# NATURAL RESOURCES DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NRDMS)

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#### **➢** Basic Information of Kodagu District

**Division:** Mysore

**District Establishment Year:** 1956 **Headquarters:** Madikeri, Kodagu

Current CPO (Chief Planning Officer): Abdul Nabi, CPO

Current CEO (Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat): Anand Prakash Meena, CEO

#### NRDMS Background - Kodagu District

#### 1. Introduction to NRDMS

The Natural Resources Data Management System (NRDMS) is a flagship program initiated by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, with active support from the Karnataka State Council for Science & Technology (KSCST). The program was conceptualized to create spatial data infrastructures at the district level that would support scientific, data-driven, and decentralized planning.

The core principle of NRDMS is to make reliable data available in a usable form for administrators, planners, researchers, and local self-government bodies. By integrating GIS (Geographic Information System), Remote Sensing, and Database Management Systems, NRDMS bridges the gap between scientific data collection and its application in local-level governance and development programs.

#### 2. Objectives of NRDMS

- Develop spatial and non-spatial databases at the district and taluk levels.
- Support sector-specific applications such as natural resources planning, infrastructure development, health and education services, water resources, and tourism.
- Strengthen the process of decentralized planning by empowering Zilla Panchayats, Taluk Panchayats, and Gram Panchayats with accurate data.
- Provide decision support systems for administrators in disaster management, watershed development, election management, and land use monitoring.
- Act as a repository of scientific data, enabling inter-departmental coordination.

#### 3. Establishment of NRDMS in Kodagu

The Kodagu District NRDMS Centre was established in 2001–2002 as part of the statewide initiative to set up GIS-based planning units in every district of Karnataka. The centre is housed in the Zilla Panchayat Office, Madikeri, and functions as a technical support system for district-level and local-level planning.

The centre works under the guidance of KSCST, Bengaluru, and is coordinated locally by a designated project associate. The Kodagu NRDMS Centre is responsible for maintaining spatial

datasets, updating them regularly, and extending technical support to line departments in the district.

#### 4. Role and Applications in Kodagu

Being a unique hill district located in the Western Ghats, Kodagu has a distinct geographical and socio-economic profile. The NRDMS Centre in Kodagu plays a vital role in supporting district administration in the following areas:

#### 1. Natural Resource Mapping

- Preparation of land use/land cover maps.
- Forest and biodiversity mapping, crucial since over 60% of Kodagu is under forest cover.
- Watershed and river basin mapping for Cauvery and its tributaries.

#### 2. Infrastructure and Service Planning

- Identification of suitable sites for schools, anganwadis, healthcare facilities, and drinking water units.
- Road network mapping and connectivity analysis, especially in hilly and remote areas.

#### 3. Disaster Management

- o Landslide and flood-prone zone identification using GIS layers.
- Locating relief centres and evacuation routes.
- Supporting administration during natural calamities like the Kodagu floods of 2018 and 2019.

#### 4. Tourism Development

- Creation of tourism information systems by mapping heritage sites, coffee estates, trekking routes, and eco-tourism zones.
- Assisting the Tourism Department with visitor flow and accessibility planning.

#### 5. Support to Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs)

- Training Gram Panchayat officials to use GIS data for water supply planning, sanitation projects, and watershed development.
- o Providing thematic maps for village-level development plans.

#### 5. Achievements and Outcomes

- Development of GIS database layers for Kodagu, including revenue villages, road networks, drainage, settlements, forest areas, and agricultural lands.
- Generation of thematic maps for health, education, water resources, and infrastructure.
- Successful application of GIS in election management (polling booth mapping, voter accessibility studies).
- Support in natural disaster assessment and rehabilitation planning.
- Collaboration with research institutions and government departments to ensure data integration and sharing.

#### 6. Importance of NRDMS for Kodagu

Kodagu district's terrain, dominated by mountains, dense forests, and river valleys, makes planning and governance a complex task. The NRDMS Centre serves as a scientific planning tool, ensuring:

- Efficient use of limited natural resources.
- Preservation of environmentally sensitive areas in the Western Ghats.
- Improved service delivery to remote habitations.
- Strengthening of evidence-based decision making at the local level.

#### 7. Future Prospects

The Kodagu NRDMS Centre aims to expand into:

- Real-time data integration using GPS and IoT for rainfall, landslide monitoring, and disaster alerts.
- Development of mobile-based GIS applications for field officers and Gram Panchayat staff.
- Linking spatial databases with state-level data portals for seamless data sharing.
- Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by aligning local development projects with global priorities.

#### **Location & Boundaries – Kodagu District**

#### **Geographical Location**

Kodagu district lies on the eastern slopes of the Western Ghats in southwestern Karnataka, with an area of about 4,102 sq. km. The terrain is largely hilly and forested, with major peaks such as Tadiandamol (1,750 m) and Pushpagiri (1,715 m)

- Latitudinal Extent: 11° 56′ N to 12° 52′ N
- Longitudinal Extent: 75° 22′ E to 76° 11′ E
- Total Area: ~4,102 sq. km
- Elevation: Ranges from 900 m above mean sea level in valleys to 1,750 m at the highest peak (Tadiandamol).
- Physiographic Region: Eastern slopes of the Western Ghats, characterized by rugged hills, deep valleys, and dense forests

#### **Boundaries**

North: Hassan districtEast: Mysore district

• Northwest: Dakshina Kannada district

- South and Southwest: Wayanad and Kannur districts of Kerala
- West: Kasaragod district of Kerala

#### **Administrative Subdivisions**

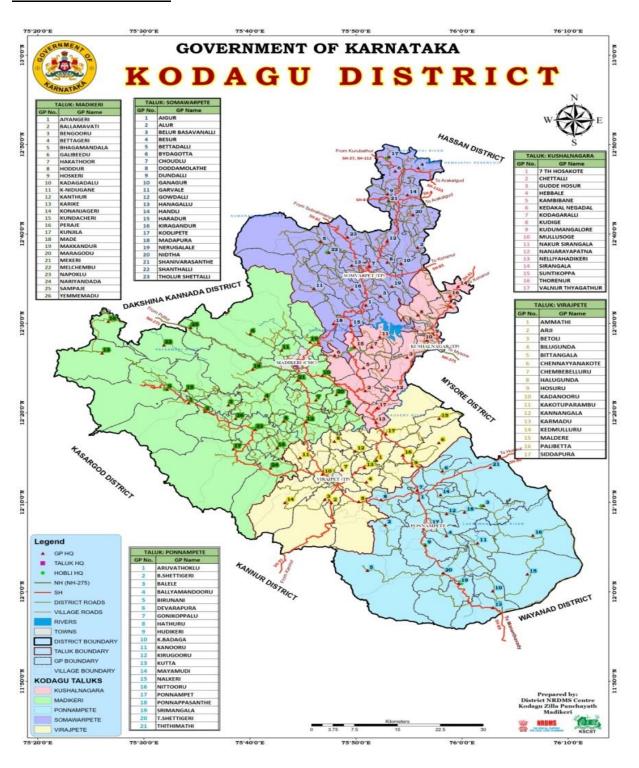
Attribute	Details
Taluks	5 (Madikeri, Somwarpet, Virajpet, Kushalnagar, Ponnampet)
Hoblis	17
Urban Local Bodies	5 (Madikeri, Somwarpet, Virajpet, Kushalnagar, Ponnampet towns)
Taluka Panchayats	5 (one for each taluk)
Gram Panchayats	102
Villages	~529
District Headquarters	Madikeri

#### **Topography of Kodagu District**

Kodagu district forms part of the Western Ghats and is characterized by rugged and varied terrain.

- Hills and Mountains: The district is predominantly hilly and mountainous, with elevations ranging from about 900 metres above mean sea level in valleys to 1,750 metres at Tadiandamol peak (the highest point in Karnataka). Other notable peaks include Pushpagiri (1,715 m) and Brahmagiri (1,608 m).
- Plateaus and Uplands: Central Kodagu consists of rolling uplands and tablelands, widely used for coffee plantations, pepper, cardamom, and other commercial crops.
- River Valleys: The Cauvery River originates at Talacauvery in Kodagu and flows eastward across the district. Its tributaries such as Lakshmanatirtha, Harangi, and Hemavathi create fertile valleys that support paddy cultivation.
- Terrain Influence: The undulating topography influences land use, settlement distribution, agriculture, and transportation, while also making the region prone to landslides and floods during heavy monsoon rains.
- No Coastal Area: Kodagu is a landlocked district without any coastal region.

#### **KODAGU DISTRICT MAP**



#### **Climate of Kodagu District**

Kodagu experiences a tropical monsoon climate, with heavy rainfall and moderate temperatures due to its elevation and location in the Western Ghats.

#### Average Rainfall:

- Varies between 2,500 mm and 4,500 mm annually.
- Western Kodagu (Madikeri, Ponnampet, Virajpet) receives the heaviest rainfall,
   while eastern areas (Somwarpet, Kushalnagar) are relatively drier.
- The Southwest Monsoon (June–September) contributes nearly 75% of the total rainfall.

#### Temperature Range:

o Summer (March−May): 15°C − 28°C

o Monsoon (June−September): 10°C – 25°C

o Winter (October−February): 8°C − 25°C

#### Climatic Zones:

- High Rainfall Evergreen Zone Western taluks (Madikeri, Ponnampet, Virajpet)
   with dense forests, heavy monsoon, and cool temperatures.
- Plantation Zone Central uplands, dominated by coffee, pepper, and cardamom cultivation under a moderate climate.
- Eastern Transitional Zone Areas like Kushalnagar and parts of Somwarpet,
   with relatively lower rainfall, more open lands, and paddy cultivation in valleys.

#### **Natural Resources of Kodagu District**

Kodagu is one of the most eco-sensitive districts of Karnataka, endowed with rich natural resources.

#### Forests:

- o Nearly 54% of the district's geographical area is under forest cover.
- Forest types include evergreen, semi-evergreen, moist deciduous, and shola forests.
- Forests are home to rich biodiversity including elephants, tigers, leopards, gaurs, and several endemic species of flora and fauna.

#### Minerals:

- Kodagu has limited mineral wealth due to its forested and hilly terrain.
- Minor occurrences of granite, laterite, and quartz are reported, but large-scale mining is not permitted due to environmental sensitivity.

#### Water Resources:

- The district is the catchment area of the River Cauvery, which originates at Talacauvery.
- o Several tributaries and streams ensure perennial water availability.

 Important water storage structures include Harangi Reservoir and multiple small tanks.

#### Soil Types:

- Predominantly lateritic soil in high rainfall zones.
- Red loamy soil in uplands, suitable for plantation crops like coffee, pepper, and cardamom.
- o Alluvial soil in valleys, ideal for paddy cultivation.

#### **Major Rivers and Water Sources in Kodagu District**

#### • Cauvery River:

- Originates at Talacauvery (Brahmagiri Hills, Madikeri Taluk).
- Lifeline of South India; flows eastward and supports irrigation, drinking water, and hydropower.

#### • Tributaries of Cauvery:

- 1. **Lakshmanatirtha River** flows through western Kodagu before joining Cauvery.
- 2. **Harangi River** originates in Pushpagiri Hills, forms the Harangi Reservoir, and later joins Cauvery near Kushalnagar.
- 3. **Hemavathi River** originates in Chikmagalur but drains part of eastern Kodagu.
- 4. Numerous perennial streams and rivulets drain the hilly terrain.

#### **Reservoirs & Lakes:**

- Harangi Dam (near Kushalnagar) major irrigation source.
- Small tanks and lakes spread across villages support domestic and agricultural needs.

#### **Groundwater:**

- Available in valleys and plateaus, but limited in hilly regions due to rocky terrain.
- o Rain-fed tanks and springs act as supplementary water sources.

#### **SPATIAL AND NON SPATIAL DATABASE**

Sector / Subsector	Scale	Source	Survey / Publn. Year	Area covered	Statu s Code	File Format		
1. Natural Resources								
Land								
1. Topography								
Contour Map	1:50,000	SOI		District	CC			

Slope Map	1:500,00 0	SOI	Can l	pe generated		tiff
2. Geology – A						
Rock features		MGD	2005-2006	4,102 sq km	СС	shp
Structural features			2005-2006	4,102 sq km	CC	shp
3. Geology – B						
Rock features		MGD	2005-2006	4,102 sq km	CC	shp
Structural features			2005-2006	4,102 sq km	CC	shp
4. Mineral Resources		MGD				
5. Geomorphology		MGD	2005-2006	4,102 sq km	CC	shp
6. Land use	1:500,00 0	KSRSAC	2020	4,102 sq km	CC	shp
7. Waste Lands		KSRSAC				
8. Soils		NBSS&L UP	2005-2006	4,102 sq km	CC	shp
9. Forest & Wildlife						
Forest type		KFD	2020	2504.2 sq.km	CC	shp
Crown Density						
Forest Category						
Forest admn.		SOI				
Wild Life						
Water						
1.Ground water						
Hydro Geology		MGD				

Hydro chemistry		ZP				
Ground water budget						
2.Surface water						
Drainage	1:500,00 0	MGD	2021	4,102 sq km	СС	shp
Surface water bodies	1:500,00 0	SOI & KSRSAC	-	124.8 sq k m approx	CC	pdf
3.Climate						

Sector / Subsector	Scale	Source	Survey / Publn. Year	Area covere d	Status Code	File Format
2.Demography						
Population						
Tehsil boundary						
District boundary	1:500,00 0	KGIS	2020	4,102 sq km	СС	shp
Current popln. distbn.						
Literacy						
Levels of education						
Occupation						
Village boundary	1:500,00 0	KGIS	2020	4,102 sq km	СС	shp
Employment						
District scenario						
Employment exchange						
Assets & Expenditure						

Migration			
Destitutes			

3.Socio Economy					File Format
Industry					
Developmental activity					
4.Agro Economy					
Land Utilisation					
Private Land					
Common property					
Land Ownership patte	ern				
General scenario					
Farmer's holdings					
Principal crops					
Irrigation					
Minor irrigation					
Canals		DLR & SS			
Tube wells		DLR & SS			
Dug wells		DLR & SS			
Tanks		DLR & SS		CC	shp
Lift irrigation		DLR & SS			
Major irrigation					
Reservoirs		DLR & SS		CC	shp
Anicuts		DLR & SS			
Agricultural implements			2021-22		
Animal husbandry		AHVS	2024	CC	shp
Pisciculture			2022	ND	excel

Plantation						
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Sector / Subsector	Scale	Source	Survey / Publn. Year	Area covere d	Status Code	File Format
5.Infrastructure						
Communications						
Post offices		DLR& SS				
Telecommunicati on		DLR& SS				
Drinking water		DLR& SS				
Educational facilities		DDPI				
Electricity		Land Records				
Financial institutions		DLR& SS				
Markets		DLR& SS				
Health	1:500,00 0	DHO	2024	4,102 sq km	СС	shp
NGO's		DLR& SS	2023		ND	excel
Tourism		KSTDC				
Transport	1" = miles	PWD	2023	4,102 sq km	ND	excel
6.Miscellaneous						
District map with taluks	1" = miles	DLR& SS		4,102 sq km		pdf
District & taluk boundaries		SOI		4,102 sq km	CCC	shp
District map with hoblies	1: = miles	DLR & SS		4,102 sq km		pdf
Village boundary with settlement		SOI/KSR AC		4,102 sq km	СС	shp

Police station details	SP			
Details on Assembly constituencies	DC	4,102 sq km	СС	shp
Gram Panchayhs& Zilla Panchayaths, its jurisdiction for all taluks	DC	4,102 sq km		pdf

#### **MAPPING ACTIVITIES**

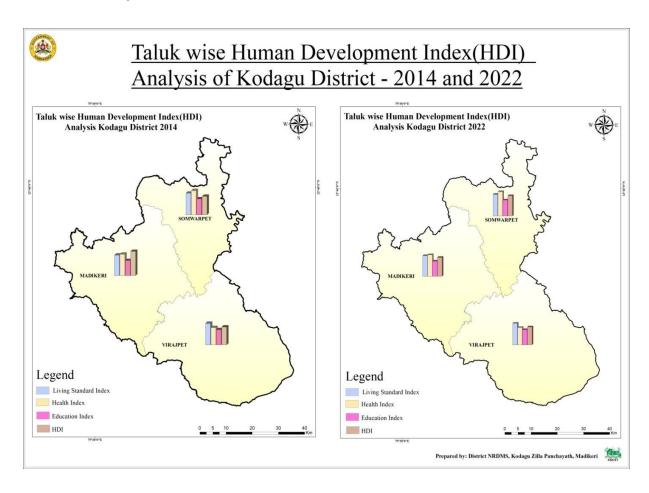
#### NRDMS Centre Activities (April 2025 - July 2025)

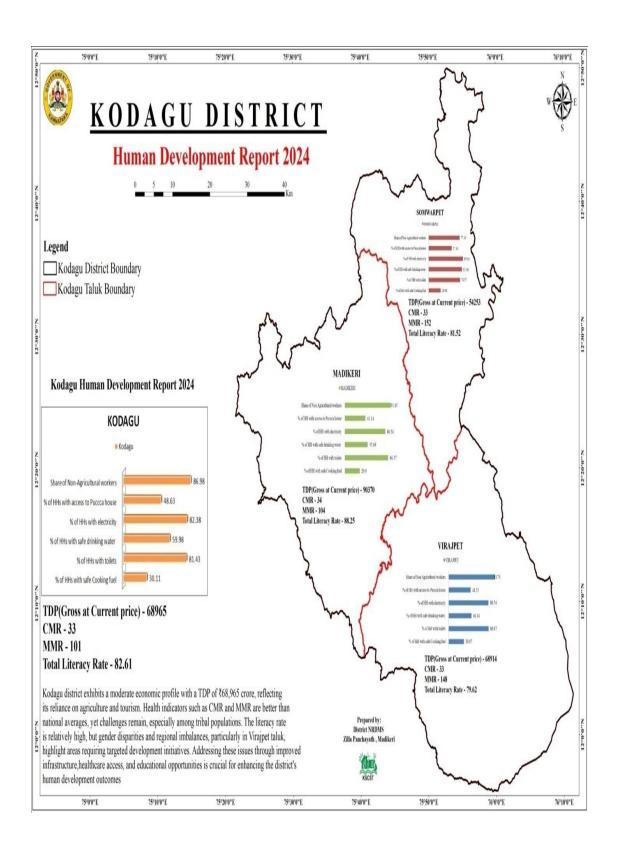
Human Index Map

#### Dept - Planning Section (Kodagu Zilla Panchayat, Madikeri)

The taluk-wise Human Development Index (HDI) analysis of Kodagu district for 2014 and 2022 shows clear overall progress across all three taluks—Madikeri, Somwarpet, and Virajpet. In 2014, Madikeri led with a balanced performance, Somwarpet showed moderate development with strength in education, and Virajpet lagged behind in all indices. By 2022, all taluks demonstrated notable improvement, with Madikeri consolidating its position through higher living standards and education levels, Somwarpet recording remarkable growth in both education and living standards, and Virajpet significantly narrowing the gap by improving in health, education, and income indicators. District-wide, education has consistently been the strongest contributor to HDI, while living standards have improved sharply due to better infrastructure, tourism, and agricultural income. Health indices also improved, though more moderately, pointing to the need for continued focus on healthcare facilities. Overall, Kodagu district has experienced balanced human development, with reduced disparities between taluks and steady progress in socio-economic conditions between 2014 and 2022

The Kodagu District Human Development Report 2024 highlights a moderately strong economic profile with a Total Domestic Product (TDP) of ₹68,965 crore, reflecting its dependence on agriculture and tourism. The district records an impressive literacy rate of 82.61%, with Madikeri taluk leading at 88.25%, while Virajpet lags behind at 79.62%. Health outcomes show mixed results—while the Crude Mortality Rate (CMR) remains low at 33, the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) is high, particularly in Somwarpet (152) and Virajpet (148), indicating gaps in maternal healthcare. Infrastructure indicators reveal good progress in electricity (82%) and sanitation facilities (81% households with toilets), but challenges persist in housing (only 49% pucca houses), safe drinking water (60%), and clean cooking fuel (30%). Madikeri emerges as the best-performing taluk across most indicators, whereas Somwarpet and Virajpet reflect higher vulnerabilities in health, literacy, and living conditions. Overall, Kodagu demonstrates steady progress in human development, but targeted interventions in maternal health, housing, drinking water, and rural energy access are essential to achieve balanced development across all taluks.

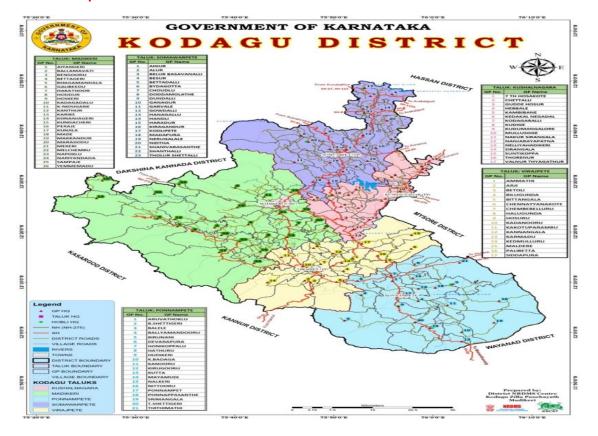




SI No	District	Taluk	Living Standa Index	ard Health Index		Education Index		HDI				
			Value		Value		Value	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	l	2022	<u> </u>	
		Madikeri	0.509	0.6782	0.879	0.7058	1.000	0.4994	0.796	20	0.620	48
1	Kodagu	Somwarpet	0.573	0.7147	0.490	0.8006	0.771	0.5263	0.611	22	0.670	29
		Virajpet	0.515	0.7112	0.551	0.5720	0.693	0.5013	0.586	27	0.589	82

#### **O KODAGU DISTRICT MAP**

- Dept Planning Section (Kodagu Zilla Panchayat, Madikeri)
- Dept-Women and Child



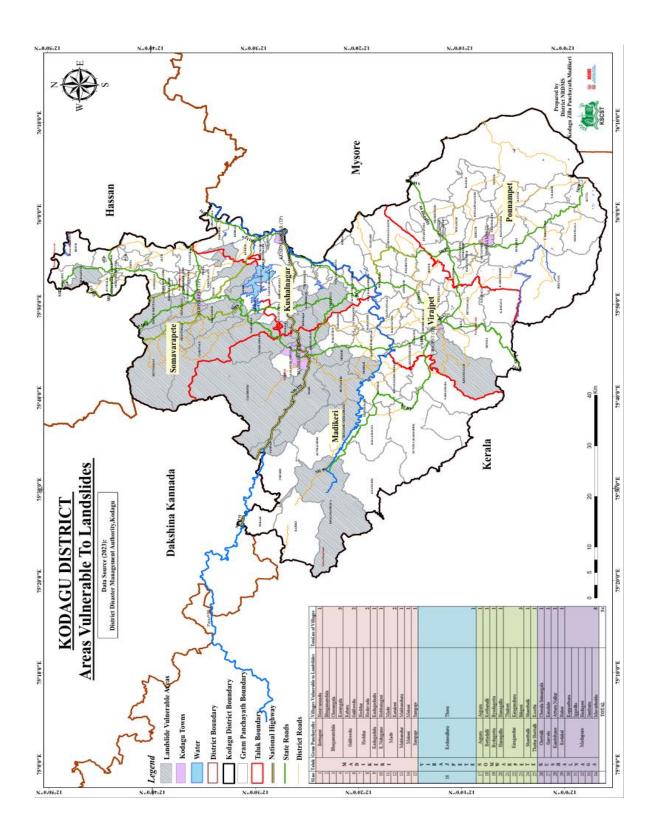
The uploaded map is a detailed administrative map of Kodagu District, Karnataka, showing its five taluks—Madikeri, Somwarpet, Ponnampet, Kushalnagar, and Virajpet—color-coded for easy identification. Each taluk lists the Gram Panchayats (GPs) with their corresponding numbers, highlighting administrative divisions down to the village level. The map displays major district roads, village roads, rivers, towns, and NH-275, along with clear boundaries for district, taluk, GP, and villages. Key symbols such as GP HQs, taluk HQs, and hobli HQs are indicated, while the map also shows neighboring districts (Dakshina Kannada, Hassan, Mysore, Kannur, Kasargod, and Wayanad) to provide geographic context. This map is likely prepared by the District NRDMS Centre, Kodagu Zilla Panchayath, for planning and GIS-based administrative purposes, serving as a comprehensive reference for local governance and development initiatives.

#### LANDSLIDE VULNERABLITY AREA MAP

#### **DEPT-District Disaster Management Authority**

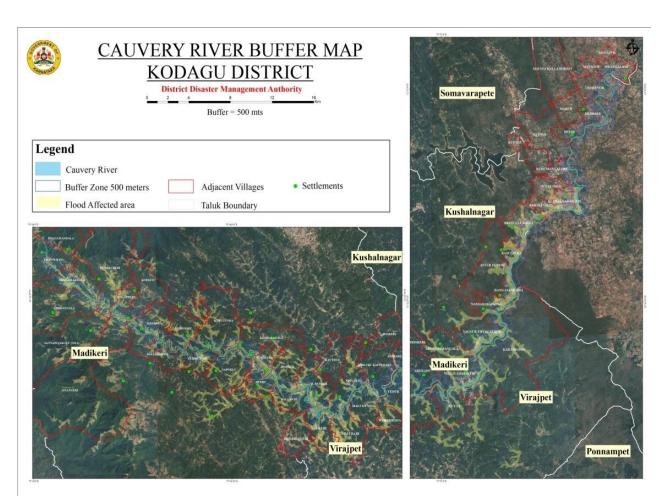
The map titled "Kodagu District - Areas Vulnerable to Landslides", prepared by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Kodagu, highlights regions within Kodagu district, Karnataka, that are susceptible to landslides. The grey-shaded areas on the map represent landslide-vulnerable zones, primarily concentrated around the taluks of Madikeri, Somwarpet, and Virajpet. The map also delineates district, taluk, and gram panchayat boundaries along with major roads (national highways, state highways, and district roads), towns, and water bodies, aiding in geospatial understanding of hazard-prone areas.

A detailed table included on the map lists vulnerable villages under each taluk, indicating the total number of habitations at risk — 73 across the district. Madikeri taluk has the highest number of vulnerable villages (33), followed by Somwarpet (18) and Virajpet (22). This map serves as a critical tool for disaster preparedness, planning, and mitigation, emphasizing the need for infrastructure resilience, early warning systems, and community awareness in the identified regions



#### **O CAUVERY RIVER BUFFER MAP, KODAGU DISTRICT**

**Dept- District Disaster Management Authority** 



#### **CENSUS DATA 2011**

SL.no	Village	GP_NAME	Taluk	AREA	No. of Houses	TOT_P	TOT_M	TOT_F	MEDI_FAC	ALL_HOSP
- 1	HEBBALE	HERBALE	KUSHALNAGARA	4.557483157	135	3244	1576	1668	4	
2	MAVINA HALLA FOREST	KUDIGE	KUSHALNAGARA	17.19142533	0	- 0	0	. 0	0	
3	KUDIGE	KUDIGE	KUSHALNAGARA	15.24519733	1432	.5532	2751	2781	8	7
- 4	KUDUMANGALORE	KUDUMANGALORE	KUSHALNAGARA	8.409455814	2403	9146	4850	4496	29	27
- 5	MARUR	HEBBALE	KUSHALNAGARA	6.596696533	291	1153	558	195	. 0	
6	ATTUR FOREST	GUDDE HOSUR	KUSHALNAGARA	16.84044177	135	628	384	244	. 4	
7	ABYATHAMANGALA	VALNUR HYAGATHUR	KUSHALNAGARA	9 677862919	590	2446	1214	1232	1	,
- 8	KUSHALNAGAR (TP)	KUSHALNAGAR (TP)	KUSHALNAGARA	8.410554524	3788	15326	7742	7584	25	17
9	MULLUSOGE	MULLUSOGE	KUSHALNAGARA	5.715827116	2387	9189	4612	4517	- 1	4
10	NANJARAYAPATNA	NANJARAYAPATNA	KUSHALNAGARA	7.253821265	383	1454	703	751	. 0	-
11	KARADIGODU	SIDDAPUKA	VIRAPETE	53 22377814	1224	5046	2525	2521	7	- 13
12	GUYYA	SIDDAPURA.	VIRAIPETE	9.257818857	702	2924	1424	1500	7	- 5
13	AIYANGERI	AIYANGERI	MADIKERI	58.91409823	363	1913	925	\$88	3	17
14	KOPATTI	KUNDACHERI	MADIKERI	14,8395745	284	678	332	346	2	3
15	BRAGAMANDALA	BHAGAMANDALA	MADIKERI	22.81432251	524	1917	979	938	13	22
16	M BADAGA	KANTHUR.	MADIKERI	11 12443315	615	2453	1276	1177	2	6
17	KUMBALADALU	BETTAGERI	MADIKERI	12 28530943	181	680	322	358		35
18	KUNDACHERI	KUNDACHERI	MADIKERI	27.62866362	381	1379	683	696	4	C
19	KARUGUNDA	BETTAGERI	MADIKERI	21.05919482	409	1430	715	715	15	37
. 20	AREKAIXI	HOSKERI	MADIKERI	8 109921788	448	1841	920	921	- 5	
- 21	KIGGALU	KANTIER.	MADIKERI	10 85171867	640	1663	795	\$68	- 1	1
22	BALLAMAVATI	BALLAMAVATI	MADIKERI	10.87444924	357	1227	622	605		
23	B BADAGA	BENGOORU	MADIKERI	9.419369815	212	722	363	359	2	25
21	CHERANGALA	BHAGAMANDALA	MADIKERI	95.80277874	376	1332	657	675	- 4	20
25	HOSKERI	HOSKERI	MADIKERI	10.20770088	391	1525	712	813	3	
. 26	KANTHUR	KANTHUR	MADIKERI	8.476042139	861	3331	1721	1610	- 1	15
27	NAPOKLU	NAPOKLU	MADIKERI	12.79272802	787	3429	1619	1740	1	1
28	SODLURU KATTEMADU	MARAGODU	MADIKERI	10:8062818	489	1788	868	920	0	
29	YEMMEMADU	YEMMEMADU	MADIKERI	6 562300322	621	3530	1713	1817		- 11
30	BENGOORU	BENGOORU	MADIKERI	8.589312219	449	1637	848	759	10	100

SL.no	Village	GP_NAME	Taluk	AREA	No. of Houses	TOT P	TOT_M	TOT F	MEDI FAC	ALL HOSP
31	THANNIMANI	BBAGAMANDALA	MADIKERI	21.68773368	233	893	446	447		
32	HODOUR	RODOUR	MADICIPAL	9.613520932	725	2761	1363	1398	- 1	
. 33	BALANCRI	KONANIAGERI	MADKERI	6.90369999	259	919	443	476	_//	- 6
34	SANNAPULIKOTU (NO.2)	ALYANGERI	MADIKERI	44.6989785	152	641	360	332	53	22
35	SINGATHURU	KUNDACHERI	MADKERI	4.444912669	207	799	379	107	- 0	
36	BETHU	NAPOKLU	MADISERU	6.712787547	649	2517	1229	1288	- 8	. 9
37	HODAVADA	HODDUR	MADOURE	3.899767169	446	2504	1294		- 1	. 14
	BASAVANA HALLI	GUDDE HOSUR	KUBHALNAGARA	9.72885384	594	2673	1342	1331		
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46	HULSE	HEEDBALE	SUSHALNADARA	3.563392544	311	1110	363	547	- 30	12
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43	NALKERI	KAKOTUPAKAMBU	VIDUPETE	8.188500355	419	1020	102	919	- 0	
-69	YEDUR	KANNANGALA	VIRAPETE	12.92563018	161	583	255	195		8
50	MATTHAIN	KADANUR	VIRAPETE	10.67912255	414	1547	742	105	- 0	6
51	BYRAMBADA	HALUGUNDA:	VIRAPRETE.	4.870423899	135	433	236	247	- 20	
52	HALUGUNDA	BALUGUNDA	VIRAIPETE	8.964114366	686	3445	1781	1665	- 3	15
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Abbreviations: P - Population M - Male F - Female Medi - Medical Fac - Facilities

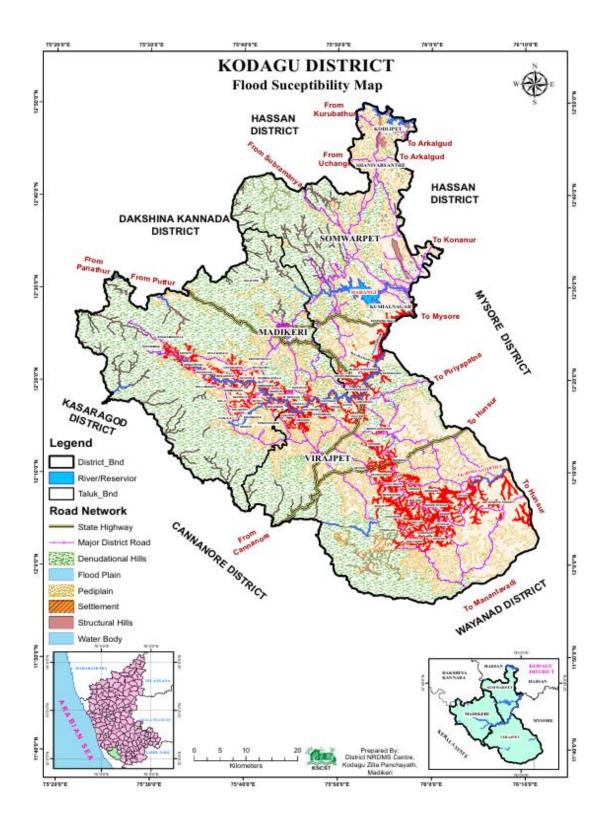


The Cauvery River Buffer Map of Kodagu District, developed by the District Disaster Management Authority, delineates a 500-meter buffer zone along the Cauvery River to aid in flood risk assessment and disaster preparedness. The map integrates satellite imagery with critical overlays such as flood-affected areas, adjacent villages, settlements, and taluk boundaries (Madikeri, Virajpet, Somavarapete, etc.). Key population centers like Kushalnagar and Ponnampet are highlighted for reference. The legend aids in interpretation, while the accompanying 2011 Census Data provides demographic insights into villages within the buffer zone, including the number of households, population by gender, and availability of facilities. This data is vital for planning evacuation routes, resource allocation, and mitigation strategies in flood-prone areas.

#### FLOOD SUSCEPTIBILITY MAP ,KODAGU DISTRICT

**Dept- District Disaster Management Authority** 

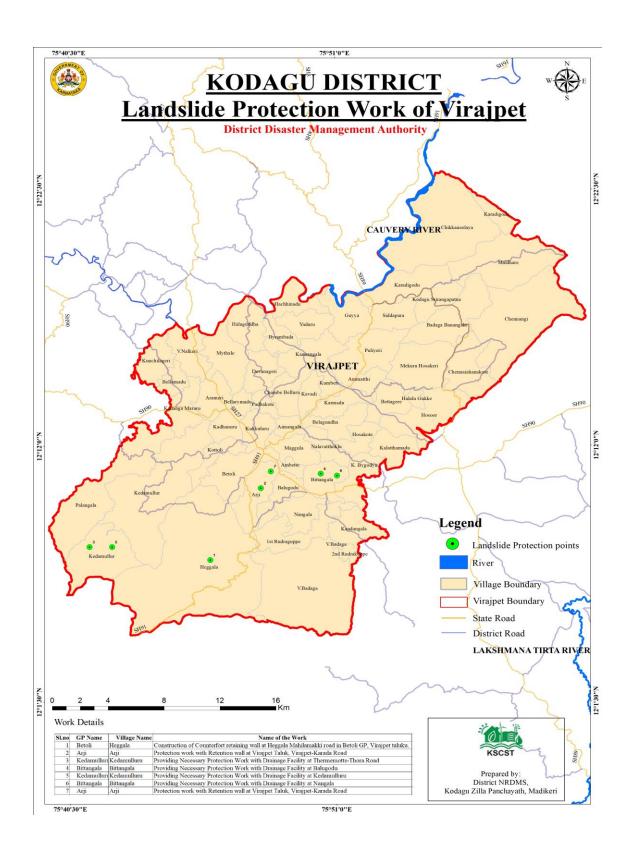
The provided map illustrates the Flood Susceptibility Zones of Kodagu District, Karnataka, demarcating regions based on geomorphological and hydrological features. The district is divided into three taluks—Madikeri, Somwarpet, and Virajpet—with clear boundaries marked for administrative and hydrological analysis. Key features include rivers and reservoirs, major and minor road networks, and settlements, with areas classified into denudational hills, structural hills, pediplains, and flood plains. The flood-prone zones, highlighted in red, are primarily concentrated along river valleys and low-lying regions, indicating higher vulnerability to seasonal flooding. This map serves as a critical planning tool for disaster management, infrastructure development, and risk mitigation, enabling authorities to prioritize flood control measures, improve evacuation routes, and strengthen resilience in high-risk zones. Prepared by the District NRDMS Centre and Kodagu Zilla Panchayath, this map integrates topographic and hydrological data for precise spatial planning.

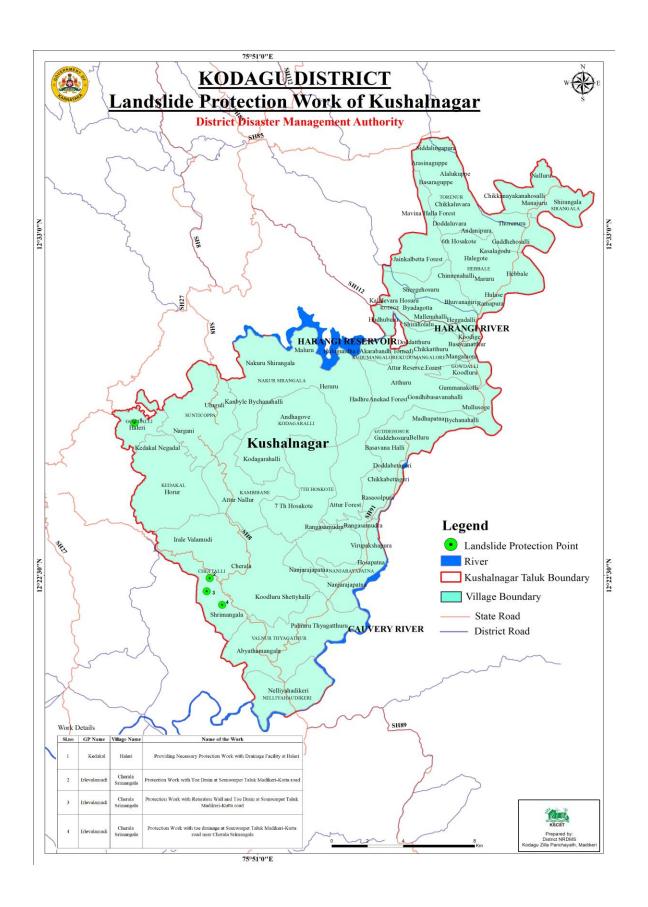


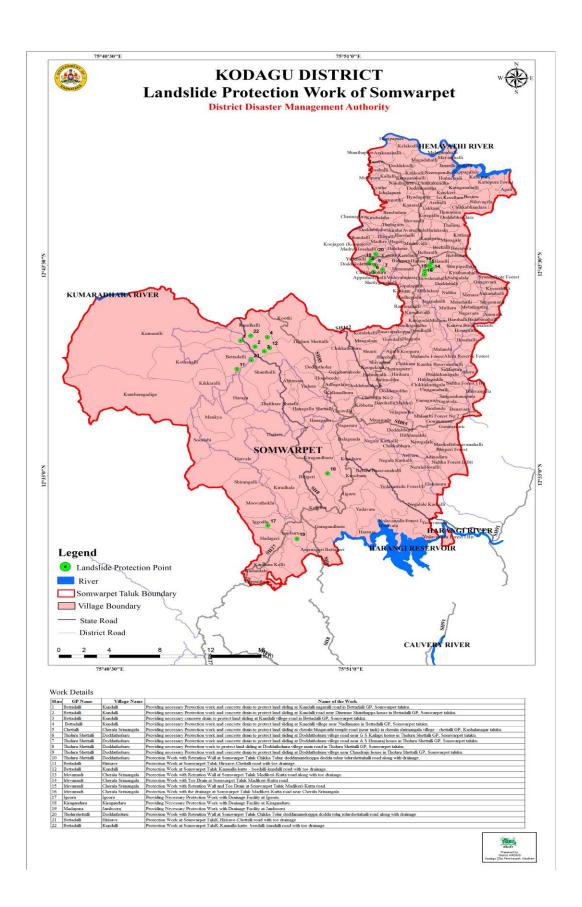
### LANDSLIDE PROTECTION WALLS MAPPING, KODAGU DISTRICT Dept- District Disaster Management Authority

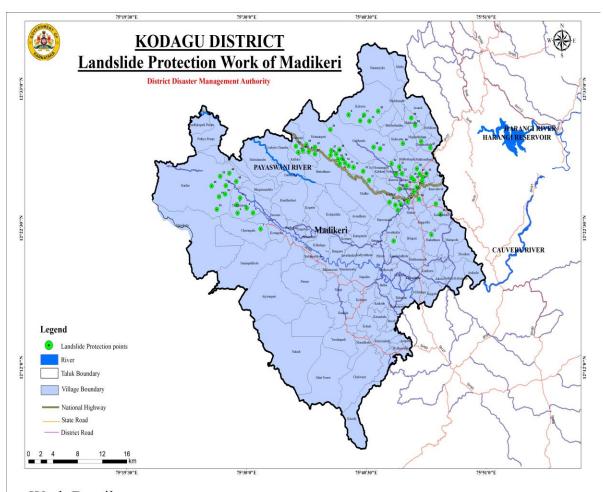
The landslide protection works undertaken by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Kodagu, primarily involve the construction of retaining walls and protective structures designed to stabilize vulnerable slopes and prevent soil movement during heavy rainfall. These structures are engineered using reinforced concrete and stone masonry, ensuring durability and strength to withstand hydrological pressures and slope instability. Proper drainage channels are incorporated alongside the walls to divert surface runoff and reduce waterlogging, which is a major trigger for slope failures. In total, 104 retaining wall works have been executed across the district, with 71 in Madikeri, 22 in Somwarpet, 7 in Virajpet, and 4 in Kushalnagar, strategically located in areas identified as highly landslide-prone. The protective walls are constructed with appropriate height, thickness, and foundation depth based on site-specific geotechnical assessments, thereby enhancing slope stability and safeguarding infrastructure, agricultural land, and human settlements. Detailed maps marking the exact locations of these constructions have been prepared, serving as technical documentation for monitoring, evaluation, and future disaster management planning.

In addition to structural stability, these walls are designed with weep holes to allow controlled water discharge, thereby reducing pore water pressure behind the wall. The use of locally available stone and concrete mix ensures both cost-effectiveness and structural integrity. In steep terrains, step-cut foundations are adopted to anchor the retaining walls firmly into the slope. The alignment of the walls is carefully planned to follow the natural contour, minimizing disturbance to the terrain. These interventions not only prevent erosion and landslides but also protect roads, residential areas, and public infrastructure from damage. Overall, the landslide protection wall construction forms a crucial part of Kodagu's disaster risk reduction and climate resilience strategy.









#### Work Details

Luc	GP Name	Village	Name of work				
1	Betageni	Aravatholds	Providing secessary Protection work with drainage facilities it culven at Bettageri-Autovatholds road in Bettageri GP				
2	Bhagamadala		Providing accessory Protection work with draining facilities & culvert at Thanninani-Muthani Pandi - Talacam ery faix road in Bhagamandala GP				
3	Bhagamadala		Providing necessary Protection work retaining wall with draining facilities at Thomasumi-Thorous link coad in Bhagamandala GP				
4	Bhagarandala	Daniesei	ng secessary Protection work retaining wall with drainings facilities at Bhagasanadain. Housguiddie family road soud in Bhagasanadain GP				
5	Bhagamadain		Providing necessary Protection work retaining wall with drainings facilities at Thansimani-Bhagavathi temple road in Bhaganandda GP				
6	Bhagasadala		Providing necessary Protection work retaining wall with draining facilities at Thuminiani-Kuchquije Iyu mine road in Bhagannandala GP				
,	Bhagamadala	Charangala	Providing necessary Protection work retaining wall with drainage facilities at Mulumajata family road in Bhagananadala GP				
8	Gzilbidu		Providing secessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Galibeeds-Katoora road in Galibeeds GP				
9	Galibida	Estre	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Galibeeds- Kaloom road in Galibeeds GP				
10	Gzilhidu	Kass	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Galibeedu-Kaloom road in Galibeedu GP				
11	Grillida	1	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Galibeeds-Kaloom road in Galibeeds GP				
12	Gullbidu		Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Montangen road in Guilbeecht GP				
13	Galibida		Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Montangeri road in Guilbeedu GP				
14	Gzilbidu	1	Providing necessary Protection work with draininge facilities at 2rd Monungeri Ramanakoli connecting bridge in Galiberdu GP				
15	Gullishu	2nd Monney	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities and bridge at 2nd Monanageri road in Galibeeds GP				
.16	Gzilbidu	and Astronogo	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Montangeri Govt. School road in Galibeedu GP				
17	Galibida		Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Monaangen School continued soud in Galiberda GP				
18	Galbida		Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Monanagesi kudiyara kullu road in Gillbeedu GP				
19	Gzilbidu		Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Momangen kndiyara kalla road in Galbeeda GP				
20	Gallhida	Galibida	Galberda-Kaloora road in Galberda GP				
21	Gelibide	- Land	Providing secessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Galibeedu-Vanchalo road in Galibeedu GP				
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2	22 Goldvidu Kal		Providing necessary Protection work with dramage facilities at 2nd Monnangeri kudiyara colony road in Gabbeedu GP				

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22	Galibidu	Kaluru	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Monnangeri kudiyara colony road in Galibeedu GP
23	Galibida	Ind Monnagen	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Monnangeri kudiyara colony coad in Galibeeda GP
24	Galibida	Vanachalu	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Galiberda-Vanchalu road in Galiberdu GP
25	Galibida	2nd Monnagen	Providing necessary Protection work with dramage facilities at 2nd Monnangen ramanakolli road in Galibeedu GP
26	Galibida	2nd Monnagen	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Monnangeri ramanakolli road in Galibeedu GP
27	Gulltridu	2nd Mormagen	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 2nd Monnanger kullivara colory road in Galiberdu GP
28	Galibida	2nd Monnagen	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at 3nd Monnangen kndiyura colony road in Galibeedu GP
29	Kadagodalu	Kadagadalu	Providing necessary Protection work with dramage facilities at Kadagadaki nural road in Galibeedu GP
30	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kalakeri Nidugane	Providing necessary Protection work with dramage facilities at Hebettagenie - Mandalpath soud in Kalaberinidugane CP
31	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kalakeri Nidugane	Providing necessary Protection work with dramage facilities at Hebertagen e - Kumansswamy colony rood in Kalakenindugane GP
32	Kalaken Nidugane	Kalukeri Nidugane	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Kalakerinidagane Bhagay with temple road in Kalakerinidagane GP
33	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kalakeri Nidagane	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Kalakerinidugane Bhagar oth Bhadrakali temple road in Kalakerinidugane G
34	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamagen	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Pinto junction to learninger and in Kalakerini dugane CP
35	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamagen	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Pinto junction to kamangeri road in Kalakerinidagane CP
36	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at icamanger saja rajeshwari temple road in Kalokenisidagane GP
37	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at kamangen mja rajeshwari temple road in Kalakenindagane GP
38	Kalakeri Nidugano	Kamageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at kamangeri juli road in Kalakennidugane GP
39	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamagen	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at kamangeri village road in Kalaketizidugane GP
40	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamagen	Providing necessary Protection work with dramage facilities at kamangen village road in Kalakenradugone GP

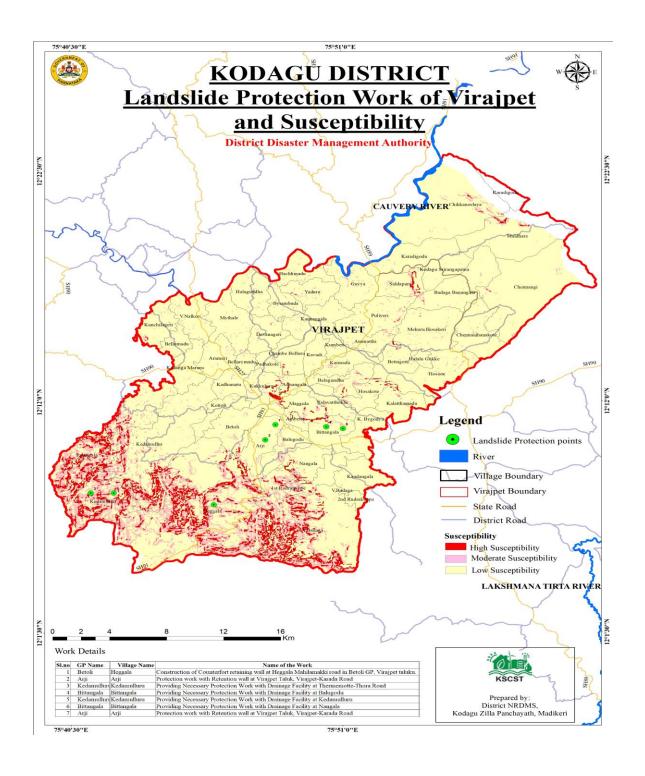
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42	Kalakeri Nidagane	Kanageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at kanangeri vilage road in Kalakeninidugane GP
43	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at kurnangeri village road in Kalakerinidugane GP
44	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at kansangeri Rajestwari temple backside road in Kalakerinidugane GP
45	Kalakeri Nidugane	Kamageri	Providing necessary Protection work drainage facilities at Hebbetageri Jahagir Paisari road in Kalakerizidagane GP
46	Karike	Kirike	Providing necessary Protection work drainage facilities at Kanke Pachepilavu ST colony road in Kanke GP
47	Karke	Kanke	Providing necessary Protection work retaining wall with drainage facilities at Kanke- alathi kachive road in Kanke GP
48	Karke	Kanke	Providing necessary Protection work retaining wall with drainage facilities at Kanke- Cheffmyaga School road in Kanke GP
49	Karke	Kanke	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Karike-Kundathikana ST colony road in Karike-GP
50	Karke	Karike	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Karike-Kolangare ST colony road in Karike GP
51	Karke	Karike	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Kanke-Kudiyangal ST colony road in Kanke GP
52	Kæke	Kanke	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Kanke-Pongana ST colony road in Kanke GP
53	Karke	Kanke	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Karike-Thotham Arepare road in Karike GP
54	Madenadu	Katageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Madenado-Katakeri rural road in Made GP
55	Madecadu	Katageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Madenadu-Katakeri rural road in Made GP
56	Madeeadu	Katageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities & culvert at Madenadu-Katakeri rural road in Made GP
57	Madreadu	Katageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities & culvert at Madenada-Katalorri rural road in Made GP
58	Madreadu	Katageri	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Madenadu Katakeri rural road in Made GP
59	Sampaje	Sampaje	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Mangalapare- Kavalekadu road in Sampaje GP (2.00 km)
60	Sampaje	Sampaje	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Sampaje-arekalla-Ayyappa temple road in Sampaje GP (5.00 km)

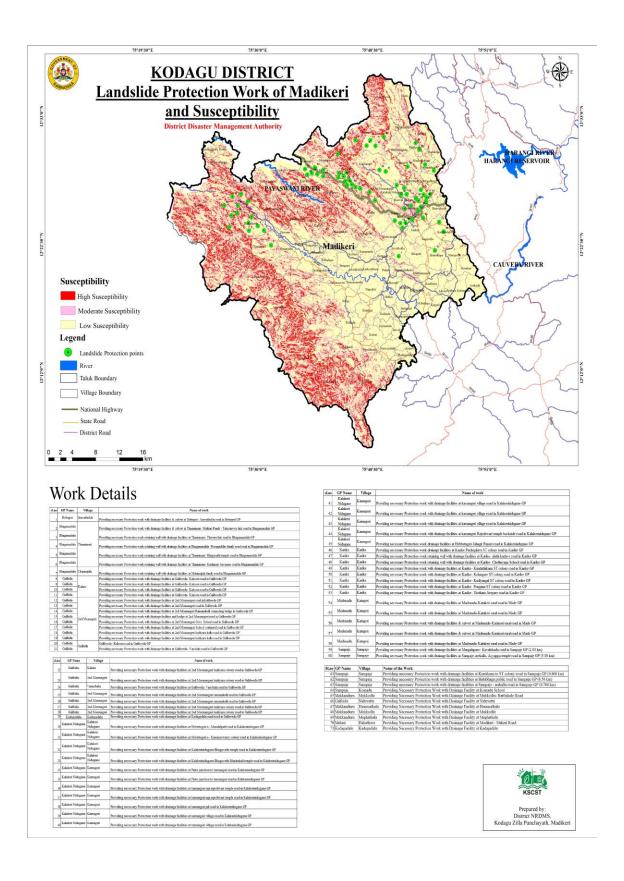
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61	Sampaje	Sampaje	Providing necessary Protection work with dramage facilities at Kuniikana to ST colony road in Sampaje GP (0.800 km)
62	Sampaje	Sampaje	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Balubhaga public road in Sampaje GP (0.50 km).
63	Sampaje	Sampaje	Providing necessary Protection work with drainage facilities at Sampaje - arekallu road in Sampaje GP (0.700 km)
64	Sampaje	Koinadu	Providing Necessary Protection Work with Drainage Facility at Komadu School
65	Makkanduru	Mukkedlu	Providing Necessary Protection Work with Drainage Facility at Mukkodin-Hattlahole Road
.66	Galibida	Nidovattu	Providing Necessary Protection Work with Drainage Facility at Niduvatru
67	Makkanduru	Hemmathalu	Providing Necessary Protection Work with Drainage Facility at Hemmathalu
68	Makkanduru	Mukkedin	Providing Necessary Protection Work with Drainage Facility at Mukkodlu
69	Makkandurn	Meghathalu	Providing Necessary Protection Work with Drainage Facility at Meghathalu
70	Mekeri	Hakathuru	Providing Necessary Protection Work with Drainage Facility at Madikeri - Mekeri Road
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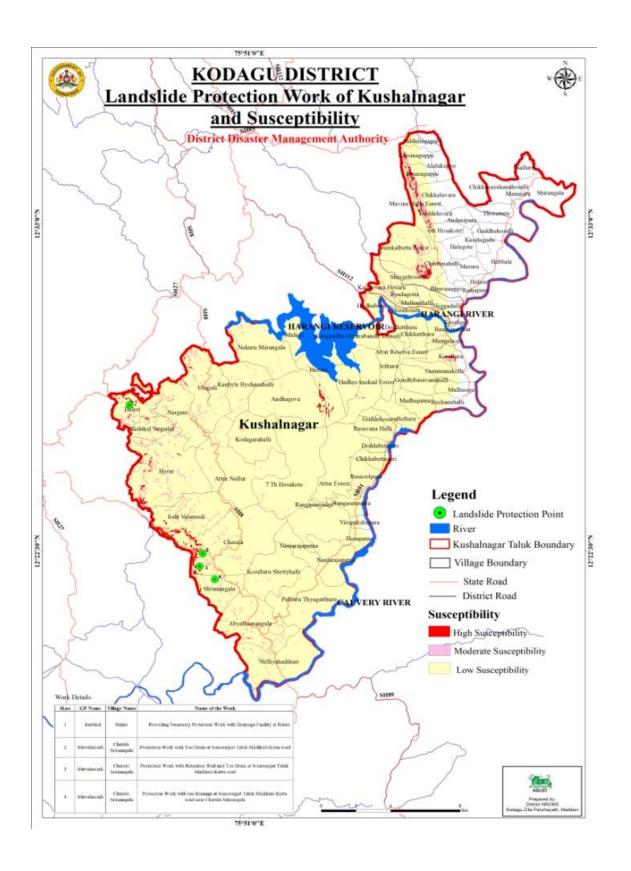


#### o LANDSLIDE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS OF DIFFERENT TALUKS OF KODAGU

**Dept- District Disaster Management Authority** 

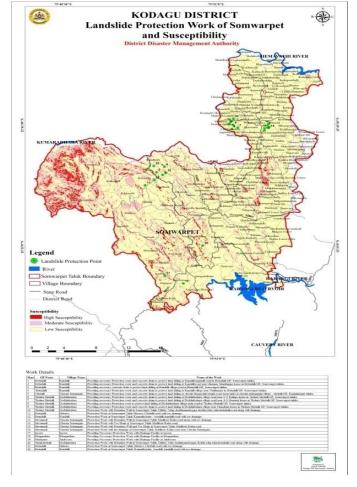






Kodagu, located in the Western Ghats of Karnataka, is a highly undulating and mountainous district, characterized by steep hills, valleys, and deep gorges. The district lies at an average elevation of about 900 meters above mean sea level (MSL), but elevation varies significantly across taluks and physiographic zones.

- Lowest Elevations (250 400 m MSL): Found mainly in the eastern parts of Kushalnagar and Virajpet taluks, where the land gradually slopes toward the Mysuru plains. These regions are relatively flatter and suitable for agriculture.
- Mid-Elevations (800 1,200 m MSL): Covering a large portion of Somwarpet and Madikeri taluks, this zone is characterized by coffee plantations, forested areas,

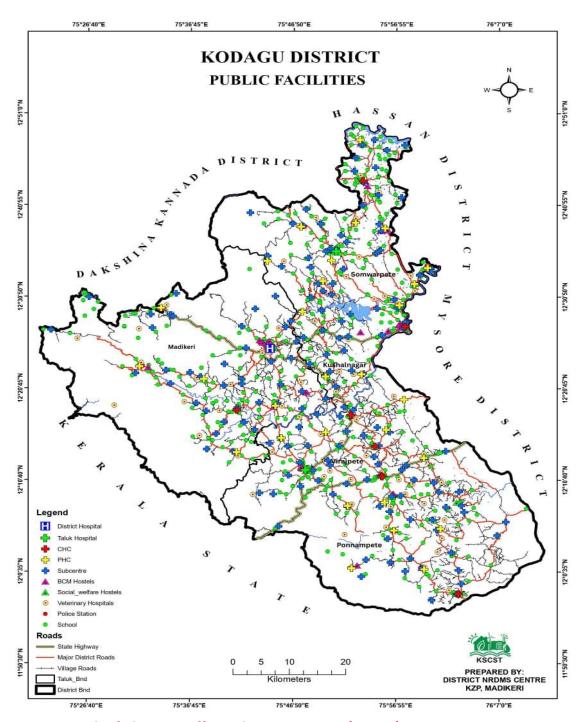


and rolling hills. Towns like Madikeri (around 1,152 m) fall in this category.

High Elevations (1,200 – 1,740 m MSL): Found in the western and northwestern parts of Kodagu, where the Western Ghats rise steeply. This includes high hills such as Tadiandamol (1,748 m), the highest peak in Kodagu, and Pushpagiri (1,712 m). These regions are densely forested, with heavy rainfall and numerous streams originating from them.

The elevation pattern of Kodagu influences its **climate, vegetation, hydrology, and land use**. Higher elevations receive very heavy rainfall (often exceeding 5,000 mm annually) and are prone to **landslides**, while mid-elevation areas are dominated by coffee estates and spice cultivation. The lower elevation regions serve as transitional zones between the Western Ghats and the Deccan plateau.

#### ASSETS MAP OF KODAGU DISTRICT



**Dept: Chief Planning Officer Planning Section (KZP,M)** 

Asset mapping of Kodagu district has been carried out to systematically identify, document, and visualize the distribution of key resources and infrastructure across the district. This includes mapping of educational institutions, healthcare facilities, drinking water sources, roads, bridges, government buildings, agricultural assets, forest resources, and public

utilities at the Gram Panchayat level. By integrating both spatial and non-spatial datasets into GIS platforms, asset mapping provides a clear picture of the availability, accessibility, and gaps in existing infrastructure. Such detailed mapping supports evidence-based planning, equitable allocation of resources, disaster preparedness, and monitoring of development programs. In Kodagu, asset mapping is particularly valuable due to its hilly terrain, ecological sensitivity, and scattered rural settlements, ensuring that planning interventions are need-based and sustainable

Training and other Activities YUKTHDAR PORTAL AND GIS

**Dept - NREGA** 

"Yuktdhara" is a geospatial planning portal developed under the Bhuvan platform by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. It aims to facilitate Gram Panchayat-level planning of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) activities across India. The portal integrates satellite imagery, thematic layers, and GIS tools to support decentralized decision-making and enhance transparency in rural development planning.

#### Role of GIS in Yuktdhara

- **Spatial Planning**: GIS allows the visualization of village-level data, land use, water bodies, roads, forests, and other geographic features.
- Mapping Assets: Existing MGNREGA and other rural development assets are geotagged and stored as layers in GIS.
- **Decision Support**: Panchayat officials can use GIS-based maps to decide where new development activities like check dams, roads, or plantations should be planned.
- **Monitoring & Analysis**: GIS helps track implementation of projects and ensures resources are optimally allocated.

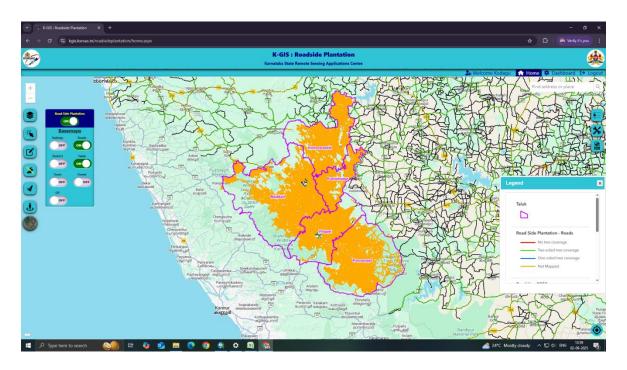
#### **How Yuktdhara Uses GIS**

- **Integration with Bhuvan**: Bhuvan is ISRO's geoportal, and Yuktdhara leverages its satellite imagery and spatial data for accurate mapping.
- **Thematic Layers**: Users can overlay different data types like soil, slope, vegetation, water resources, and infrastructure to plan interventions.
- Interactive Maps: Panchayat officials can draw, edit, and validate plans directly on GIS-based digital maps..

#### Selected Gram Panchayats in Kodagu District for Yuktdhara

1. K. Badaga 2.Hoskeri 3.Nanjarayapatna

#### Training on Roadside Plantation Using KGIS Web Portal



**HELD ON: 03-5-2025 (zoom meeting)** 

#### **Roadside Plantation Using KGIS Web Portal**

The Karnataka Geographic Information System (KGIS) Web Portal is an advanced GIS platform developed to provide spatial data and tools for planning, monitoring, and decision-making. Roadside plantation, an important activity under various government schemes such as MNREGA, Forest Department programs, and Rural Development initiatives, can be effectively planned and monitored using this portal.

#### **Key Uses of KGIS for Roadside Plantation:**

#### 1. Road Identification & Mapping

- The portal provides up-to-date road network maps (State Highways, Major District Roads, Gram Panchayat roads, etc.).
- Specific stretches of roadsides can be selected for plantation activities.

#### 2. Land Suitability & Buffer Analysis

- Using buffer tools, users can create a plantation zone (e.g., 5m − 10m buffer along both sides of the road).
- Soil, slope, and land-use maps from KGIS can be overlaid to check the suitability for plantation.

#### 3. Tree Coverage Monitoring

- Satellite imagery and vegetation cover layers available in KGIS help to identify existing green cover.
- Gaps along the roads can be detected for new plantation.

#### 4. Planning & Implementation

- Gram Panchayats or Zilla Panchayats can plan plantation drives by marking exact stretches digitally.
- Coordinates can be extracted to share with field officials for ground-level implementation.

#### 5. Monitoring & Progress Tracking

- o Periodic monitoring can be done using high-resolution imagery.
- o Before-and-after plantation status can be documented and reported.

#### 6. Integration with Other Data

- KGIS integrates rainfall, soil, hydrology, and administrative boundaries, which helps in selecting suitable species for plantation (native, drought-resistant, etc.).
- It can also help in linking plantation sites with nearby water sources for maintenance.





### EMPRI (Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute)Training Program at Kodagu Zilla Panchayat, Madikeri

HELD ON: 16/5/2025 at Kodagu Zilla Panchayat, Madikeri

"Keeping the environment clean and sustainable is our prime duty"

**Madikeri, May 16 (Karnataka Varthe):** Due to climate change, there are adverse impacts on the environment, and necessary precautions must be taken, said Kodagu Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer **Anand Prakash Meena**.

He was speaking after inaugurating a district-level training program on Karnataka State Climate Change Action Plan, organized on Friday at the Zilla Panchayat office in collaboration with the Institute for Environment Management and Policy Research and the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology.

"It is our prime duty to keep our environment clean and sustainable. Our ancestors gave us a beautiful environment, and it is our responsibility to preserve it. All departmental officers must give priority to environmental conservation," he emphasized.

Dr. B. Sarita, Senior Consultant of the Institute for Environment Management and Policy Research, said that such training programs are being conducted in all districts of the state, with greater focus on environmental conservation and sustainable development.

As part of the training, resource person M.A. Latha explained the key aspects of climate change.

Another resource person, Dr. M. Manjunath, Assistant Professor at Ponnampete Forestry University, spoke about the opportunities available in Kodagu with regard to carbon credits.

Inchara, Project Associate of the ZP-NRDMS section, and officers from various departments were present.

One-Day State Level Workshop on "Geospatial Applications for District Level Planning" held on April 28, 2025 at IISC Banglore

#### One-Day State Level Workshop on "Geospatial Applications for District Level Planning"

A State Level Workshop on Geospatial Applications for District Level Planning was organized on April 28, 2025, at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. The workshop brought together representatives from various district administrations, NRDMS centres, state planning departments, academic institutions, and technical experts to discuss the role of geospatial technologies in effective planning and decision-making. The sessions highlighted how tools such as Remote Sensing, GIS, GPS, and Web-based platforms (like K-GIS and Yuktdhara) can be utilized for preparing district-level action plans, resource management, infrastructure mapping, and disaster risk reduction.

The inaugural session emphasized the need for integrating spatial and non-spatial data into district planning to ensure evidence-based governance. Technical experts from IISc and other institutions demonstrated applications in land use planning, natural resource management, rural development, climate resilience, and infrastructure monitoring. Case studies from districts were also presented, showcasing how geospatial data has helped in identifying gaps, prioritizing development projects, and improving monitoring mechanisms.

The workshop served as a platform for knowledge exchange, enabling district officials and planners to adopt innovative methods for sustainable and inclusive development. It concluded with a call for strengthening capacity-building programs and ensuring wider accessibility of geospatial datasets at the grassroots level

#### **Conclusion 4**

The activities undertaken by the NRDMS Centre, Kodagu Zilla Panchayat, Madikeri, during April—July 2025 reflect a strong commitment towards the integration of geospatial technologies in district-level planning and development. Through the preparation of thematic maps, data analysis, and capacity-building initiatives, the centre has supported evidence-based decision-making across departments. Mapping exercises such as the Human Development Index (HDI) analysis, Cauvery River buffer delineation, flood susceptibility assessment, landslide vulnerability mapping, and landslide protection wall documentation have provided valuable insights into both developmental strengths and vulnerabilities of the district. Additionally, the use of portals like Yuktdhara and KGIS has created new opportunities for decentralized and participatory planning at the Gram Panchayat level.

The training programs organized during this period, including those on climate change adaptation, roadside plantation using KGIS, and geospatial applications for district planning, have brought together stakeholders from diverse departments, enhancing their understanding of spatial data and applications. These initiatives have demonstrated the importance of linking scientific research with grassroots governance, ensuring that developmental interventions are both sustainable and inclusive. Kodagu's unique topography, ecological sensitivity, and socioeconomic diversity highlight the necessity of continuous integration of geospatial tools for planning, disaster risk reduction, environmental conservation, and infrastructure development.

While significant progress has been made, the findings from the mapping and analytical exercises underline persistent challenges. Maternal healthcare gaps, housing shortages, unequal access to clean drinking water, energy limitations, and recurring natural hazards such as landslides and floods remain pressing issues. The NRDMS Centre recognizes that these gaps can only be addressed through multi-sectoral collaboration, improved datasets, and stronger monitoring frameworks. In this regard, the centre reaffirms its commitment to expanding its scope of work and strengthening partnerships with line departments, research institutions, and local self-governments.

Moving forward, the commitment of NRDMS Kodagu will focus on the following priority areas:

- 1. Enhanced Data Integration and Accessibility
  - Develop a comprehensive District Spatial Data Repository integrating socio-economic, environmental, and infrastructure datasets.
  - Promote interoperability of data among departments through standard formats and web-based GIS platforms.
  - Strengthen public access to geospatial information, encouraging transparency and citizen participation in development processes.
- 2. Advanced Mapping and Analytical Tools

- Expand mapping activities to include climate vulnerability assessments, biodiversity mapping, groundwater potential zones, and renewable energy suitability studies.
- Adopt advanced technologies like high-resolution satellite imagery, UAV/drone surveys, and AI-based geospatial analytics to improve accuracy and timeliness.
- Regularly update thematic maps to reflect changing ground realities, enabling dynamic planning and disaster preparedness.

#### 3. Capacity Building and Training

- Organize regular workshops and hands-on training sessions for district officials, Gram Panchayat staff, and field workers to build their GIS skills.
- Collaborate with institutions such as IISc, ISRO, EMPRI, and Karnataka State Council for Science & Technology to introduce cutting-edge geospatial techniques.
- Create a pool of local GIS champions within departments to ensure sustainability and continuous usage of tools.

#### 4. Disaster Risk Reduction and Environmental Management

- Strengthen geospatial support for the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) by updating hazard maps and integrating early warning systems.
- Promote landslide mitigation, flood control, and river buffer management using scientific approaches.
- Support environmental conservation initiatives, including afforestation, soil conservation, and carbon credit opportunities, through spatial planning.

#### 5. Sustainable Development and Grassroots Planning

- Use portals like Yuktdhara for participatory planning under MGNREGA and other rural development schemes, ensuring equitable distribution of resources.
- Integrate geospatial data into District Development Plans and Human Development Reports, linking local planning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Focus on reducing inter-taluk disparities by identifying vulnerable regions and directing targeted interventions.

#### 6. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

- Establish a robust GIS-based monitoring system for ongoing development projects, enabling real-time evaluation and accountability.
- Publish quarterly thematic reports on developmental indicators and hazard management for use by decision-makers.
- Leverage mobile and web applications to crowdsource data and feedback from communities, strengthening citizen engagement.