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Enhancing Resilient Cities under Extreme Disasters due to Climate Change: A Case Study of Yilan County, Taiwan

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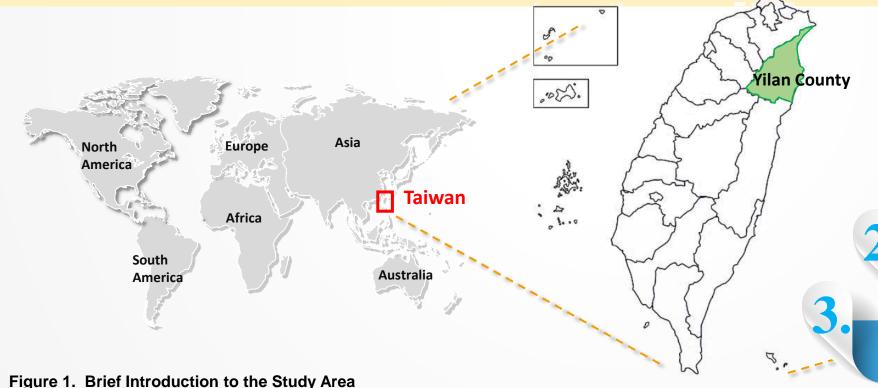




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1. Research Question & Objectives

- Extreme climate events, driven by global warming, have caused severe impacts worldwide, especially in high-risk disaster areas. These events bring significant challenges to both local societies and the environment.
- To address these challenges, our study integrates climate change hazard scenarios with local disaster characteristics. We aim to help local governments develop disaster preparedness and resilience strategies, enhancing Yilan County's capacity to respond to and adapt to climate change.





Flooding in Qixian Village, Yuanshan Township during Typhoon Nesat (2022)



Landslide Behind Baiyun Temple, Subei Village, Su'ao Township, Yilan County during Typhoon Megi (2010)

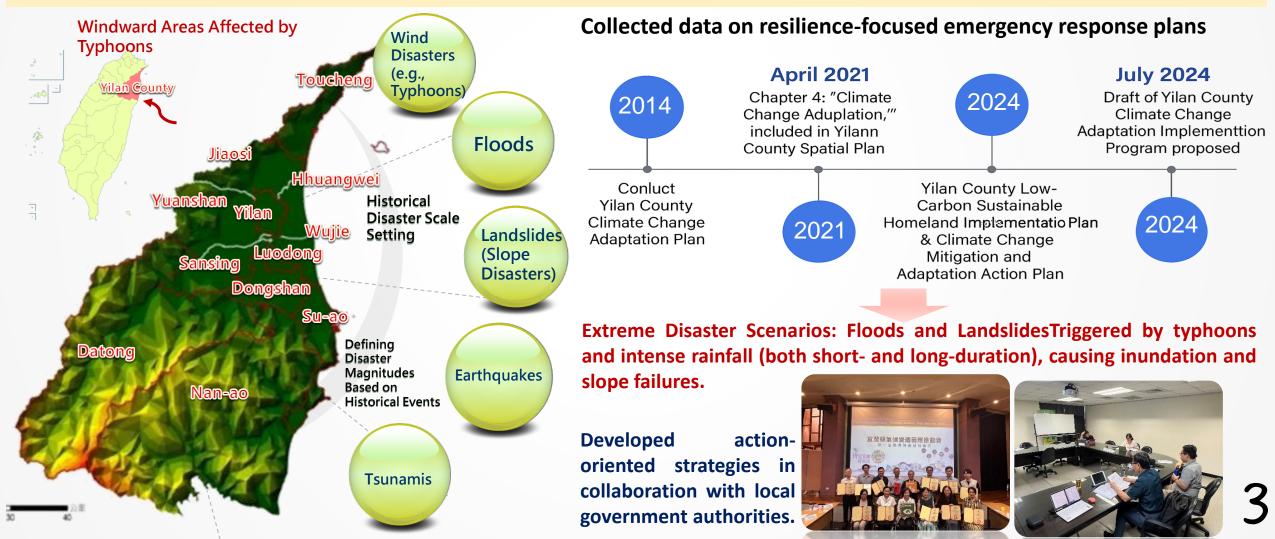
This research focuses on three key aspects:

Local Hazard Assessment

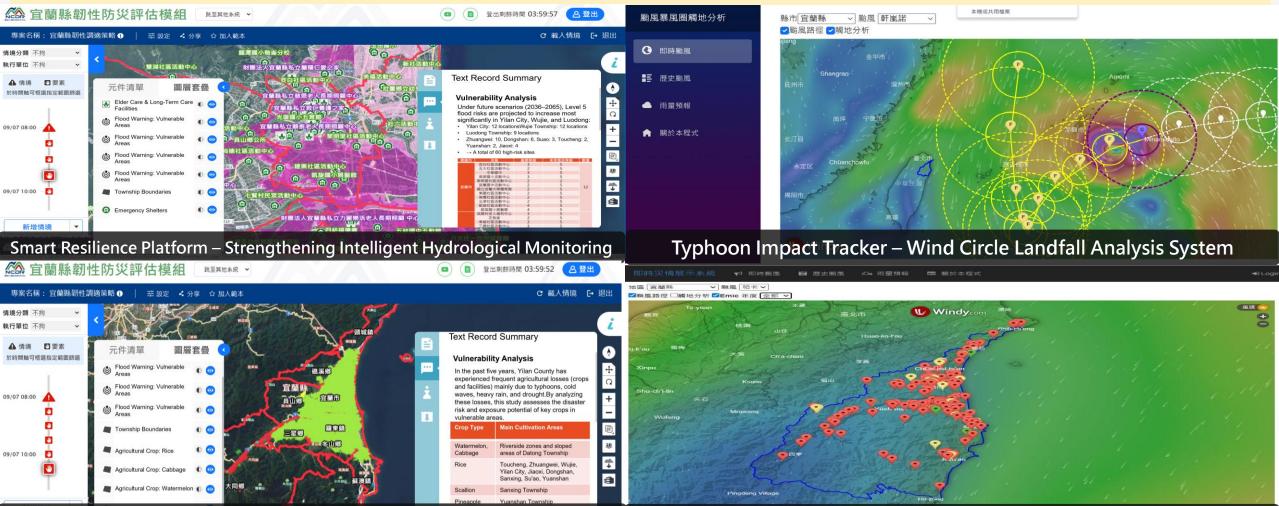
Integration of Disaster Intelligence

Risk Application and Promotion

- We analyzed historical disaster events in Yilan County, identified hazard-prone areas, and collected data on resilience-based disaster management and response plans.
- This provides comprehensive disaster preparedness information for the region.



- We combined central and local technological research and development.
- By using Yilan County's disaster intelligence network and resilience assessment module, we aim to expand disaster mitigation capabilities and reduce the impacts of extreme events.



Smart Resilience Platform – Evaluating Agricultural Impacts and Adaptive Strategies

Live Disaster Dashboard – Featuring EMIC and Story Maps of Past Disaster Events

Based on climate change risk mapping and expert recommendations, we propose short-term and medium-to-longterm adaptation strategies.

 Through demonstration projects and promotional activities, we aim to improve local disaster resilience and minimize disaster impacts.

Figure 1. Climate Adaptation Planning Process Climate Risk Identify Climate Set Adaptation Strategy

Issues

(3) Risk Application and Promotion

Directions

Engage Local Government

Departments

Flood Hazard–Vulnerability Map of Yilan County under Climate Change Scenario (2036-2065) 新北市 -桃園市 新竹縣 臺中市 AR6 T2.0C Map Data Source: National Science and lazard-Vulnerabilit Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR Level 1 User Agency: Yilan County Government Overlay Layer: Ming Chuan University Level 2 ate Time: April 2025

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Table 1. Climate Adaptation Action Table

	Issue	Disaster Managem ent Goal	Responsible Departments	Short-term Actions	Mid- to Long-term Actions
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Mapping

Propose Short-

and Mid-to-Long-

Term Adaptation

- We actively involved local stakeholders—including government officials, disaster management teams, and community organizations—through interviews and workshops.
- This participatory approach ensures that the strategies are practical and aligned with regional policies.





Resilient Community Disaster Response Forum

Yilan County 2050 Net-Zero Transition Strategy – Social Communication Focus Meeting and Workshop Discussions





Cross-Departmental Interviews & Discussions



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Thanks for listening.

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Extreme climate events driven by global warming severely impact high-risk areas, challenging local societies and environments.

This study integrates climate change hazard scenarios with local disaster characteristics to help Yilan County, Taiwan, develop disaster preparedness and resilience strategies.

Using literature review and in-depth interviews, the research focuses on three aspects:

- Local Hazard Assessment identifying hazard-prone areas and compiling disaster preparedness plans;
- (2) Disaster Intelligence Integration enhancing disaster mitigation through Yilan's disaster intelligence network and resilience assessment; and
- (3) Risk Application and Promotion constructing resilient city frameworks via climate risk mapping and expert recommendations.

The study proposes short- and medium-to-long-term adaptation strategies for high-risk areas and engages local stakeholders to co-create practical, policy-aligned disaster responses.

Keywords: Extreme Disasters, Resilient Cities, Resilience-Based Disaster Management, Localized Adaptation, Disaster Intelligence.

Global warming has intensified extreme weather disasters worldwide

Climate change has led to an increase in both the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events such as typhoons, torrential rains, and droughts, significantly impacting human settlements, infrastructure, and ecosystems.

High-risk areas like Yilan County face severe social and environmental challenges

- Yilan County, located on Taiwan's northeast coast, is highly exposed to typhoons and flood-related disasters.
- These hazards not only endanger lives and property, but also affect local industries such as tourism and agriculture, increasing socioeconomic vulnerability.

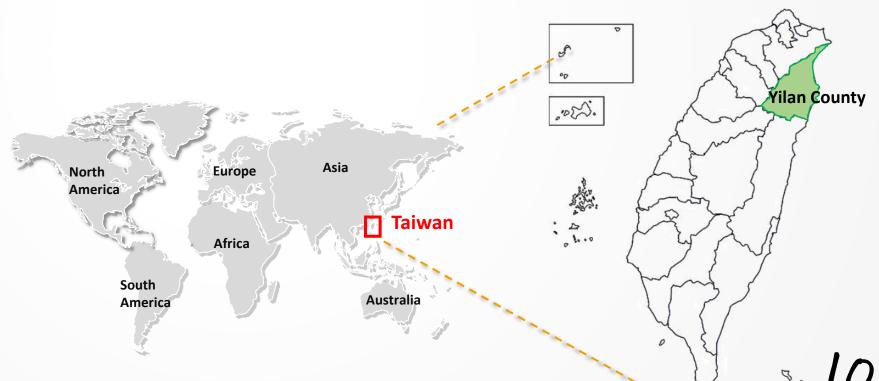
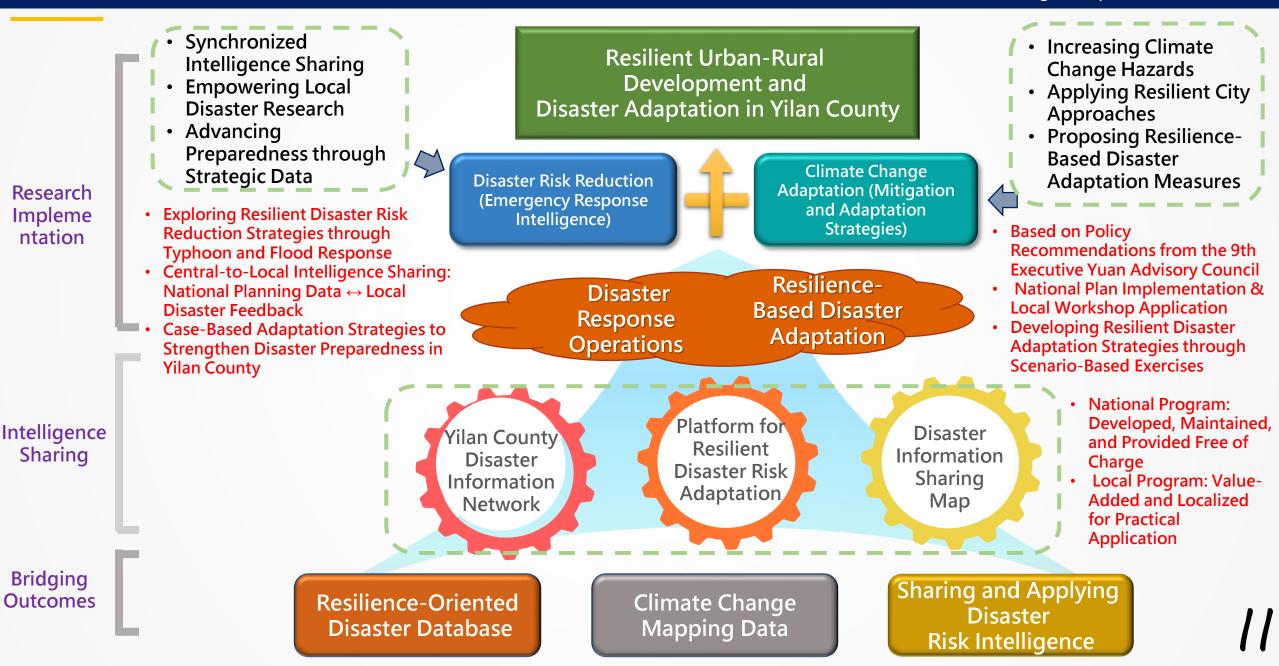


Figure 1. Brief Introduction to the Study Area

1. Research Background and Problem Statement

Operational Concept for Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation



- 1) Integrate national hazard data with local knowledge to tailor adaptation and disaster preparedness.
- 2) Link climate risk projections with local disaster histories to better target resilience efforts.
- 3) Use participatory planning and scenario training to create solutions matching technical and community needs.
- 4) Support local governments with technical frameworks, decision tools, and policy advice to balance immediate response and long-term resilience.

Integrate climate hazard data with local disaster characteristics for resilience enhancement.

Develop localized operational strategies for resilient cities. Assist in formulating shortand medium-tolong-term adaptation strategies.

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3. Research Methodology

Literature review

- 1) A review of disaster response literature, government reports, and case studies focused on Yilan County.
- 2) Key themes: institutional adaptation, community resilience, multi-level governance.

Data Integration and Spatial Analysis

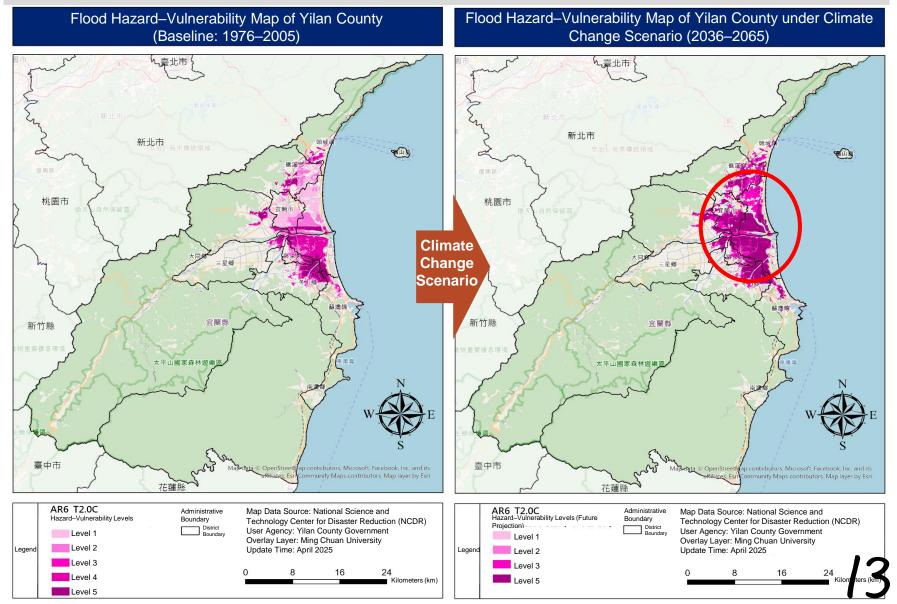
- 1) Integration of national-scale datasets (e.g., AR6 flood and landslide risk maps) with local GIS information.
- 2) Overlay analysis supports vulnerability identification and localized adaptation planning.

We used the hazard-vulnerability overlay analysis based on the AR6 climate change flood risk maps provided by NCDR, under the 2°C global warming scenario.

We compared the risk differences between the baseline period (1976–2005) and the future projection (2036–2065).



Zhuangwei Township and **Jiaoxi Township** increased from risk level 4 to risk level 5.



3. Research Methodology

In-depth interviews

- 1) Interviews with local government officials, disaster management personnel, and community representatives.
- 2) Focused on practical experiences, challenges, and local perspectives on resilience strategies.



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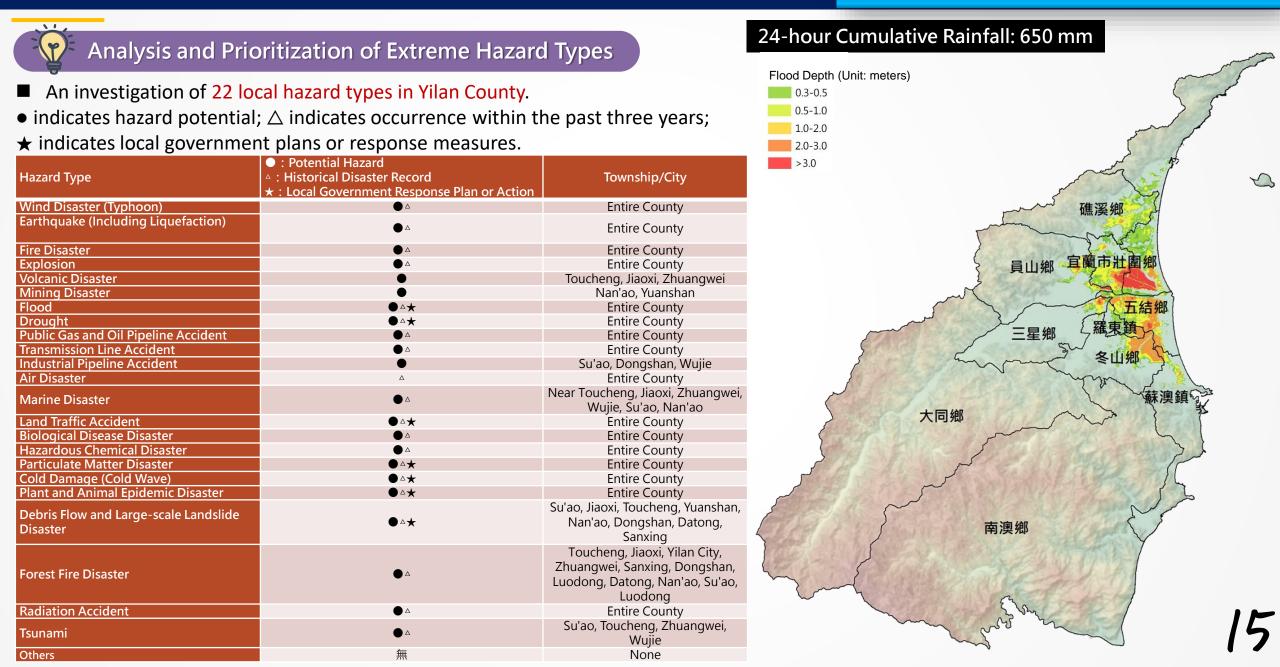
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4. Research Framework and Three Main Focus Areas

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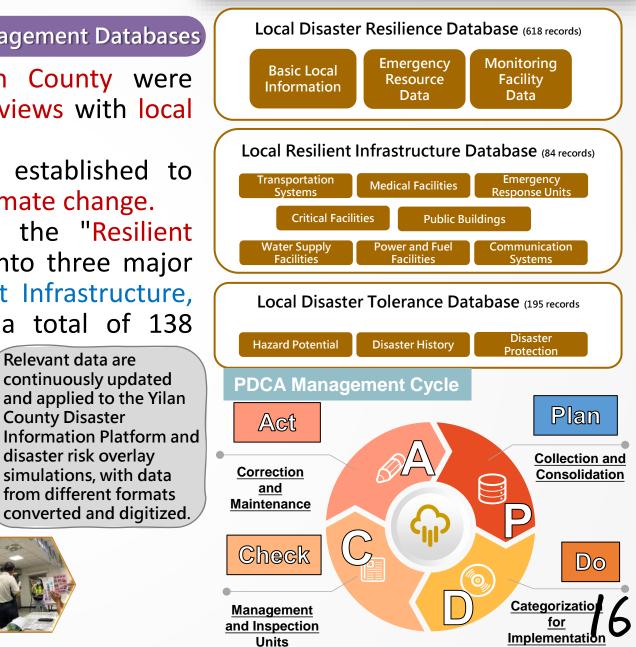
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Compilation and Application of Resilient Disaster Management Databases

- 1) The existing foundational databases of Yilan County were consolidated through project analysis and interviews with local government departments.
- 2) A maintenance and update mechanism was established to strengthen local knowledge and awareness of climate change.
- 3) The data was systematically integrated into the "Resilient Disaster Management Database," categorized into three major areas—Local Disaster Resilience, Local Resilient Infrastructure, and Local Disaster Tolerance—encompassing a total of 138 subcategories.





Compilation and Application of Resilient Disaster Management Databases

- 1) During the activation of the Yilan County Disaster Response Center, personnel were deployed to participate in coordination meetings and assist in weather data analysis and disaster forecasting to support decision-making.
- 2) Local information needs were addressed through self-developed typhoon analysis tools and real-time disaster information systems, enhancing disaster preparedness with localized scenario simulations.
- 3) Typhoon weather analysis reports were provided, including typhoon paths, impact potential and timing, wind and rainfall forecasts, and recommendations for school and office closures.

Typhoon Intelligence Analysis Briefing

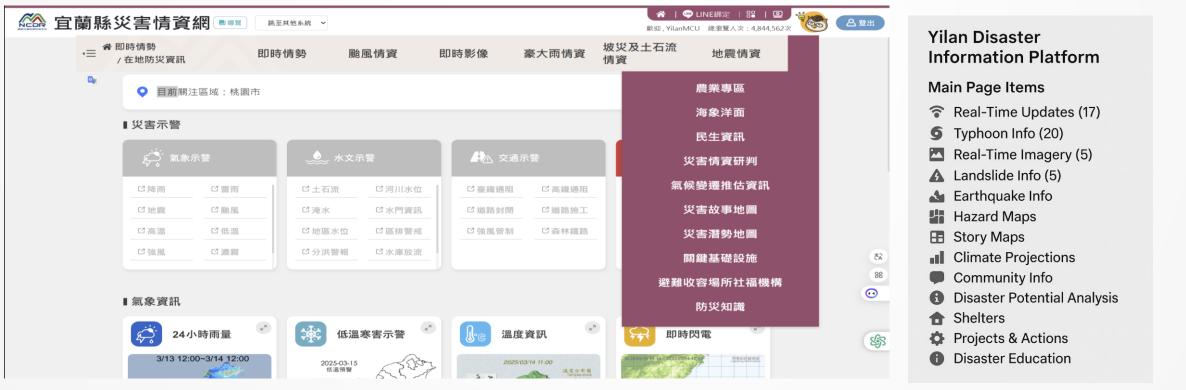


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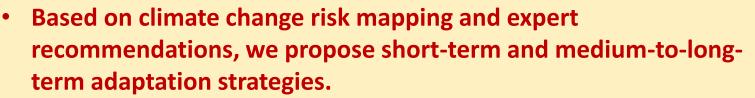


Outcomes of the County and City Disaster Information Platform

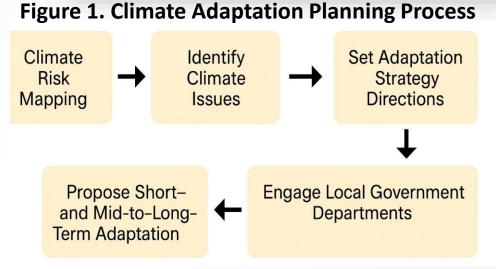
- 1) To enhance disaster resilience against climate change impacts in Yilan County, the "Yilan Disaster Information Platform" was established.
- 2) It integrates real-time updates, typhoon/heavy rain, landslide/debris flow, earthquake alerts, hazard potential maps, story maps, and climate projection data.
- 3) New features will be continuously expanded to strengthen rapid response and disaster management capacity.



4. Research Framework and Three Main Focus Areas



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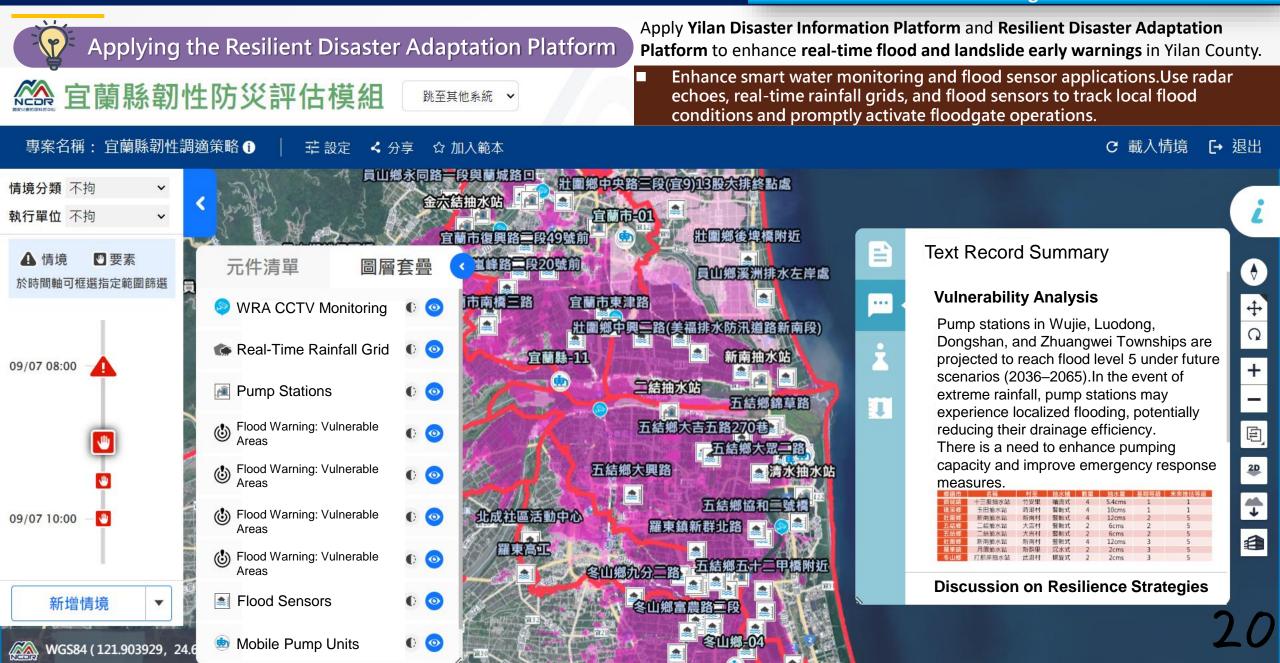
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5. Research Results and Practical Applications

(1) Extreme Rainfall and Drainage Capacity under Climate Change



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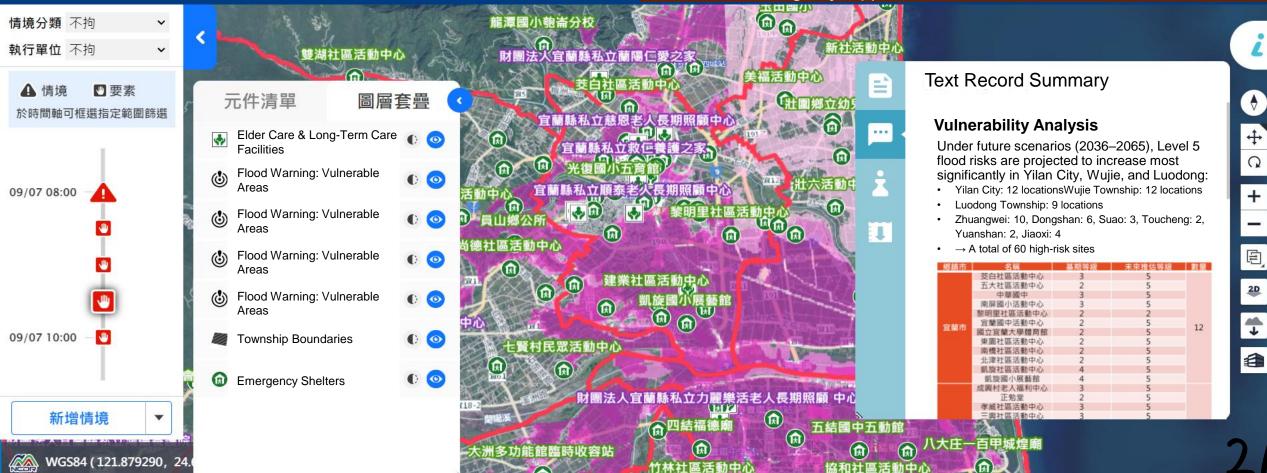
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(2) Critical Infrastructure Impact & Risk Assessment

Help the county government assess if sites are still suitable for flood shelters. 1) Applying the Resilient Disaster Adaptation Platform If needed, prioritize upgrades to drainage systems and flood response capacity 2) Strengthen partnerships with nearby shelters or find safer alternative locations 3) Regularly check drainage and pumping facilities around shelters, and boost debris clearing.

> Hold evacuation drills and emergency training from time to time, and ensure sufficient emergency supplies.



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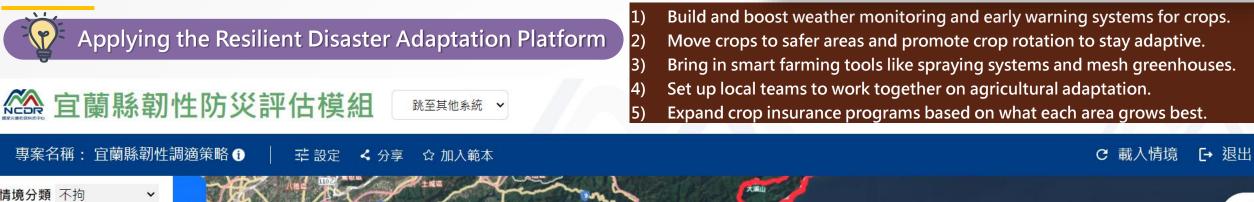
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(3) Agricultural Impact & Adaptation to Climate Change



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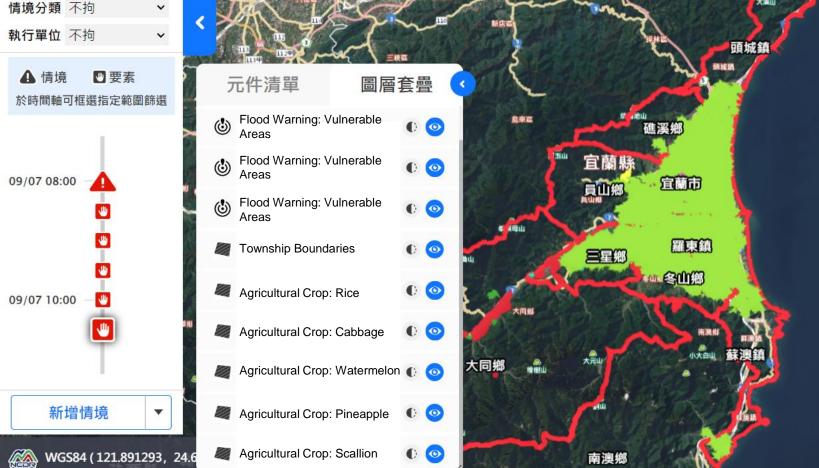
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Vulnerability Analysis

In the past five years, Yilan County has experienced frequent agricultural losses (crops and facilities) mainly due to typhoons, cold waves, heavy rain, and drought.By analyzing these losses, this study assesses the disaster risk and exposure potential of key crops in vulnerable areas.

Сгор Туре	Main Cultivation Areas	
Watermelon, Cabbage	Riverside zones and sloped areas of Datong Township	
Rice	Toucheng, Zhuangwei, Wujie, Yilan City, Jiaoxi, Dongshan, Sanxing, Su'ao, Yuanshan	
Scallion	Sanxing Township	
Pineapple	Yuanshan Township	



6. Conclusion and Contributions

- 1) The study integrates national and local disaster data to support practical applications in disaster preparedness and resilience planning.
- 2) Through climate risk mapping and expert consultations, it constructs resilient city frameworks tailored to local needs.
- 3) It also proposes short- and medium-to-long-term adaptation strategies, and actively engages local stakeholders to co-create practical, policy-aligned disaster responses.
- 4) Yilan County serves as a model for localized resilience governance, offering valuable references for other high-risk regions.