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## Talk / Oral

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### ABSTRACT

GeoRisCA (2012-2016) is a project funded by the Belgian Scientific Policy which aims at studying the geo-risk in the Kivu region (DRC, Rwanda, Burundi), in order to support risk management. Based on the analyses of seismic, volcanic and mass-movement hazards and the vulnerability assessment of the threatened elements, the global objective is to provide institutions in charge of disaster prevention and risk management with decision support tools.

From the beginning of the project, information and data were collected to make the inventory of existing management institutions in the three targeted countries (Burundi, DRC, Rwanda). This assessment was completed by meeting representatives of institutions in charge of disasters prevention and risk management. It was carried out in Bujumbura, Kigali, Bukavu and partly in Goma. It has allowed to highlight the levels of responses that can be provided, depending on the different stages of development of these institutions of each country/province, which are themselves a result of various factors.

Finally, the goal of this analysis was not only to establish an inventory of these institutions, but also to assess their needs for risk management improvement and the contribution of GeoRisCA. Our local partnerships have highlighted the requirement and the will to develop together decision support tools, such as maps of the more at-risk areas. In complementarity, efficient lessons could also be learned from past experiences and actions conducted in neighboring countries/provinces in this field of disasters prevention and risk management.

**FIGURE 1:**

**FIGURE 2**