at mitigation phase, the activities at preparedness, response, and  
10 recovery phases were analysed.

11 As the beginning phase of disaster management, mitigation phase contains the activities for  
12 the reduction of losses prior to disaster event. This phase consists of three parts; analysis,  
13 planning risk reduction, and re-planning as seen on Table 1. HEY.Z.01 landslide analysis  
14 activities comprise works for determining landslide potential, risky buildings and  
15 infrastructures. HEY.Z.02 risk reduction activities contain works for the elimination and the  
16 reduction of risks determined in the analysis works. In HEY.Z.03 activity, residential areas  
17 are planned depending on landslide risk determined in landslide analysis works. GIS  
18 techniques were implemented in these activities to determine measures to be taken before  
19 landslides (INSPIRE 2011; Muthukumar, 2013; Sudmeier et. al., 2013; Holcombe et. al.,  
20 2012; Jaiswal and van Westen, 2013).

21 As seen on Table 2, preparedness phase as pre-disaster activity contains activities to  
22 determine and to coordinate resources during disaster. After determining landslide risk in the  
23 analysis activities, HEY.H.01 activity anticipates response areas when landslide occurs. While  
24 response units are planned in HEY.H.02 activities, resources in response phase are examined  
25 in HEY.H.03 activities. HEY.H.04 activities estimate evacuation requirements when landslide  
26 occurs. It is envisaged which buildings may be damaged and should be evacuated prior to the  
27 disaster. In this way, these activities help to save people from disaster effect area quickly.  
28 HEY.H.05 activity determines warning locations for disaster warning system. These outputs  
29 are used in the activities of response phase (Bittencourt et.al., 2013; Venkatesan et.al., 2013;  
30 Ko and Kwak, 2012).

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1 Response activities include tasks immediately after disasters as seen on Table 3. HEY.M.01  
2 activity determines affected area after disaster occurs and its location is defined. Affected  
3 buildings and infrastructures are determined in the HEY.M.02 activity important for response  
4 units and evacuation process of victims. HEY.M.03 activity directs response units such as  
5 police, health response, and civil defense by using network analysis functions of GIS. While  
6 HEY.M.04 activity identifies buildings for evacuation, HEY.M.05 activity delivers base and  
7 health supplies determined in the preparedness phase (Parentale and Sathisan, 2007; HS,  
8 2008; Saadatseresht et.al., 2009; Keim 2008).

9 Recovery phase includes activities for the reduction and elimination of disaster losses. As  
10 seen on Table 4, HEY.I.01 activity detects debris and plan debris removal by defining  
11 convenient location and logistics facilities. HEY.I.02 activity plans new settlements to update  
12 zoning plans after the disaster brought about destruction. Thus, risk reduction and elimination  
13 will be provided in the long term (Beck 2005; Wiles et.al., 2005).

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### 15 **2.3. Requirement analysis example for landslide activities**

16 Each activity has various tasks respectively that were managed by the actors. These tasks  
17 need static and real-time geographic data. Base data sets such as buildings, roads, and  
18 topography are included in static data category. Furthermore, meteorological data, earthquake  
19 data, and traffic density data can be defined in real-time data category.

20 For landslide disaster, the sub-activities were analyzed to define data requirement. These  
21 analyses were carried out based on expert opinion after examining academic publications and  
22 projects, and then completed with the assessment of the actors in disaster management sector.  
23 The data requirement analysis defines produced and used geographic data sets with detailed  
24 information including data types, geometry, attributes and values, associations and  
25 topological rules, and possible functions.

26 For example; at mitigation phase, HEY.Z.01.01 Landslide Hazard Analysis produces  
27 landslide hazard raster datasets by using spatial analysis techniques on data sets such as  
28 topography, land cover, stream, road, and lithology. Topography, as example, with line  
29 geometry was defined with the attributes such as elevation height, type, and accuracy.

30 At response phase, HEY.M.03.05 Directing Emergency Management Units as a sub-activity  
31 of HEY.M.03 Directing Response Units produces transportation route data sets by using GIS

1 network analysis techniques. The tasks in this analysis require response area, road, emergency  
2 response unit, affected building, and response source data sets. Response source location, as  
3 example, with point geometry was defined with the attributes such as emergency response  
4 material list, material amount, responsible person, and communication information.

#### 6 **2.4. Designing interoperable geographic data model of Turkey with landslide** 7 **case**

8 Disaster management projects of Turkey have been initiated after devastating Marmara  
9 earthquake in 1999. Turkey Disaster Information System (TABİS) project developed a  
10 database structure and GIS standards for disaster management. These standards were  
11 implemented for Istanbul in a project (Bilgi et al., 2008). Hazturk project based on Hazus  
12 developed an earthquake loss estimation for Turkey. Various projects more have been  
13 triggered, such as meteorological early warning system, seismic risk mitigation, emergency  
14 transportation network planning, and disaster information system projects especially focused  
15 on earthquake (Korkmaz, 2009). In 2009, the Prime Ministry of Turkey established Disaster  
16 and Emergency Management Presidency according to the law N.5902. It aims to coordinate  
17 all disaster events under a central administration structure and provincial administrations are  
18 responsible for managing disaster events (Gazette of Republic of Turkey, 2009). However,  
19 data management and coordination approach have not been determined yet to manage disaster  
20 types, actors, and disaster activities (Aydinoglu, et al., 2011; Erden 2012).

21 Turkey National GIS (TUCBS) base data specifications were designed to enable geographic  
22 data interoperability between data providers and users, after General Directorate of GIS was  
23 built in 2012. However, TUCBS data models have not put into practice yet and stakeholders  
24 have met with problems such as the usability of data models, and data sharing problems, and  
25 repetitive data production. Data interoperability is required between sector data models like  
26 disaster management and national data models like TUCBS (GDGIS, 2012-1).

27 In this study, The ADYS data model titled as disaster management data model was designed  
28 with landslide case according to the data requirement in the activity analysis. As conceptual  
29 approach, The ADYS data model is compliant with TUCBS and Urban GIS (KBS) data  
30 models. TUCBS base data themes such as Address (*AD.Adres*), Land Cover (*AO.Arazi*  
31 *Örtüsü*), Building (*BI.Bina*), Administrative Unit (*IB.Idari Birim*), Hydrography  
32 (*HI.Hidrografiya*), Geodesy (*JD.Jeodezik Altyapı*), Orthophoto (*OR.Ortofoto*), Land Registry-

1 Cadastre (*TK.Tapu- Kadastro*), Topography (*TO.Topografya*), and Transportation  
2 (*UL.Ulaşım*) are used as base static data in disaster management activities (GDGIS, 2012-2).  
3 It is supposed that data interoperability will be possible at logical level because public  
4 institutions accepted TUCBS standards for the exchange of geographic data sets (Figure 2).

5 ADYS is as an object-oriented geo-data model. ISO 19103 Conceptual Schema Language  
6 (ISO/TC211, 2005a), ISO 19109 Application Schema Rules (ISO/TC211, 2005b), and other  
7 related standards of ISO/TC211 define rules to model feature types, relations between these,  
8 attributes, geometries, and other properties. UML as a modeling language is used for object  
9 modelling.

10 The ADYS data model includes feature types defined in the disaster management activities  
11 for the disaster types like Earthquake (*Deprem*), Landslide (*Heyelan*), Flooding (*Sel*), Forest  
12 Fire / Fire (*Orman/Kent yangını*), Transportation Accident (*Ulaşım Kazası*), and disaster  
13 general (*Afet Genel*). This model includes disaster related feature types not defined in TUCBS  
14 and KBS data models. For example, beside other geo-data themes, landslide theme includes  
15 feature types; plantation area (*AgaclandirmaBolge*), barrier area (*BariyerUygulamaBolge*),  
16 retaining walls (*IstinatDuvari*), slope regulation region (*SevDuzenlemeBolge*), drainage  
17 arrangement (*DrenajDuzenleme*), landslide hazard (*HeyelanTehlike*), and so on.

18 According to the requirement analysis of landslide activities, the used and produced feature  
19 types were modelled for the activities. For example:

20 In the activity HEY.Z.01 Landslide Analysis Works as seen on Figure 3, HEY.Z.01.01  
21 requires digital elevation model, slope, and aspect (`<<featuretype>> YukseklikGrid, Egim,`  
22 `Baki`) from TUCBS.TO, stream (`<<featuretype>> Akarsu`) from TUCBS.HI, land cover  
23 (`<<featuretype>> AraziOrtusuNesnesi`) from TUCBS.AO, road (`<<featuretype>>`  
24 `Karayolu`) from TUCBS.UL, and lithology (`<<featuretype>> Litoloji`) from TUCBS data  
25 themes. Landslide hazard (`<<featuretype>> HeyelanTehlike`) of the ADYS data model is  
26 produced with analysing these inputs according to the method.

27 HEY.Z.01.02 requires building (`<<featuretype>> Bina`) from TUCBS.BI, transportation base  
28 class (`<<featuretype>> Ulasim`) from TUCBS.UL, infrastructure base class  
29 (`<<featuretype>> Ulasim`) from TUCBS data themes. According to the method, landslide  
30 vulnerability (`<<featuretype>> HeyelanZarar`) of the ADYS data model is produced with  
31 analysing these inputs.



1 A risk zone is the spatial extent of a combination of a hazard and the associated probability of  
2 its occurrence. A risk zone must be associated with one or more vulnerability coverage  
3 including exposed elements such as building and infrastructure (INSPIRE, 2011). For  
4 HEY.Z.01.03, landslide risk (<<featuretype>> *HeyelanRisk*) of the ADYS data model is  
5 associated with a landslide hazard when landslide hazard is in vulnerability feature types.

6 In the activity HEY.H.05 Landslide Warning System, required data is Building  
7 (<<featuretype>> *Bina*) from TUCBS.BI and Disaster Risk (<<featuretype>> *AfetRisk*)  
8 from ADYS general data theme. Disaster warning area (<<featuretype>> *AfetUyariAlani*)  
9 depending on disaster risk and disaster warning point (<<featuretype>> *AfetUyariNoktasi*)  
10 feature types are defined with address, geometry, ownership, and megaphone model attributes  
11 in the ADYS data model (Figure 4).

12 HEY.M.01 Determining Disaster Effect Area is the first activity at response phase to identify  
13 areas where the disaster occurs and to determine affected structures. Figure 5 presents feature  
14 types of this activity defined in the ADYS model. The location of the disaster is defined in  
15 event (<<featuretype>> *Olay*) feature type with point geometry. If an event covers wide-area  
16 and threaten human life and environment, disaster is called and the estimated disaster effect  
17 area (<<featuretype>> *TahminiAfetEtkiAlani*) is defined with polygon geometry.

18 After response units work, the actual impact of the disaster is defined with disaster effect area  
19 (<<featuretype>> *AfetEtkiAlani*). This area aggregates affected buildings, infrastructures,  
20 transportation, and vehicles feature types that are inherited from the TUCBS data model.  
21 Response areas (<<featuretype>> *MudahaleBolgesi*) are determined and response units are  
22 directed to the structures in the disaster effect area.

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## 24 **2.5. Approach for Geographic Data Exchange**

25 After modelling UML application schemas, these models were transformed to ISO 19136  
26 Geography Markup Language (GML) format that is a XML based encoding standard for  
27 geographic data interoperability and developed by Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC). It is  
28 supposed if different geographic data sets produced by different users are converted into these  
29 TUCBS and ADYS data exchange format, these data sets can be used in the disaster  
30 management activities effectively (OGC, 2012; OGC, 2011; Li et al. 2008). Geographic data

1 sets, therefore, should be transformed from a system to another system by using these  
2 application schemas as a data exchange format.

3 However public institutions used to work with their familiar software and database  
4 environment. Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) tools, therefore, were developed to overcome  
5 interoperability challenges by providing accurate and defined geographic data sets to the  
6 users. ETL tool extracts data from a source database, transforms the data to the format defined  
7 in TUCBS and ADYS application schemas, and loads the data into application database for  
8 disaster management activities.

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## 10 **2.6. Developing Open Spatial Analysis Tools for the Activities**

11 Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) desktop GIS programs were used to develop the  
12 ADYS toolbox due to most GIS functions can be accomplished in desktop environment.  
13 Quantum GIS, GRASS GIS, and SAGA GIS as mature desktop GIS projects were used in this  
14 study. These are licensed by General Public License (GPL) and free as alternative of  
15 commercial software (Steiniger and Hunter, 2013; Teeuw, et al. 2013).

16 Processing steps of the analysis tools were developed in Quantum GIS (QGIS) open source  
17 platform. QGIS performed extremely well under the existing conditions and its functionalities  
18 are adequate for general applications. As [user interface of ADYS toolbox](#), the Sextante  
19 toolbox [is a](#) Java-based framework [and](#) processes vector and raster data with several desktop  
20 GIS tools. Its functionalities can be enhanced with GIS functions [of other programs](#) (Chen et  
21 al., 2010; Hugentobler, 2008).

22 GRASS GIS has become a high quality cutting edge GIS, represents a collaborative  
23 development model, and supports the free spread of knowledge. Users are encouraged to  
24 download the underlying code, customize and enhance all algorithms and methods. Since it is  
25 a modular system it may be implemented in various environments (Neteler et al., 2012;  
26 Steineger and Hay 2009; Neteler and Mitasova, 2008; Casagrande et. al., 2012).

27 Beside these, System for Automated Geoscientific Analysis (SAGA GIS) come forward with  
28 powerful and various spatial analysis tools (Cimmery, 2010; Conrad, 2007). GDAL (raster)  
29 and OGR (vector) are two libraries that import and convert between different geographic data  
30 formats. Their Python bindings play a significant role in current FOSS developments.

1 The ADYS analysis toolbox was developed to manage landslide activities according to the  
2 activity analysis explaining task steps. The framework provides templates for the custom  
3 construction of model components arranging the schedule of the integrated model. The high-  
4 level Python language, allowing domain experts without in-depth knowledge of software, was  
5 used for model construction of the activities (Schmitz et. al., 2013).

6 Figure 6 shows ADYS toolbox including landslide activities as example. As the activities of  
7 mitigation phase, HEY.Z.01.03 Landslide Risk Analysis tool can be run after HEY.Z.01.01  
8 Landslide Hazard Analysis and HEY.Z.01.02 Landslide Vulnerability Analysis tools. These  
9 tools use input GML data sets from TUCBS database as explained on Figure 3. GRASS GIS  
10 and SAGA GIS functions were utilized in the processing steps of this tool as seen on Figure 8.  
11 Besides `r.slope.aspect` for generating slope and aspect and `r.buffer` for creating a raster  
12 euclidan distance from GRASS GIS; `shapes to grid`, `reclassify grid values`, and `raster  
13 calculator` were used from SAGA GIS.

14 In the HEY.Z.01.01 tool, raster calculator is used to produce landslide hazard map  
15 (*<<featuretype>> Heyelan Tehlike*) from the input data sets. Analytic Hierarchy Process  
16 (AHP) improved by Saaty (1980), one of the multi-criteria decision analyses (MCDA), deals  
17 with complex decision-making and help to determine weights of selected criteria for each  
18 input data set (Saaty and Vargas, 2001; Chen, et al., 2013; [Erden and Karaman, 2012](#)). Pair-  
19 wise comparison matrix, factor weights and consistency ratio of the data sets were determined  
20 after reviewing academic publications, Yalcin et al. (2011) especially.

21 Figure 7 shows the Python code of processing steps for the activity HEY.H.05.01 disaster  
22 warning system. This activity requires GML data sets from TUCBS database and aims to  
23 define warning points and covering area in the best way. Locations of warning points should  
24 be the optimum number and cover more population depending on effect area. Thus, open  
25 analysis functions such as `creategraticule` from SAGA GIS, `polygoncentroids`, `extractnodes`  
26 and `fixeddistancebuffer` from QGIS, and `v.select` from GRASS GIS were used.

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### 28 3. CASE STUDY

29 The activity tools of HEY.Z.01.01 Landslide Hazard Analysis and HEY.Z.01.02 Landslide  
30 Vulnerability Analysis were tested to produce HEY.Z.01.03 Landslide Risk Analysis. Data  
31 sets defined in Figure 3 were collected from various public institutions for Macka county of

1 Trabzon province of Turkey, such as elevation and stream data sets from General Command  
2 of Mapping (GCM), transportation data sets including road from Ministry of Transportation,  
3 lithology data set from General Directorate of Mine Research, infrastructure and building data  
4 sets from local government, and LANDSAT image.

5 By designing ETL tool developed in FME software, these data sets were converted to GML-  
6 based data exchange format of TUCBS and ADYS and then applicable database format  
7 because of different formats and contents.

8 For Landslide Hazard Analysis, the HEY.Z.01.01 tool use digital elevation model (DEM),  
9 lithology, stream, road, and satellite image (Figure 8). Processing steps with additional  
10 analysis tools;

- 11 • All input data sets were converted to raster format for analysis processes.
- 12 • Using surface analysis techniques produces slope and aspect data sets (<<featuretype>>  
13 Egim / Baki) from digital elevation data sets (<<featuretype>> *YukseklkGrid*).
- 14 • Calculating Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) in red and near-infrared (nir)  
15 band of satellite image determines vegetation as land cover object (<<featuretype>>  
16 *AraziOrtusuNesnesi*).
- 17 • Using euclidean distance analysis tool produces distance to road and stream data sets from  
18 base data sets (<<featuretype>> *Karayolu / Akarsu*).
- 19 • Reclassifying raster data sets determines normalized factor weights for lithology, slope,  
20 aspect, land cover, elevation, distance to stream, distance to road. For example; factor  
21 weights of slope are 0.043 for % 0-10, 0.068 for %10-20, 0.123 for %20-30, 0.288 for  
22 %30-50, 0.479 for bigger than %50 (consistency ratio: 0.038). Factor weights of distance  
23 to road are 0.394 for 0-25m, 0.234 for 25-50m, 0.124 for 50-75m, 0.124 for 75-100m, and  
24 0.124 for 100-125m (consistency ratio: 0.016).
- 25 • The last process of this tool is to analyse the data sets by Weighed Linear Combination  
26 (WLC) method depending on weight values of the each factor. Weight values between the  
27 factors were calculated as 0.386 for lithology, 0.230 for slope, 0.129 for aspect, 0.098 for  
28 elevation, 0.083 for land cover, 0.037 for distance to stream, and 0.037 for distance to road  
29 (consistency ratio: 0.038, acceptable).
- 30 • As a result, Landslide Hazard Map (<<featuretype>> *HeyelanTehlike of ADYS*) was  
31 produced with low, medium, and high hazard level as seen on Figure 8.

1 For Landslide Vulnerability Analysis, the HEY.Z.01.02 tool use building data sets,  
2 infrastructure data sets including linear engineering structures, and transportation data sets  
3 including road, railway, and related structures. Similar to processing steps above, these data  
4 sets were analysed by WLC method depending on the weight values of each factor. As a  
5 result of this case study, vulnerable areas (*HeyelanZarar*) of ADYS were  
6 determined to analyse with landslide hazard map.

7 To test the HEY.H.05.01 activity tool, Selver and Osman Gazi Districts of Meram county of  
8 Konya province of Turkey were determined as case area. Input building data set was collected  
9 from local government and analysed by using the interface on Figure 9. Processing steps  
10 defined on Figure 7;

- 11 • Graticule was created with 500m, depending on building data sets. Centroids and nodes  
12 were extracted from graticule. Duplications were eliminated and then the data were  
13 merged.
- 14 • Graticule was created for building area again. Warning points were selected in these areas.  
15 Then, covering area was defined with buffer function.
- 16 • After processing steps of this analysis tool, it is supposed that each warning point  
17 announces an area of 250m. As output of this tool, GML data sets of disaster warning  
18 points (*AfetUyariNoktası*) and disaster warning area (*AfetUyariAlani*) were produced in the ADYS database.
- 19 • As a result, 21 disaster warning points covering %97.3 of buildings were assigned by using  
20 this analysis tool.  
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#### 23 4. RESULTS

24 The ADYS, disaster management data model, was designed as open and object-oriented  
25 geographic data model and compatible to ISO/TC211 standards and national data models. It is  
26 supposed that if data providers produce geographic data sets depending on these data models,  
27 data sharing and cooperation will be possible between actors for disaster management  
28 activities at mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery phases. This model, therefore, is  
29 a new approach for geographic data interoperability in Turkey.

30 The ADYS data model with landslide case can be implemented in any geographic database  
31 because it was designed independent from any software and hardware. In general, accepted  
32 and familiar methods have been determined for each activity because the model was prepared

1 according to analysis results of the activities and background of available projects. It is  
2 supposed that 39 activities at all disaster management phases of landslide can be managed  
3 with this approach and determines a new approach for integrated disaster management in the  
4 public institutions.

5 Using a standardized geo-data model provides the interoperability of geographic data sets.  
6 GML data sets were used and produced as open data exchange format in case study.  
7 However, intensive process was required to collect the data sets coming from different  
8 sources, to convert open data model defined, and then to use in any database environment. A  
9 new data conversion is required for each activity because source data sets have not been  
10 standardized yet in Turkey. If each public institution had shared the data sets according to the  
11 standard of TUCBS and ADYS model, these open data sets could have been used in the  
12 activities automatically.

13 ADYS activities such as landslide analysis works and disaster warning system were tested  
14 with developed open-source analysis tools. Modeller environment of QGIS provides  
15 opportunities for using various open source software tools in the processing steps of the same  
16 activity. Multi-criteria decision analysis techniques and tools were implemented in the  
17 activities and aimed composing an automated analysis system. Compared with commercially  
18 available software, open source functions and tools tested with case study can be used in the  
19 disaster management activities and provides accurate results.

20 In this way, using these analysis tools with open geographic data sets provide costless and  
21 improvable solutions for the landslide activities of Disaster Management Centres in any  
22 province of Turkey.

## 24 **5. DISCUSSION**

25 Disaster management is a multi-disciplinary activity. The most fundamental asset is the data  
26 itself that needs to be shared between different actors. It is important to reach real and  
27 accurate geographic data sets on time. Geographic data sets used by actors have great  
28 importance to perform the tasks of the activities at different phases of disaster management.  
29 Therefore, ADYS conceptual model can be accepted as practical approach for integrated  
30 management of different disaster types like landslide.

1 Building GDI, named as TUCBS in Turkey, provides the tools giving easy access to  
2 distributed databases for disaster management actors who need data sets for their own  
3 activities. Activities with tasks were formalized sequentially while required data for each task  
4 was obtained from TUCBS mechanism compliant with ADYS model.

5 It will be possible to manage and to use dynamic geographic data on electronic  
6 communication networks when web interface developed with Service Oriented Architecture  
7 (SOA) is configured on the web and data servers. Related stakeholders can manage and  
8 update geographic data at a place where the data is maintained effectively. It is supposed that  
9 web services can have their interfaces generated automatically from the models. That is,  
10 UML-specified interfaces should be translatable into the specifications written in the Web  
11 Services Description Language (WSDL).

12 On the other hand, each GIS system works independently and can communicate with each  
13 other using agreed standards and exchange format. Even if TUCBS is implemented, this study  
14 will have some disadvantages about model conversion from UML to GML. This model-  
15 driven conversion causes the loss of some modelling content. The model, therefore, should be  
16 kept as simple as possible for the consistency of the data exchange format instead of complex  
17 systems and databases. In this study, most of these problems were tested and eliminated by  
18 reasonable changes.

19 Open source ADYS software tools can be implemented to develop complex analysis for  
20 different activities. These analysis tools are open source so users can modify them for their  
21 applications. However, expertise is required to build and manage open source tools.  
22 Eliminating bugs takes time if it is compared with commercial GIS software.

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1 Table 1. Landslide Activities for Mitigation Phase

<b>HEY.Z.</b>	<b>Landslide Activities for Mitigation Phase</b>
HEY.Z.01	Landslide analysis works
HEY.Z.01.01	Landslide hazard analysis
HEY.Z.01.02	Landslide vulnerability analysis
HEY.Z.01.03	Landslide risk analysis
HEY.Z.02	Planning landslide risk reduction
HEY.Z.02.01	Regulating natural slopes
HEY.Z.02.02	Identifying areas for the barrier
HEY.Z.02.03	Improving the ground of the slopes
HEY.Z.02.04	Reforestation of the slopes
HEY.Z.02.05	Establishment of drainage systems
HEY.Z.02.06	Determining areas for the construction of retaining walls
HEY.Z.02.07	Strengthening the buildings
HEY.Z.03	Landslide re-planning
HEY.Z.03.01	Planning new construction areas
HEY.Z.03.02	Making changes in plans

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1 Table 2. Landslide Activities for Preparedness Phase

<b>HEY.H.</b>	<b>Landslide Activities for Preparedness Phase</b>	
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HEY.H.01	Planning landslide response	
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HEY.H.01.01	Determining response areas	
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HEY.H.02	Determining response units	
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HEY.H.02.01	Determining police response units	
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HEY.H.02.02	Determining fire response units	
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HEY.H.02.03	Determining health response units	
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HEY.H.02.04	Determining civil defense units	
		10
HEY.H.02.05	Determining emergency management units	
		11
HEY.H.03	Determining response resources	
		12
HEY.H.03.01	Determining locations for food and clothing supplies	
		13
HEY.H.03.02	Determining locations for health supplies	
		14
HEY.H.03.03	Determining locations for appliance supplies	
		15
HEY.H.04	Planning evacuation	
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HEY.H.04.01	Landslide evacuation analysis	
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HEY.H.04.02	Determining evacuation staff	
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HEY.H.05	Landslide warning system	
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HEY.H.05.01	Determining locations for warning system	
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1 Table 3. Landslide Activities for Response Phase

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<b>HEY.M.</b>	<b>Landslide Activities for Response Phase</b>
HEY.M.01	Determining disaster effect area
HEY.M.01.01	Defining disaster location
HEY.M.02	Disaster effect analysis
HEY.M.02.01	Determining affected buildings
HEY.M.02.02	Determining affected infrastructures
HEY.M.03	Directing response units
HEY.M.03.01	Directing police response units
HEY.M.03.02	Directing fire response units
HEY.M.03.03	Directing health response units
HEY.M.03.04	Directing civil defense units
HEY.M.03.05	Directing emergency management units
HEY.M.04	Evacuations works
HEY.M.04.01	Identifying buildings for evacuation
HEY.M.04.02	Routing evacuation
HEY.M.05	Delivery of help resources
HEY.M.05.01	Delivery of base and health supplies

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1 Table 4. Landslide Activities for Recovery Phase

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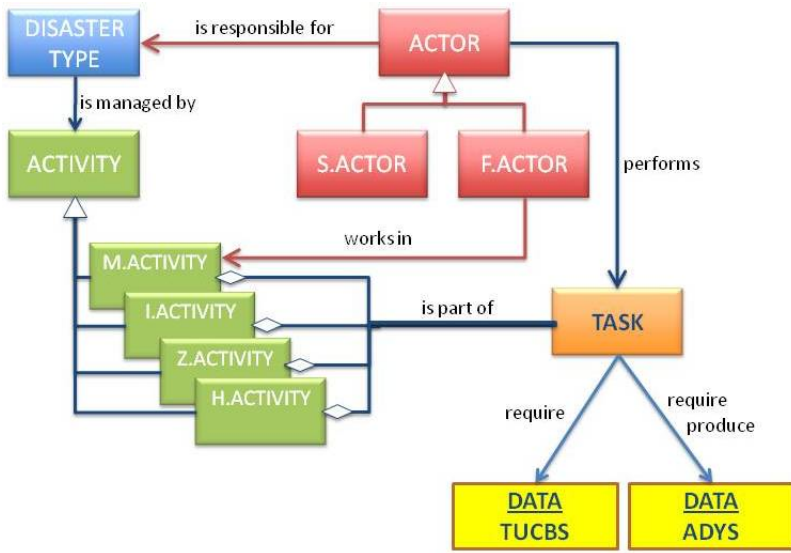
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<b>HEY.I.</b>	<b>Landslide Activities for Recovery Phase</b>
HEY.I.01	Recovery in disaster area
HEY.I.01.01	Detection of debris
HEY.I.01.02	Planning for debris removal
HEY.I.02	Restructuring works
HEY.I.02.01	Detecting restructuring regions
HEY.I.02.02	Making changes in the environmental plan

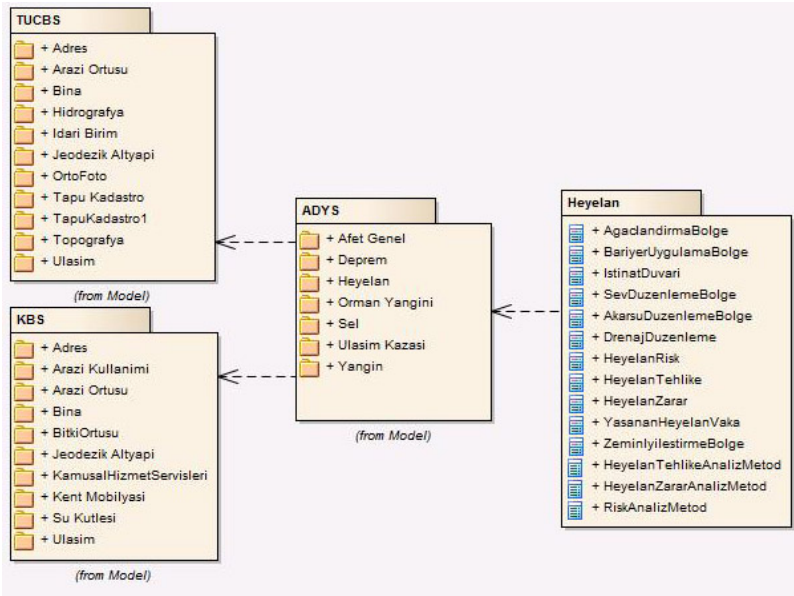
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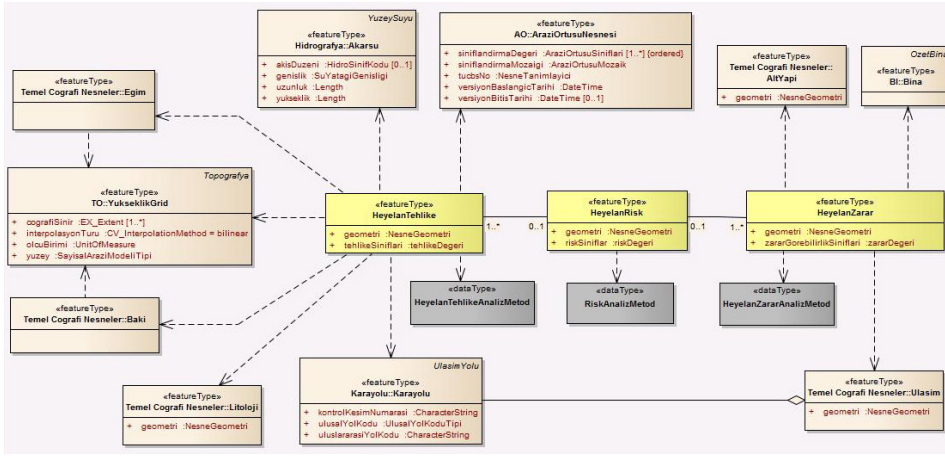


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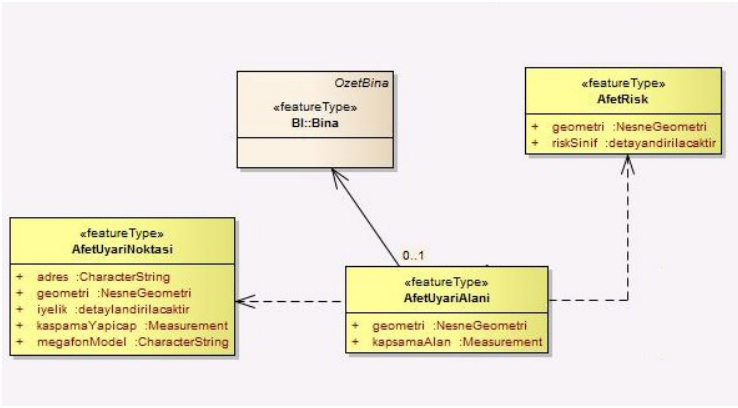
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Figure 2. Data themes in TUCBS, KBS, and ADYS data models and feature types in Landslide theme

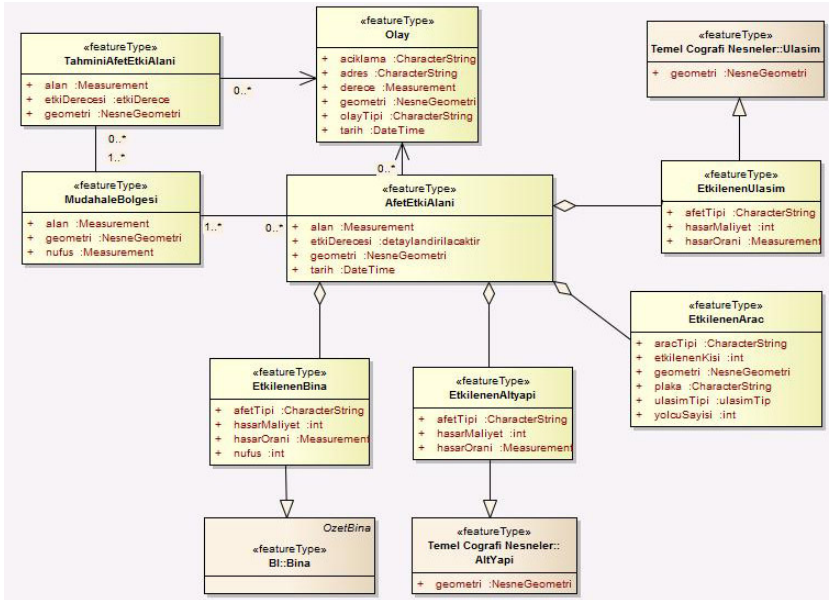


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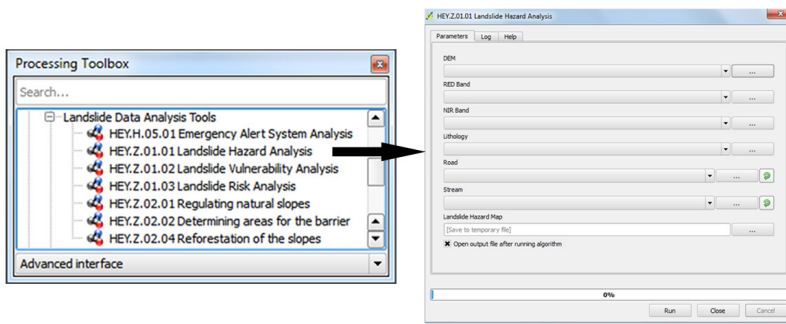
Figure 3. Relations between Hazard, Vulnerability, and Risk feature types



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 2 Figure 4. ADYS feature types concerning Disaster Warning System  
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2 Figure 5. ADYS feature types concerning Disaster Effect Analysis  
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2 Figure 6. ADYS analysis toolbox and user interface of HEY.Z.01.01 activity

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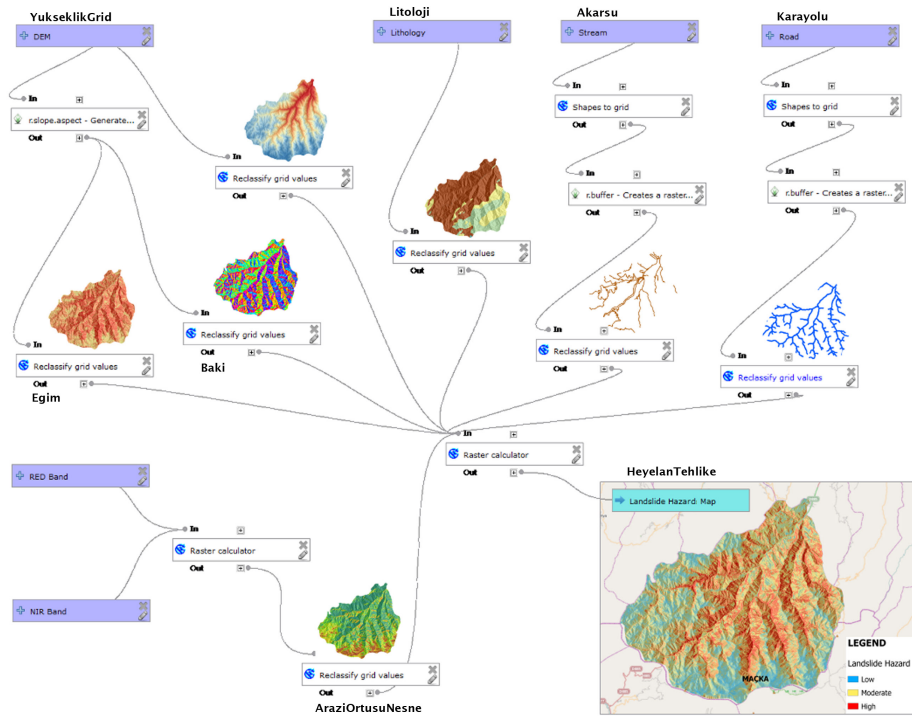
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1 ##HEY.H.05.01 Emergency Alert System Analysis=name
2 ##Buildings=vector
3 ##Warning_Point=output vector
4 ##Warning_Coverage_Area=output vector
5 outputs_0=Processing.runalg("saga:creategraticule", Buildings, None, 500, 500, 1, None)
6 outputs_1=Processing.runalg("qgis:polygoncentroids", outputs_0['GRATICULE'], None)
7 outputs_2=Processing.runalg("qgis:extractnodes", outputs_0['GRATICULE'], None)
8 outputs_3=Processing.runalg("qgis:deleteduplicategeometries", outputs_2['OUTPUT'], None)
9 outputs_4=Processing.runalg("qgis:mergevectorlayers", outputs_1['OUTPUT_LAYER'], outputs_3['SAVENAME'], None)
10 outputs_5=Processing.runalg("saga:creategraticule", Buildings, None, 50, 50, 1, None)
11 outputs_6=Processing.runalg("grass:v.select", outputs_5['GRATICULE'], Buildings, 0, None, -1.0, 0.0001, 0, None)
12 outputs_7=Processing.runalg("grass:v.select", outputs_4['SAVENAME'], outputs_6['output'], 0, None, -1.0, 0.0001, 0, Warning_Point)
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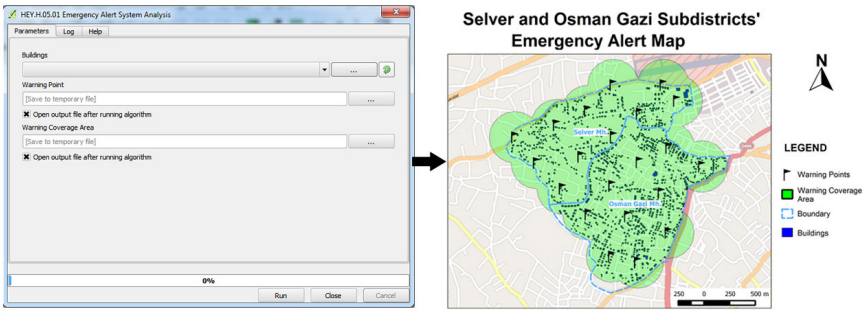
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 2 Figure 8. Processing steps and data sets for Landslide Hazard Analysis in Macka, Trabzon-  
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2 Figure 9. User interface and produced data sets for Disaster Warning System in Meram,  
3 Konya- Turkey

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