

# Waterproofing Data: Towards engaging stakeholders in sustainable flood risk governance for urban resilience

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# Project goals

- **Bring visibility** to the way stakeholders (citizens, local government authorities, etc.) involved in the management of water-related risks engage with **data on flooding**.
- **Engage citizens** to produce and circulate data, which incorporates and builds upon pre-existing flood memories and local knowledge of flood risk, to increase community resilience.
- **Integrate citizen-generated data with other data sources**, such as environmental sensors, socio-demographics and risk mapping, in ways that support decision-making and policy-making on flooding.

# Our approach to stakeholder engagement: dialogical co-production

Reframing citizen sensing towards dialogical modes of engagement:  
*how data generation can co-produce transformations in governance?*



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# Community engagement through data circulation

- ▶ *How to engage citizens in sharing-existing flood memories and flood risk knowledge?*

**Citizen Science**



**Digital Memories/social media**



**Participatory risk perception mapping**



# Planning with schools in São Paulo

- **Feedback** meetings after the pilot and the key role of a **teacher engaged** with the project.
- Adjust project schedules to **school schedules** and **integrate different demands** from the school partners with the project goals.
- **Activities:** chat with pilot participants, rain gauge construction workshop, participatory mapping workshop, Mapathon - Map Marathon, rain monitoring visits, video script workshop, presentation of short films produced.

# Planning with communities in São Paulo

- **Feedback** meetings after the pilot and the key role of engaged partners from the local parish.
- Exchanging knowledge to **adapt instruments and techniques**: questionnaire and strategies to make maps readable
- Adjust project schedules to **community schedules**
- **Activities**: flood memory feedback with other members of the community

# Challenges and next steps

- **Communities and Schools in Rio Branco:** distance and government priorities next months (fires in Amazonia Region).
- **Schools:** changes in the curriculum next year, teachers may be transferred to other schools.
- **Communities in São Paulo:** trying to develop the activities in a **second area with flood**, but **traffic dwelling and violence** may be difficult to deal with.
- **Institutional relations:** waiting for the **agreement term** to be signed both in São Paulo and Rio Branco.

# Thank you

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