

# Spatialized school-age populations estimates for planning educational resources

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“ Planning educational services requires spatialised population estimates at the micro-level, by single years of age

# Why?

- Education statistics are calculated on specific ages and groups
- School district boundaries are often different than administrative subdivisions

# Up to now, data were:

- Either available by single years of age at an aggregated geographic level
- Or spatialized at 100sq meter but in 5-year intervals

# Estimating school-age populations by applying Sprague multipliers to raster data



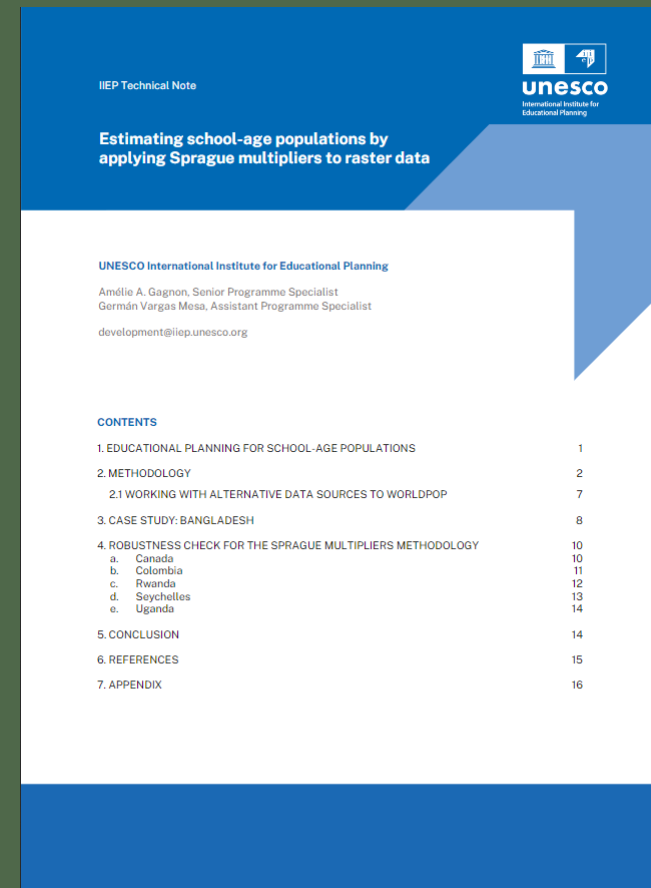
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Plugin:  
Sprague for school age populations

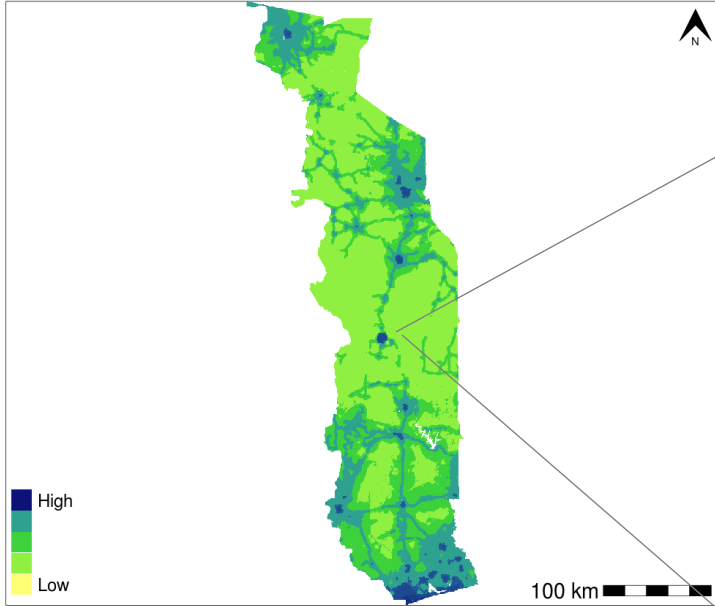


[github.com/iiepdev/Spatialized-school-age-populations](https://github.com/iiepdev/Spatialized-school-age-populations)



# Togo 100m Age structures

Estimated total number of people per grid-cell at a resolution of (3 arc seconds approximately 100m at the equator)



WorldPop (www.worldpop.org – School of Geography and Environmental Science, University of Southampton; Department of Geography and Geosciences, University of Louisville; Département de Géographie, Université de Namur) and Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University (2018). Global High Resolution Population Denominators Project – Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (OPP1134076). <https://dx.doi.org/10.5258/SOTON/WP00646>

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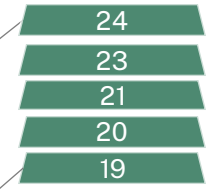
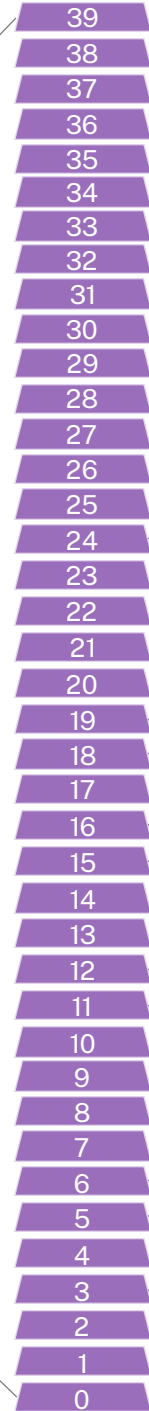


Second Administrative Level Boundaries  
Geospatial Information Section & Statistics Division

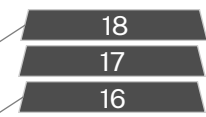


*Explanation on a New Formula for Interpolation. By T. B. SPRAGUE, M.A., Manager of the Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society.*

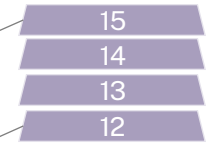
WHEN a series of quantities proceed by a regular law, there is no difficulty in interpolating between each adjacent two of them any number of terms with any desired degree of accuracy. The methods to be adopted for this purpose have been described in various original and reprinted papers contained in the *Journal of the Institute of Actuaries*: (see, for instance, Mr. Woolhouse's paper *On Interpolation, Summation, etc.*, xi, 61, 801, and xii, 186; Mr. Gray's paper *On the Construction of Tables by the Method of Differences*, xiii, 61, 148, 208, and xiv, 307; and the translations of M. Maurice's *Essay on Interpolation*, xiv, 1; and of Briggs's explanation of his *Method of Quintisection*, xiv, 73). We sometimes, however, have to interpolate between quantities which do not accurately follow any law. For instance, we may have calculated premiums for every quinquennial age, and wish to obtain the premiums for the intermediate ages by interpolation. In this case, it will sometimes happen that the ordinary formulas of interpolation do not give satisfactory results, unless we take a very large number of differences, and then the amount of labor is often more than the result is worth. In my paper *On the Value of Annuities payable half-yearly, quarterly, etc.*, I indicated briefly a method of interpolation which I thought might



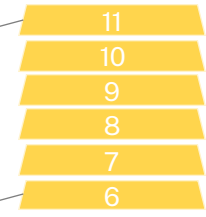
Tertiary  
19-24 yo



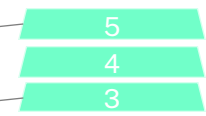
Upper  
Secondary  
16-18 yo



Lower  
Secondary  
12-15 yo

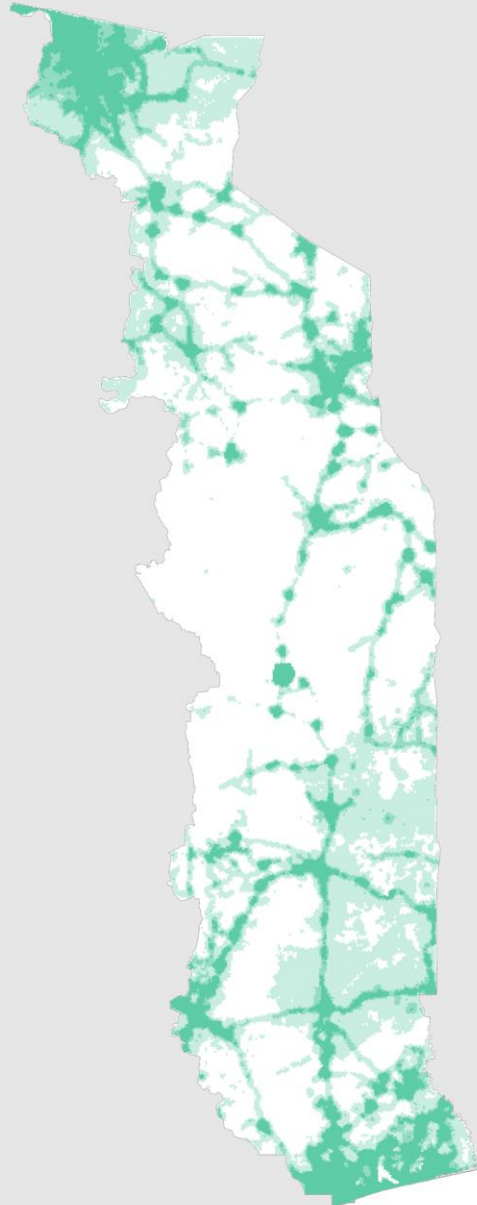


Primary  
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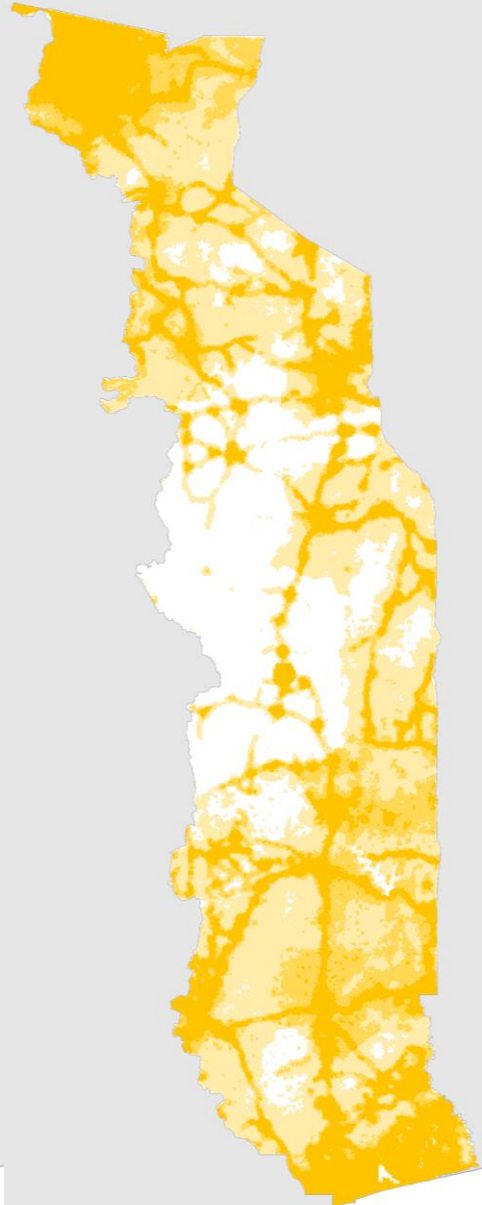


Preprimary  
4-5 yo

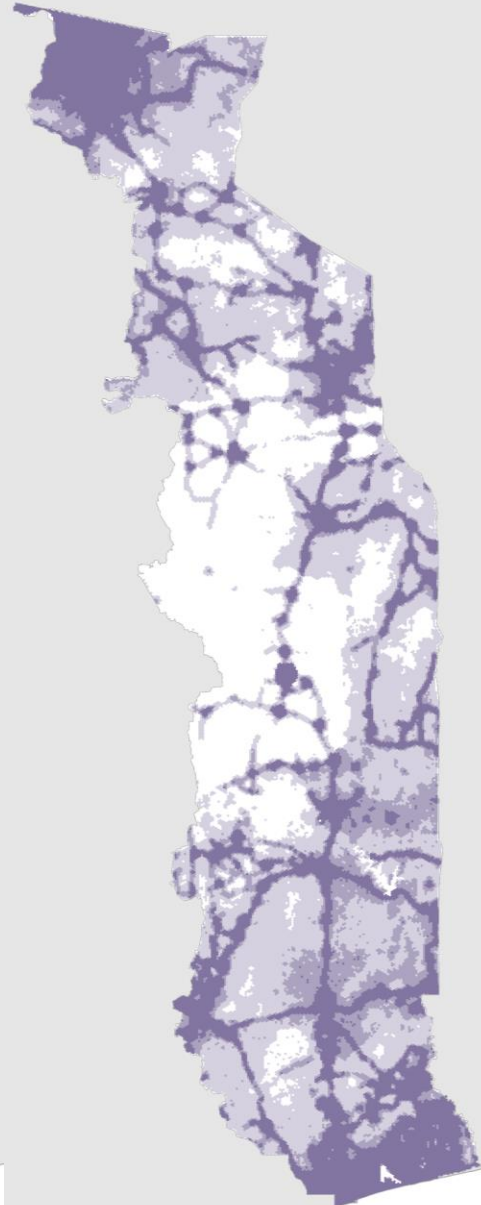
**Preprimary**  
school-age population



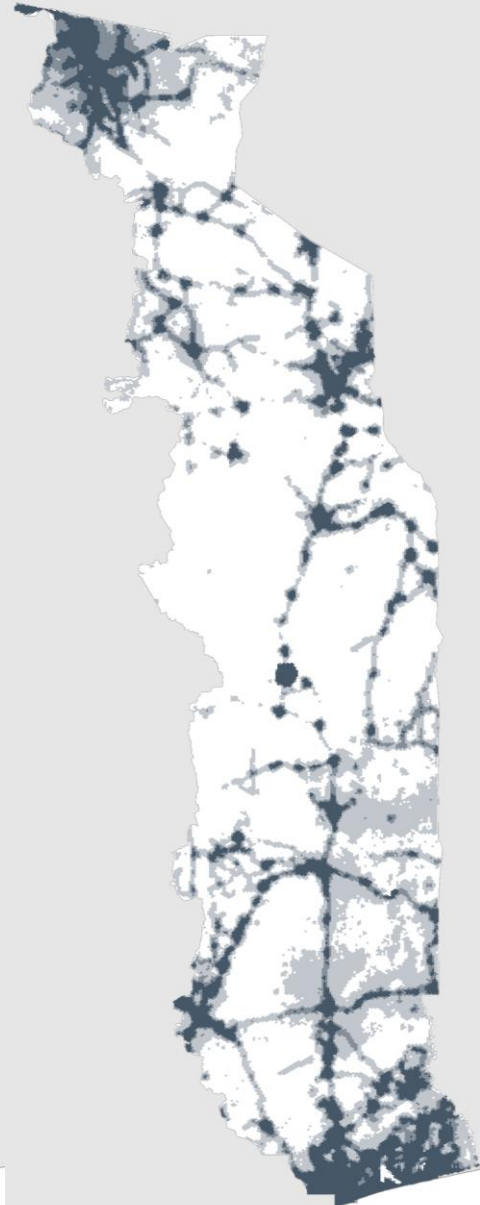
**Primary**  
school-age population



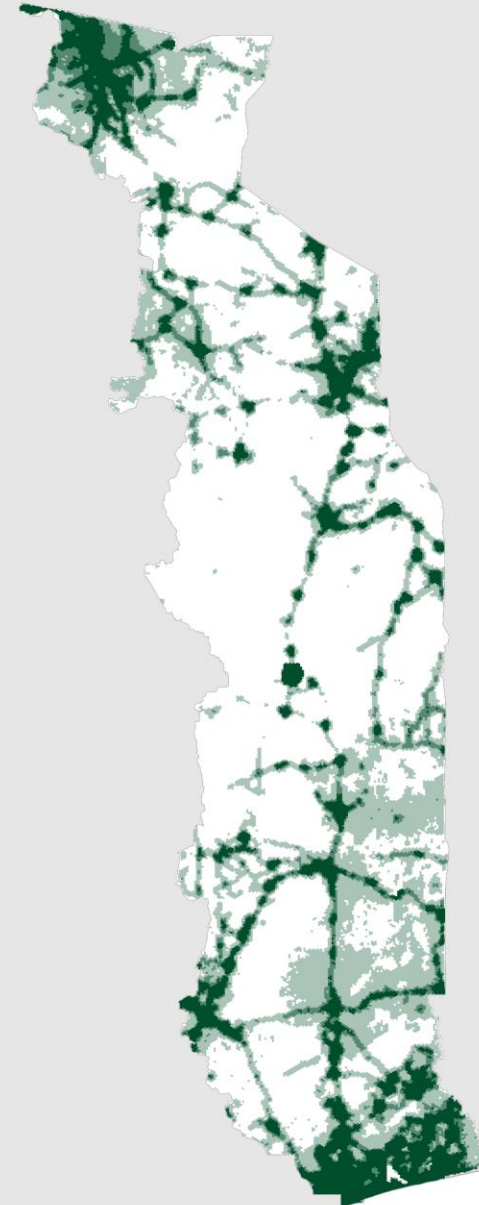
**Lower-secondary**  
school-age population



**Upper-secondary**  
school-age population



**Tertiary**  
school-age population





# Isochrone-based catchment areas for educational planning



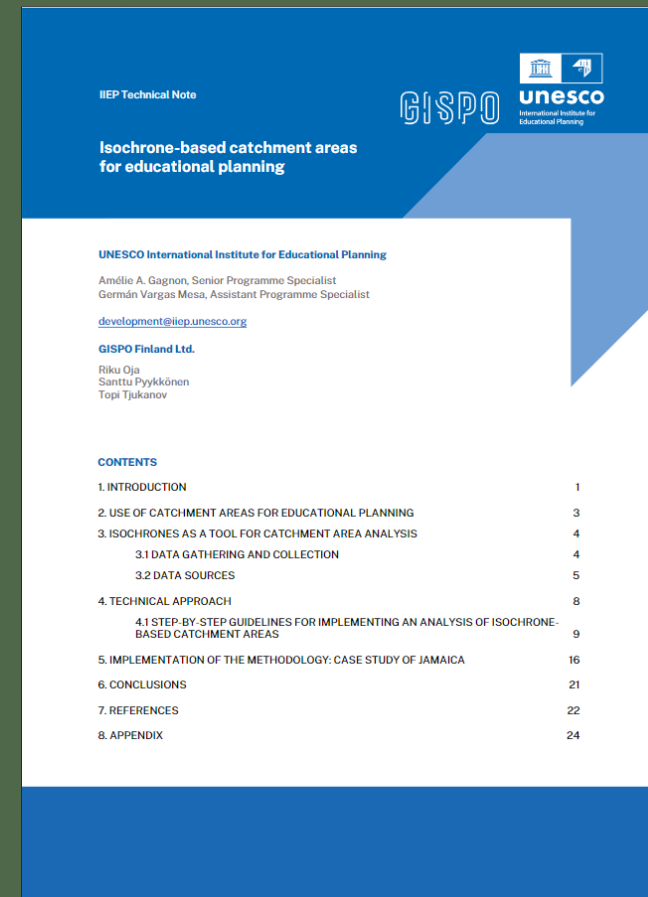
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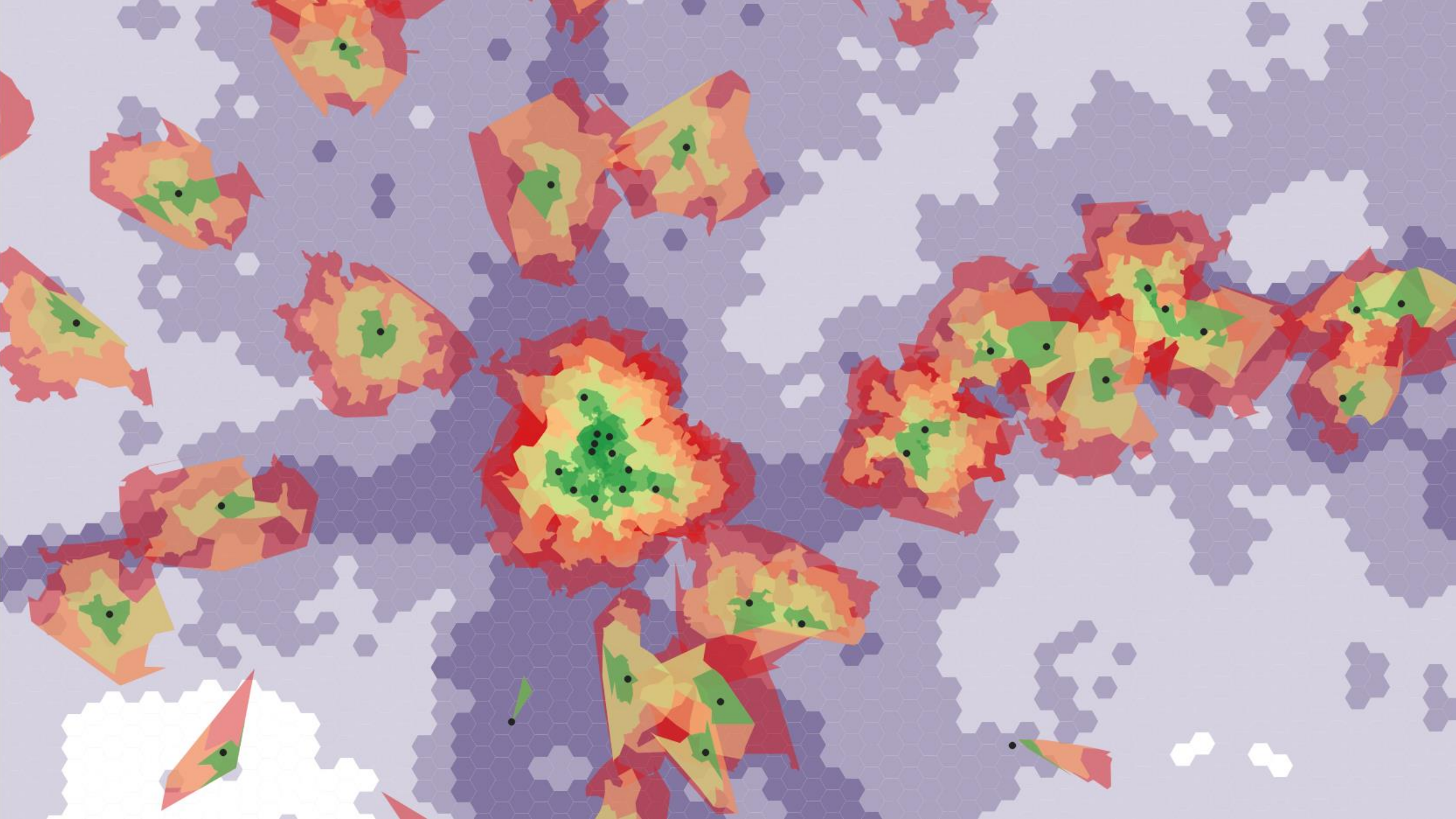


Plugin manager:  
Catchment



[github.com/iiepdev/school-catchment-plugin](https://github.com/iiepdev/school-catchment-plugin)





# School-age populations exposed to natural hazards: An approach to triangulate internally displaced population estimates



Full paper:  
<https://at.iiep.unesco.org/2022-GRIDbg>

## School-age populations exposed to natural hazards

An approach to triangulate internally displaced population estimates<sup>1</sup>

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### Summary

Estimating the school-age population to be serviced by national education systems is the cornerstone of any educational planning process. Nonetheless, this is also one of the trickiest exercises, as population estimates by relevant age and sex breakdowns are not necessarily disseminated by the national statistical offices as often and granularly as they would be needed by the ministry of education, and other stakeholders. In disaster-prone areas, locating school-age populations exposed to natural hazards means that educational and emergency services can be deployed in the most efficient manner to reach them, and helps anticipate displacement.

The approach proposed here aims at combining spatialized school-age population estimates with data derived from satellite imagery (or with indices created from earth science data, earth observation, climate, etc.) produced during or right after a natural event, to estimate age and sex-disaggregated displacement exposure.

This background paper is prepared in the context of the 2022 IDMC GRID report, and the methodology presented should be of interest to all planners and managers in ministries of education, humanitarian organizations, and development partners, and anyone eager to better identify the school-age populations exposed to natural hazards, and better plan responses for potentially displaced students. Finally, the methodology presented here can be used to triangulate the estimates produced by other methodologies with regards to educational provision, especially those produced by direct observation or key informants.

### Introduction

In October 2021, IIEP published a methodology to produce school-age population estimates for any territory or area, any educational level, and for any year since year 2000 (Gagnon and Vargas Mesa, 2021). This contribution is crucial in educational planning because it is the first global and standardized tool that combines existing open source data and open access statistical literature to resolve the typical unavailability of population estimates by single years of age at the super local level<sup>2</sup>, thus allowing the reconstruction of any school-age group that match any geographic area, administrative or not. Therefore, educational planners or managers can now calculate sub-national education indicators based on population data, such as enrolment rates, as long as enrolment data is available at the same scale (e.g. province, district, catchment area, etc.).

The current paper proposes an application of the original method to disaster settings, where analysts and responders need to estimate the volume of the school-age population exposed to natural hazards. The application proposed here is innovative because it is based on school-age population estimates generated prior to the occurrence of natural events (with full age and sex structures), and combined with the geospatial detection of natural hazards produced during a natural event (such as floods, droughts, lava flows, snow avalanches, etc.).

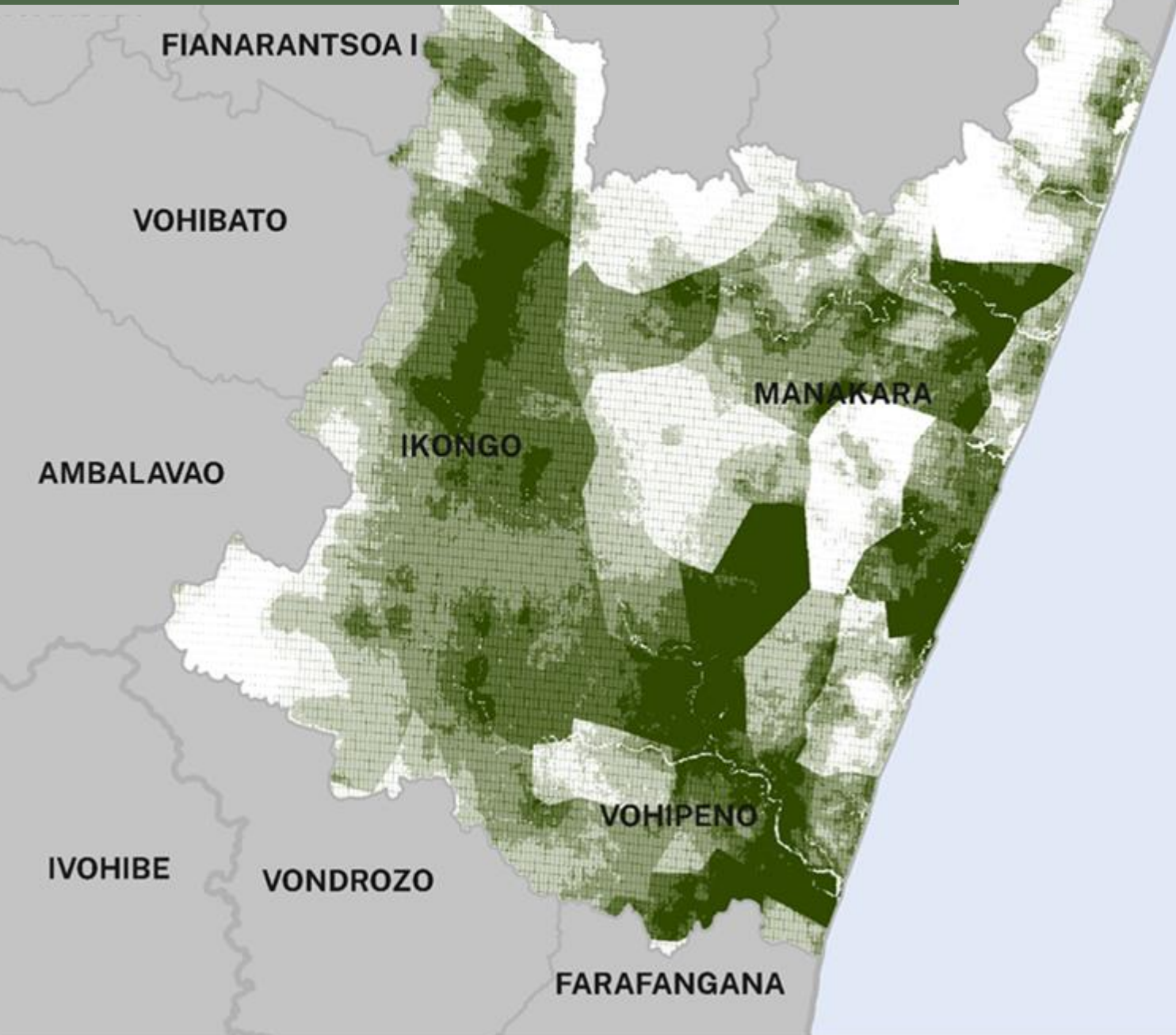
Several organizations have developed methods to estimate the number of displaced people, internal or refugees. These methods have several elements in common, the most important being temporality. All methods that we could survey produce population estimates after a crisis happens, which means that populations are already on the move at the time they are measured, rather than in their original place of residence.

<sup>1</sup> The designations employed and the presentation of the materials in this paper and related repositories do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever from the IIEP, UNESCO, or IIEP/UNESCO concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city, area, authorities, concerning the delimitation of frontiers or boundaries. Authors would like to thank colleagues Diego M. Cárdeno, Blándaire Lefoux, Leonora MacIntyre, Jean Claude Ndiabangaye, Sébastien Hine for their review and constructive feedback.

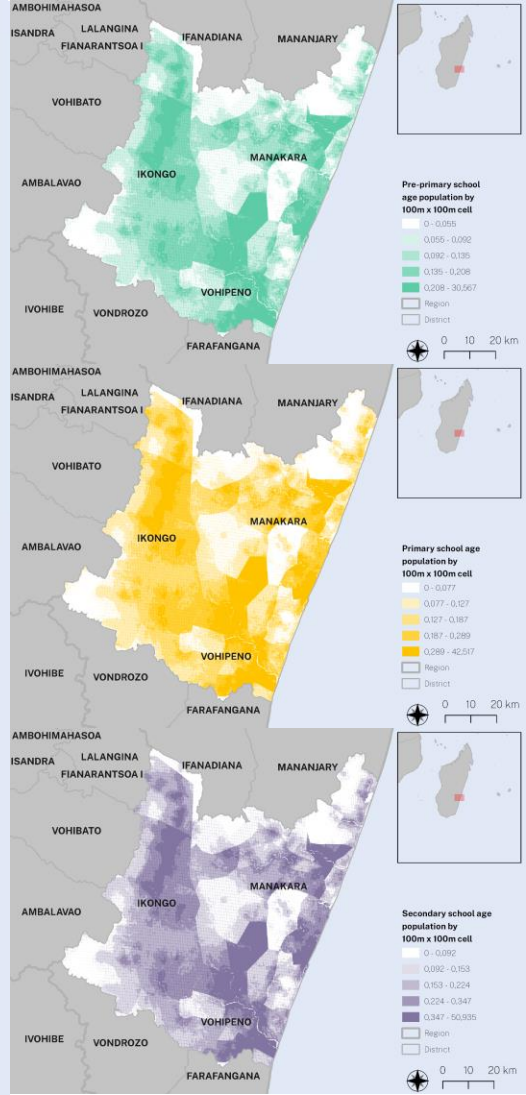
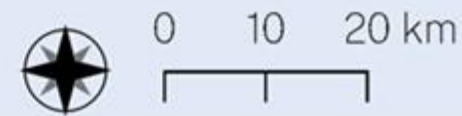
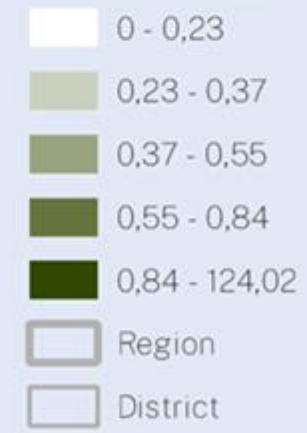
<sup>2</sup> The estimations can be produced for grids as small as 3 arcseconds, approximately 100 square meters at the equator. Authors recommend to use school-age population estimates at 1 sq. kilometre for large areas, and 100 sq. metre for smaller areas.



# PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC SCHOOL-AGE POPULATIONS



**Pre-primary, primary, and secondary school age population by 100m x 100m cell**





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# SCHOOL-AGE POPULATIONS EXPOSED TO HAZARD

ISANDRA FIANARANTSOA I IFANADIANA MANANJARY

VOHIBATO

AMBALAVAO

IKONGO

MANAKARA

VOHIPENO

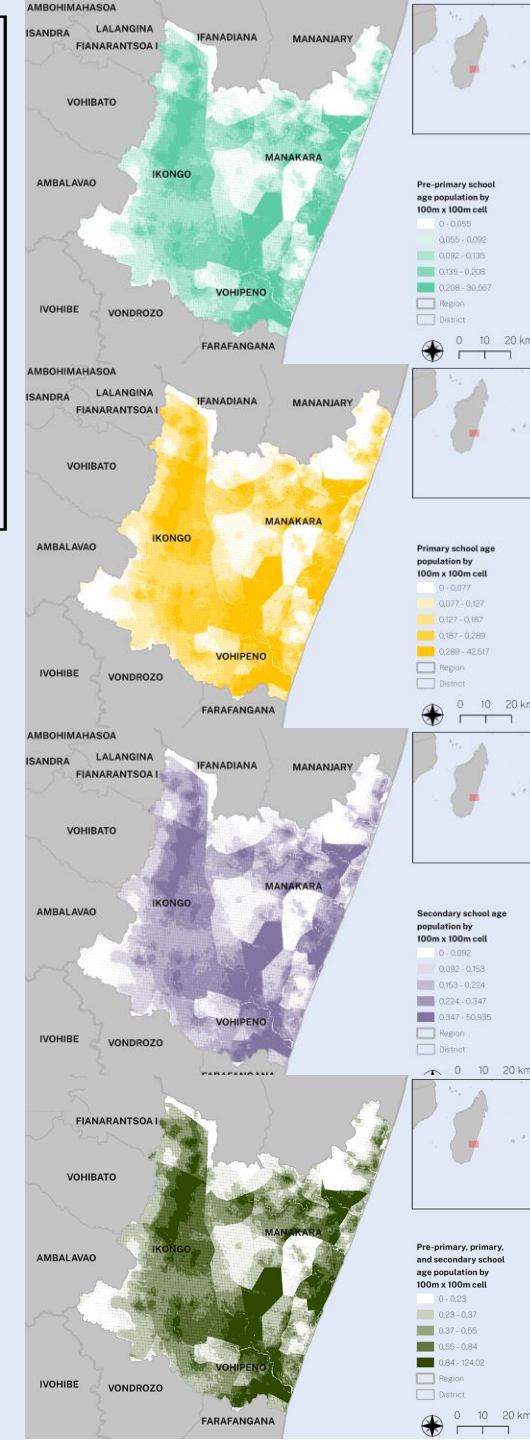
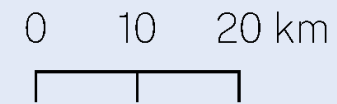
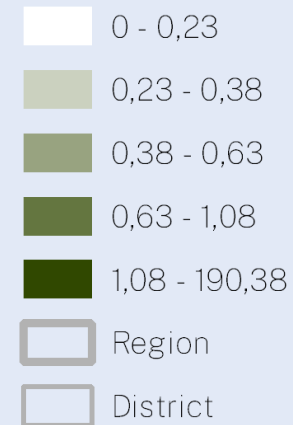
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