QGIS Tool for Landslide Hazard Assessment

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Study Area – Southern Kyrgyzstan



Yellow points represent landslides after Yerokhin (1999)

•Ongoing active mountain building in Central Asia

•Frequent occurrence of extreme natural processes

•Landslides one of the major hazards in Kyrgyzstan

•Highest concentration at eastern rim of Fergana basin

•Study area: 100x100km²









Landslide Situation in Southern Kyrgyzstan



Rapid displacement of quaternary loess within 15 minutes period in March 1994 (50 victims)



Displacement of clay-rich tertiary sediments during period of several days in June 1998

- Regular monitoring by Ministry of Emergency Situations until 1991
- Drastic decrease in financing after 1991 + high process intensity in 1994 (97 casualties)
- Currently: unsystematic investigations by the Ministry + occasional systematic investigations by other organizations
- Intensive year can be expected in near future





Landslide Hazard Assessment







QGIS Plugin Overview

- QGIS plugin offering customized data queries and spatial analysis tools
- Open-source software in order to reduce costs and meet requirements of multiple end users
- Possibility of data updates in a single location
- Incorporation of data on landslide predisposing and triggering factors



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Data Queries

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Menus for querying landslide and earthquake data





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Slope failures (red) and earthquakes (blue) that occurred in 1990 - 1999





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Landslides have been assigned to mapping units; the number of landslides has been calculated for each mapping unit





Tools for Spatial Analysis

Points belonging to landslide main scarps and mapping units showing the number of landslides in them







Tools for Spatial Analysis

Calculation of earthquake influence using empirical formulas for Arias intensity





