Access to geographic data to enhance the ICRC's humanitarian response and reporting

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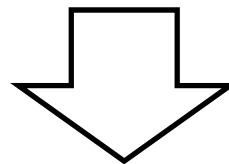GISupport@icrc.org

The **ICRC** strives to assist and protect the victims of armed conflict and internal violence.

Context and Needs

- 80 contexts or countries with key operations like Afghanistan, DRC, Colombia, Ukraine,...

- 10 majors sectors of intervention (Detention, Protecting civilians, Health, Food Security, Water and Habitat…)
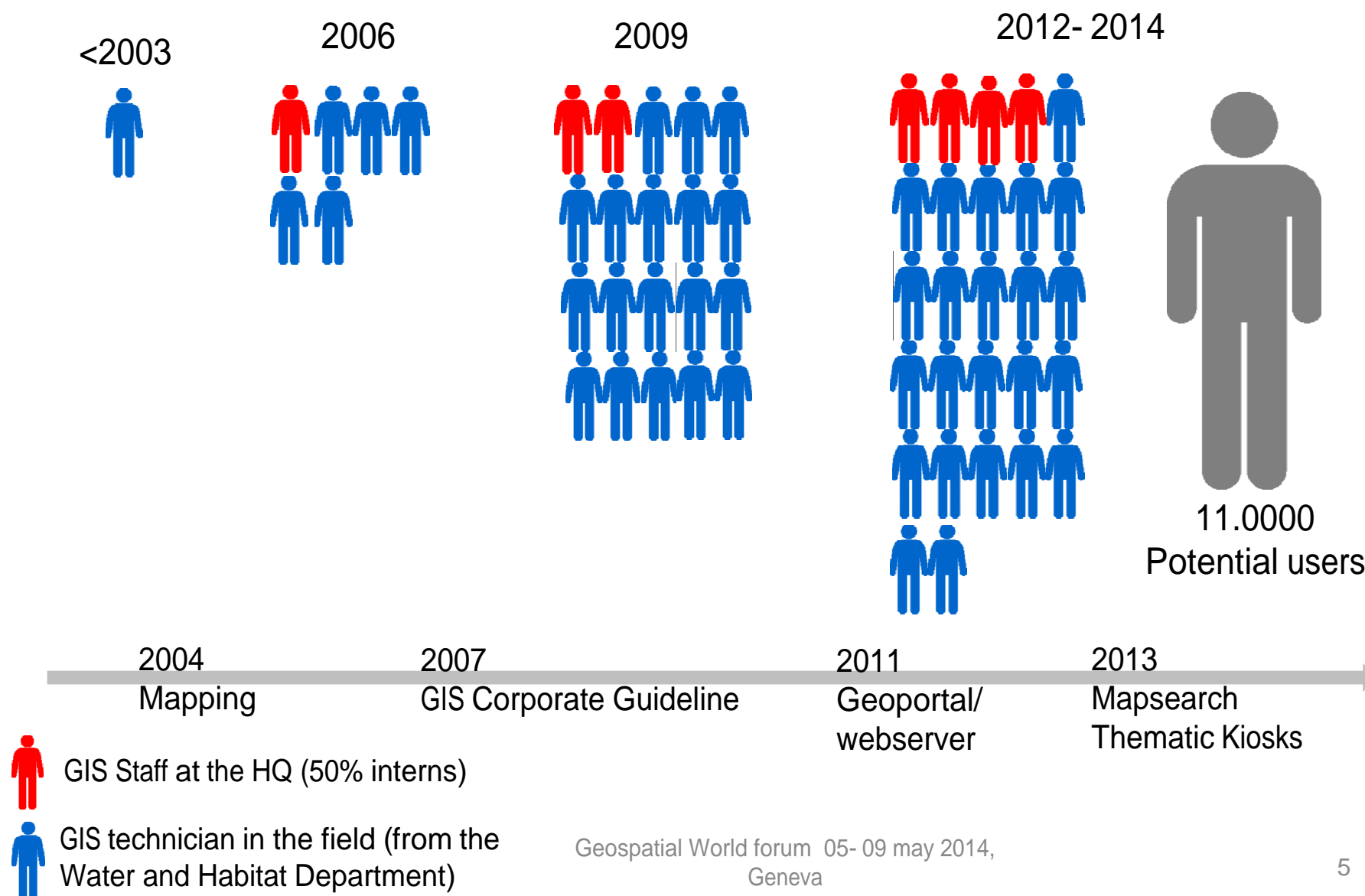
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- Institutional dataset for consultations + sudden-onset emergencies

- Tool responding to the needs in different humanitarian responses and for different user groups (thematic, sector, countries, confidentiality,…)
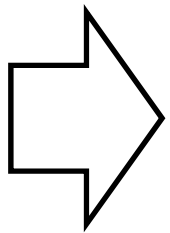
To improve the ICRC's response to people's needs in its various humanitarian operations, the ICRC is increasingly turning to geographic information systems (GIS).
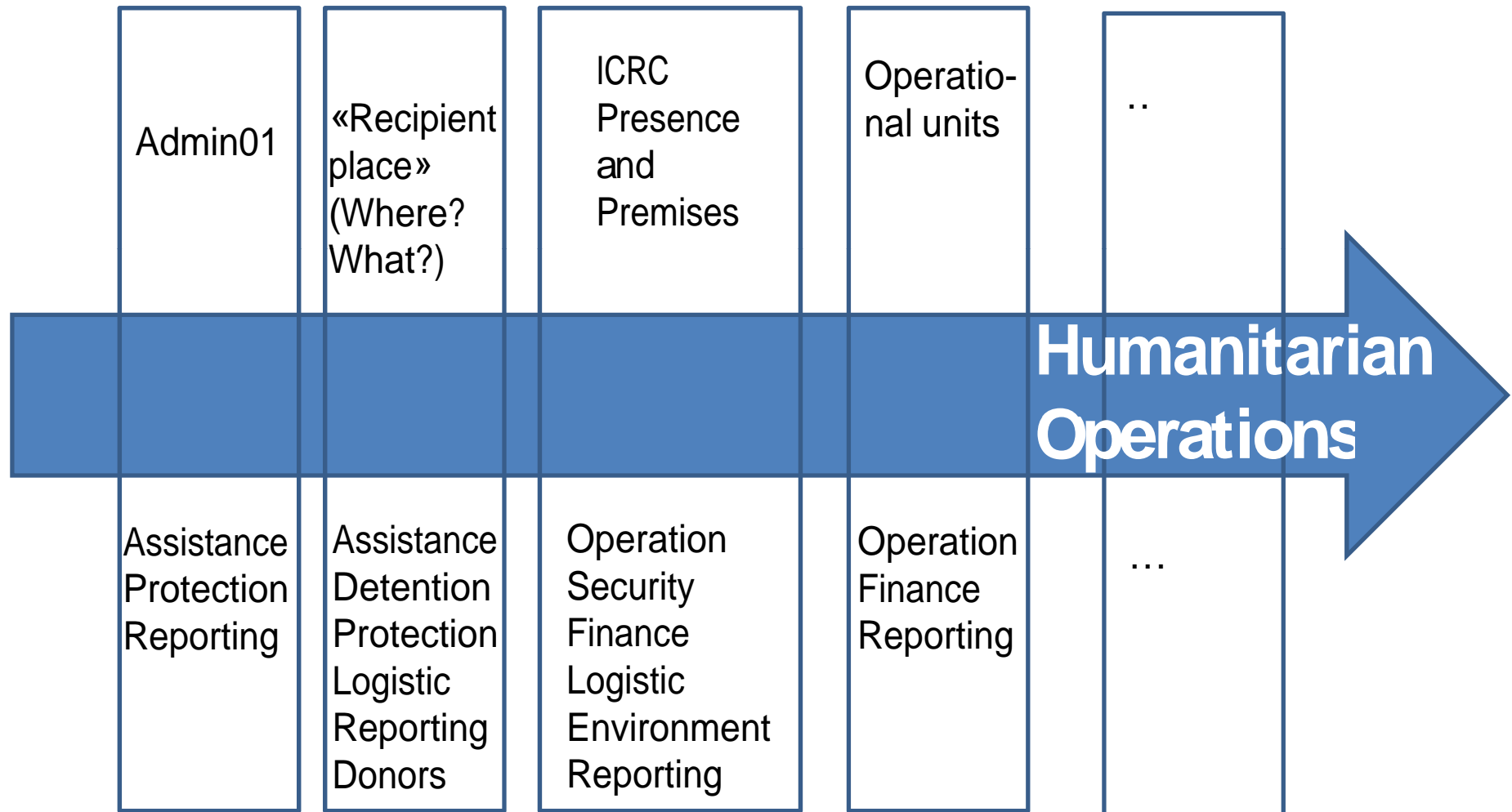
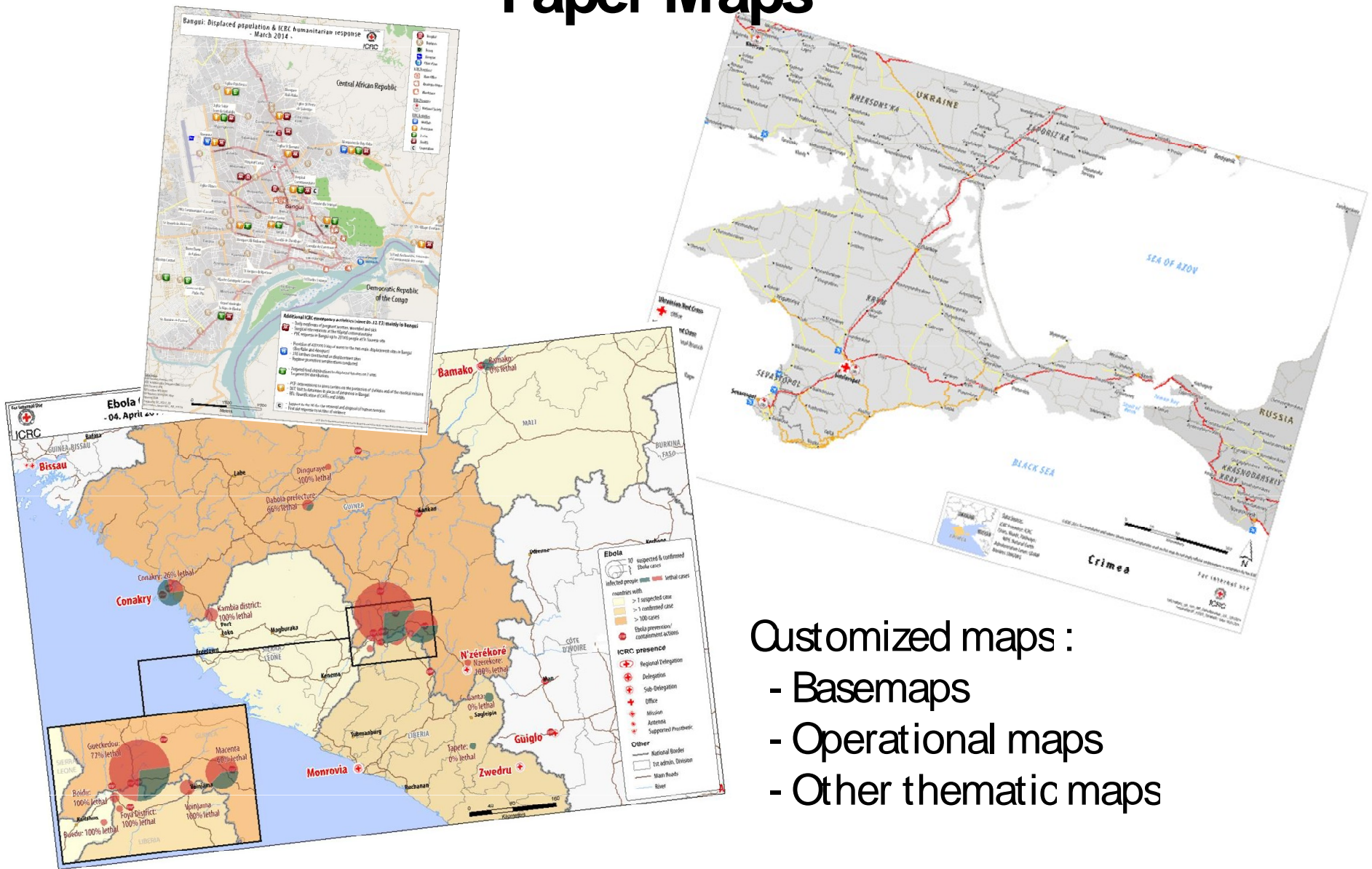# GIS Human resources: delivering geolocation information

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2006

2009

2012- 2014

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Potential users

2004
Mapping

2007
GIS Corporate Guideline

2011
Geoportal/
webserver

2013
Mapsearch
Thematic Kiosks

GIS Staff at the HQ (50% interns)

GIS technician in the field (from the
Water and Habitat Department)

GIS and mapping services provided

- Production of maps (Paper, Geoportal, thematic Geoportal…)

- Advise units on how to put their data on maps

- Maintain the ICRC Geo-referential Data (country, borders, admin01, sites, premises, recipients places, projects)

- Providing GIS supported structural assistance to water authorities and, planned for 2015, to detention authorities

Transversality: managing geographic reference data for other databases systems

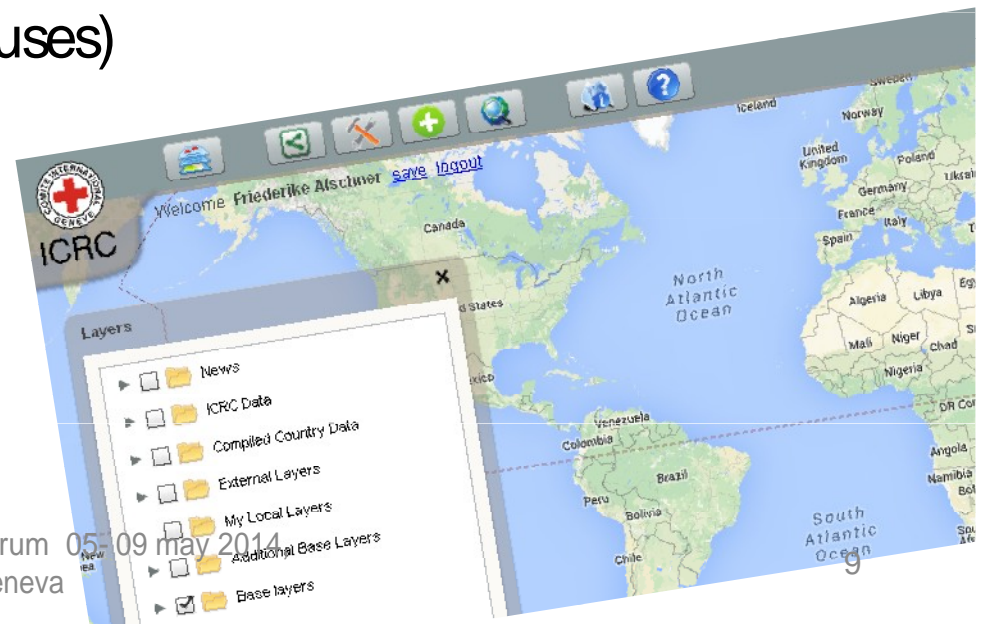| Admin01	«Recipient place» (Where? What?)	ICRC Presence and Premises	Operatio-nal units	..

Humanitarian Operations

Assistance Protection Reporting	Assistance Detention Protection Logistic Reporting Donors	Operation Security Finance Logistic Environment Reporting	Operation Finance Reporting	…

Paper Maps

Customized maps :
- Basemaps
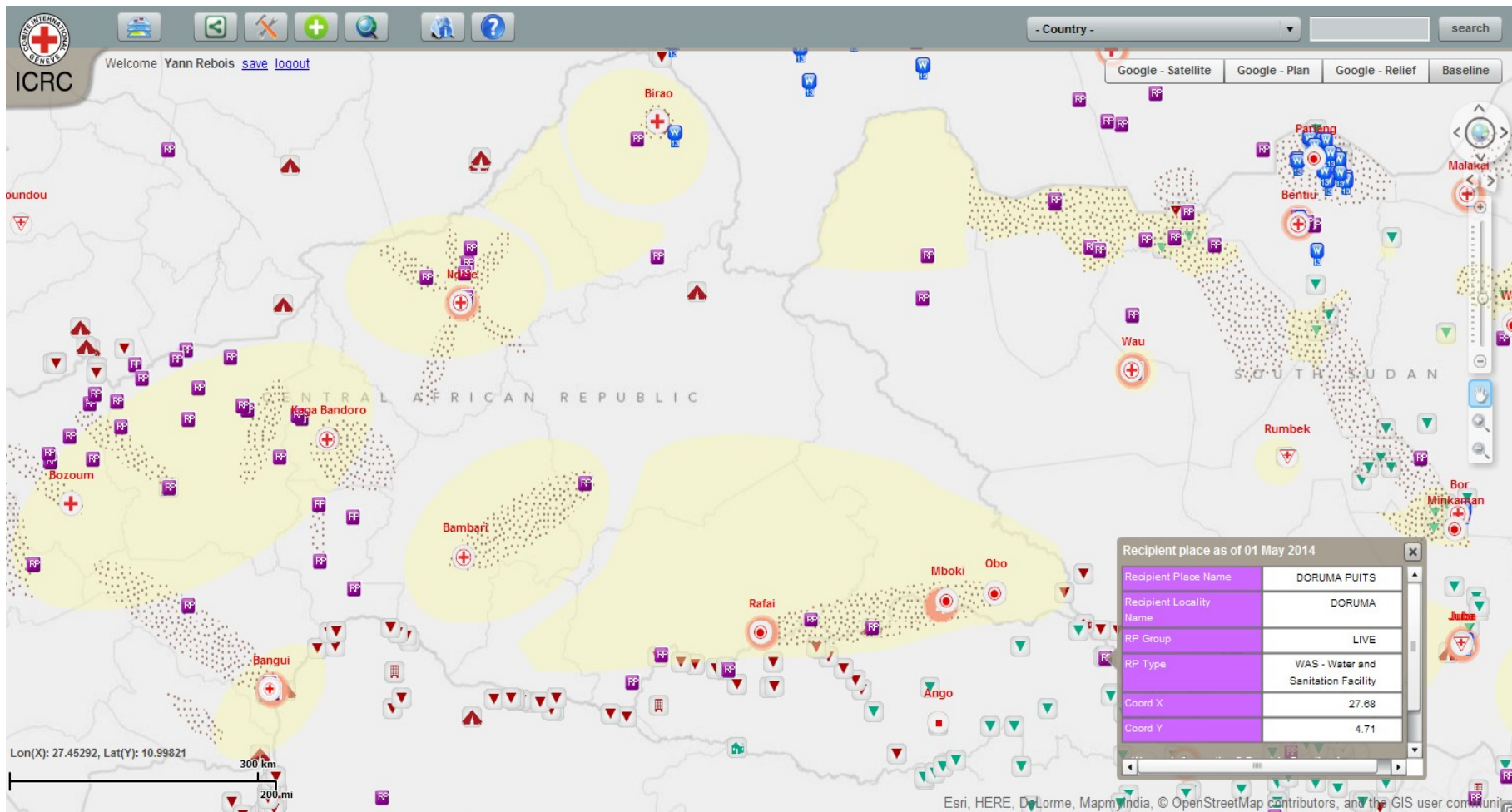- Operational maps
- Other thematic maps

Geoportal

a merge of all humanitarian layers of interest in one space for an operation pictures

- ICRC presence / National Society Presence
- ICRC operational areas and Priority areas, areas of responsability
- ICRC Water and Habitat Projects
- ICRC «recipients places» where we deliver assistance and protection
- ICRC Human resources and Finance
- ICRC Logistics (premises, warehouses)
- Satellite Images

- Displaced Population
- Transport infrastructure

In a few clicks the operational picture is on the map

With the details needed

Map - Archive

Finding a map and geographical content?
Maps off the shelf on 24h/24...7/7 ?

- Paper maps
- Geoportal Layer
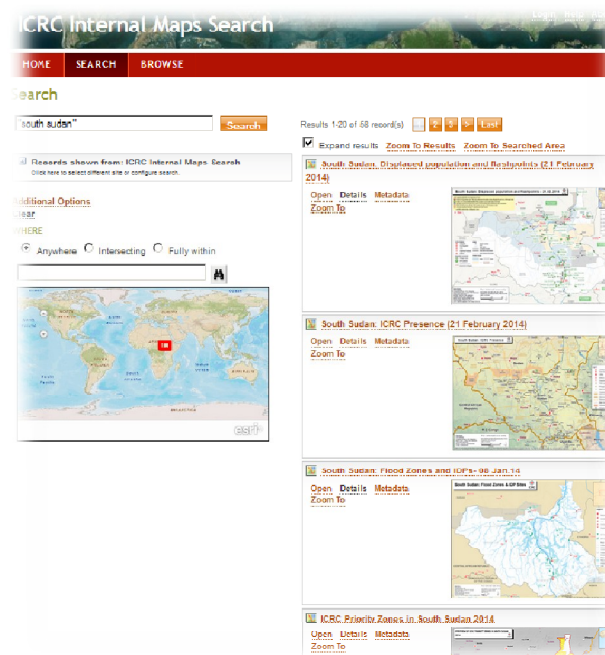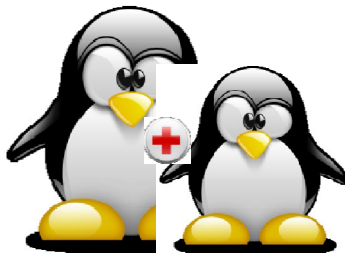
User profile joining the ICRC Geo

Logisticians

Finances

Protection/Detention

Water and Habitat Engineer

ICRC Geoportal

All connected from the field to HQ

Health

Human Ressouces

'NRBC'

Juristic Conflict Definition

Operation Some region

Thematic Geoportals

Reporting Geoportal

http://www.icrcproject.org/app/2013-annual-report-map/
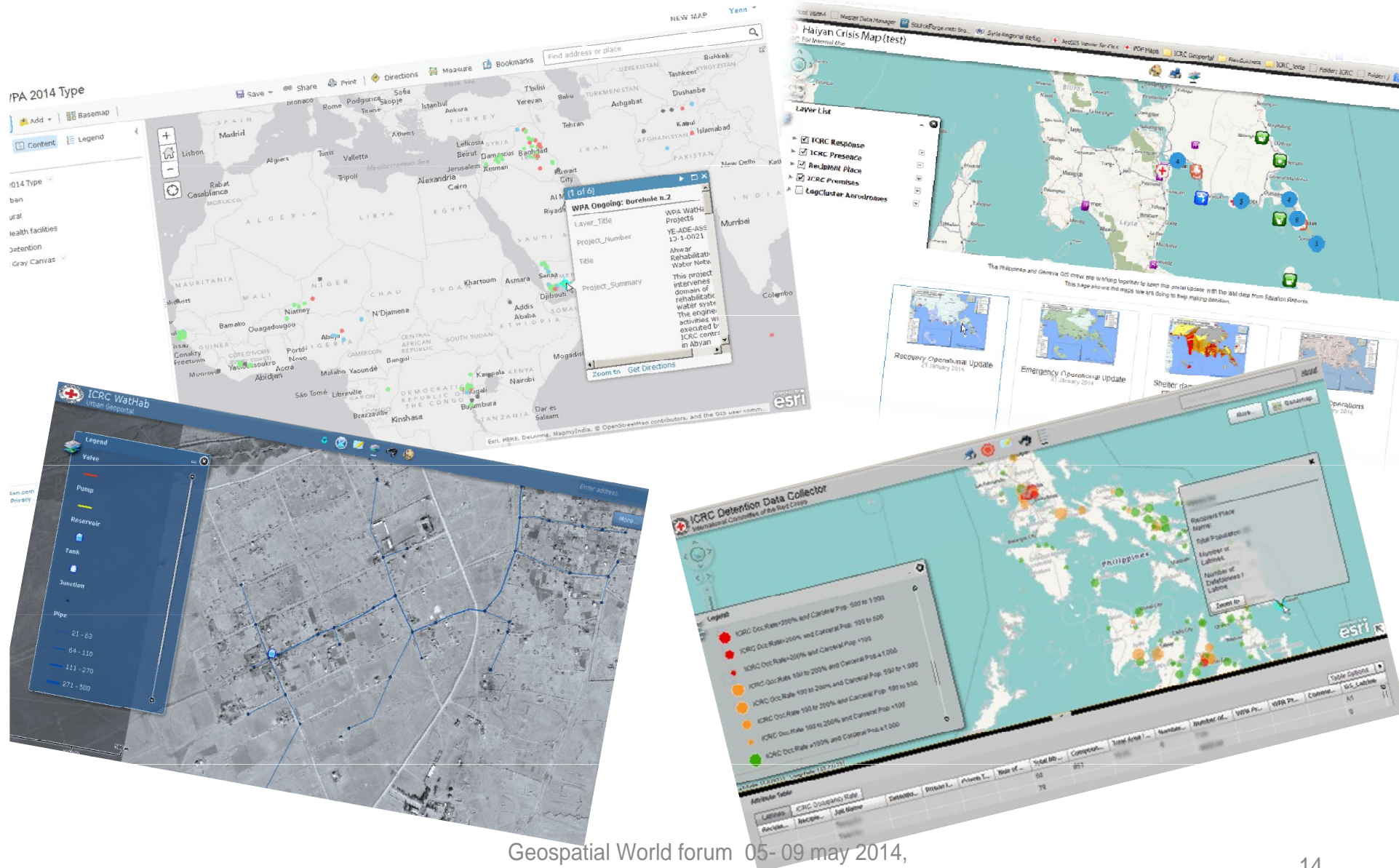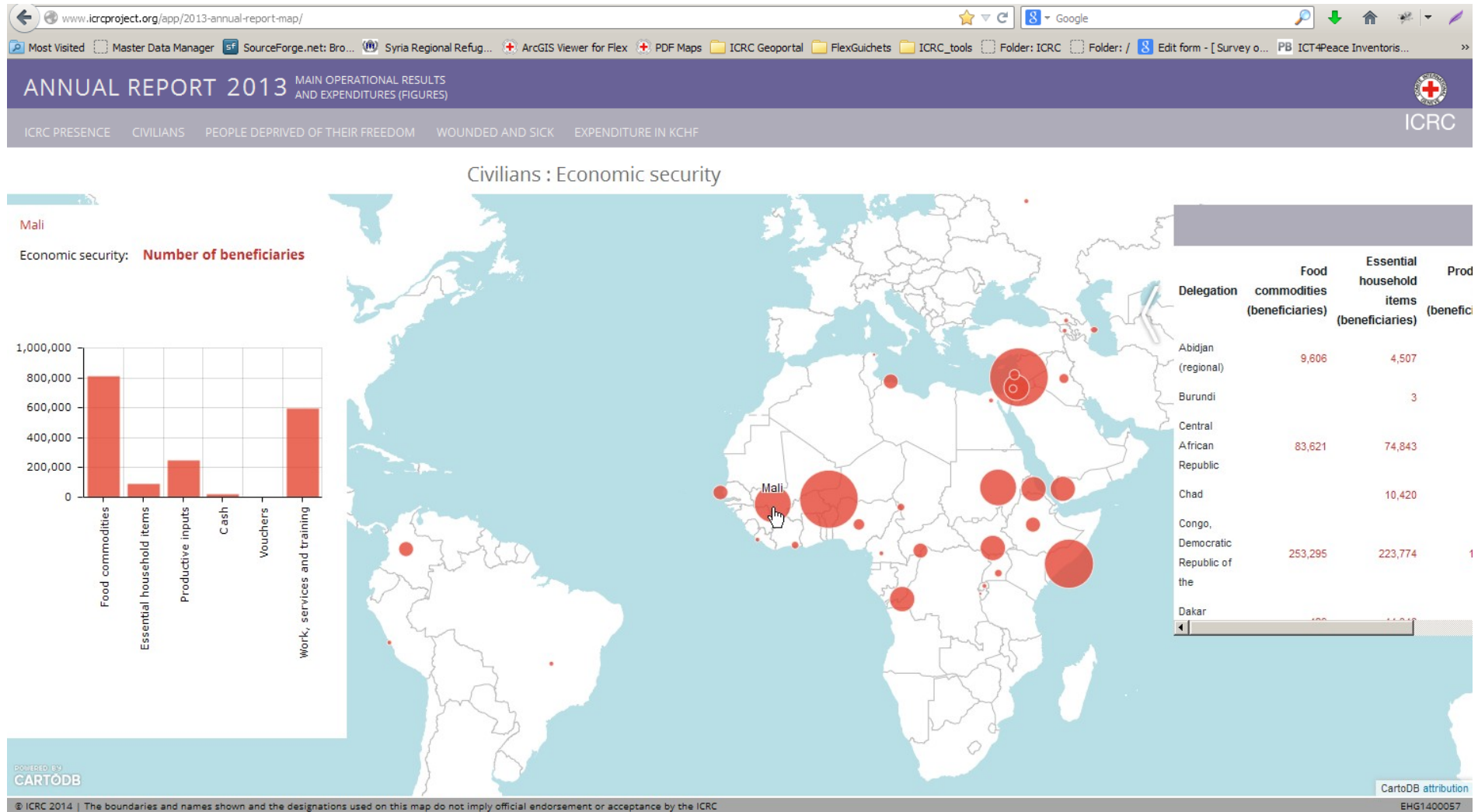
Thematic Geoportals

- Urban Water Geoportal

- Detention Data Geoportal

- Premises Management

- Emergency Mapfolio
 *(based on the American Red Cross...)*

Geoportal vs. Thematic Geoportal

- Same ArcGIS server consumed in various applications
- For an internal use and ICRC staff member access

Geoportal	Thematic Geoportal
Main ICRC geographic information in one portal	Different applications focussing on specific topics
Accessible to everyone internally	Dedicated to specific user groups
Variety/ abundance of layers	Few layers easy to browse
Good for operational picture	…

⇨ They complement each other

Challenges
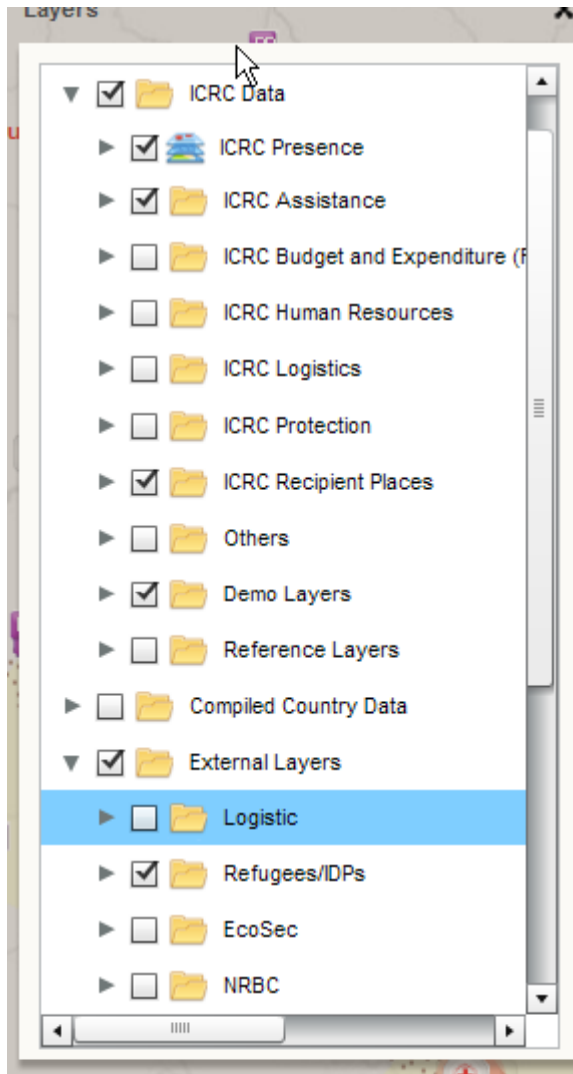
- Users and access
- Abundance of layers
- On-going layers
- Fragmented data for the global picture
- Sensitivity of data vs. making data accessible to anyone

Partners

ESRI ecosystem for a better aggregation from the field to the HQ

Development of web applications, based on ESRI technology with our counterpart Arxit

Where to go ?

- Consolidating and aggregating the data on time remains a challenge.

- Integrating maps in BI application.

- Going slowly to open data and being able to share where the ICRC is working for a better reporting and transparency ?