

Disaster Connectivity Map Webinar

Update to Global ETC partners

Wednesday, 2 February 2022



Proof of concept:

DCM concept launched at ITU Global Forum on Emergency Telecommunications (GET-19, Mauritius) in 2019 to develop a map service that can provide information on the type, level and quality of connectivity that is available following a disaster.

Problem:

How to show on a map something that is not there; how to detect complete or partial decreases in the level and quality of connectivity in disaster situations compared to normal times.

Solution:

- Collect real-time connectivity measurements from probes, sensors, geolocated IP addresses, and other data sources.
- Process and display this data as historic baseline and near real-time connectivity performance map.
- Highlight differentials in connectivity performance between baseline and real-time map.



South Ridge tower, Telecom Fiji. Radio Communication Experience, Telecom Fiji Ltd.
Mesake Tuinabua, Manager Network Operations, Telecom Fiji. September 2016

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Time

Switch between DCM activations: filter by country and time

Tonga, 16 Dec 2021 - 20 Jan 2022

2022-01-13T23:00:00.000Z

1fps

User defined time variables:

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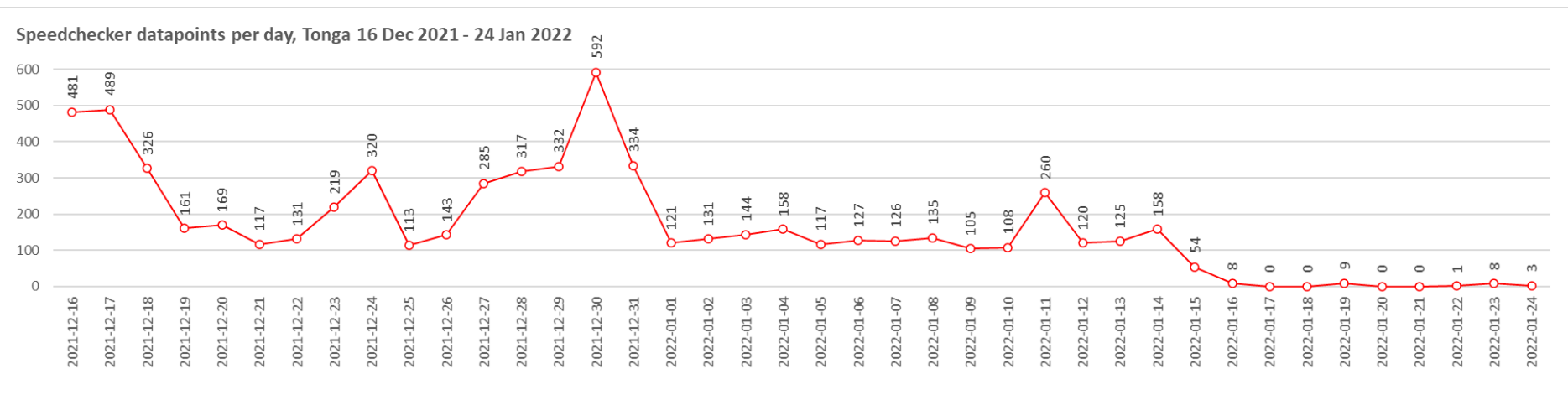
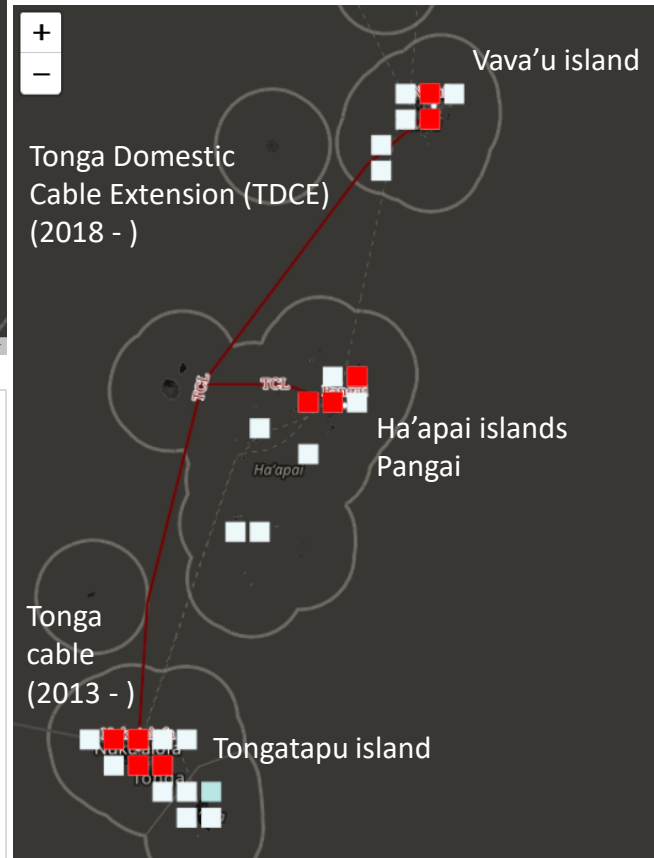
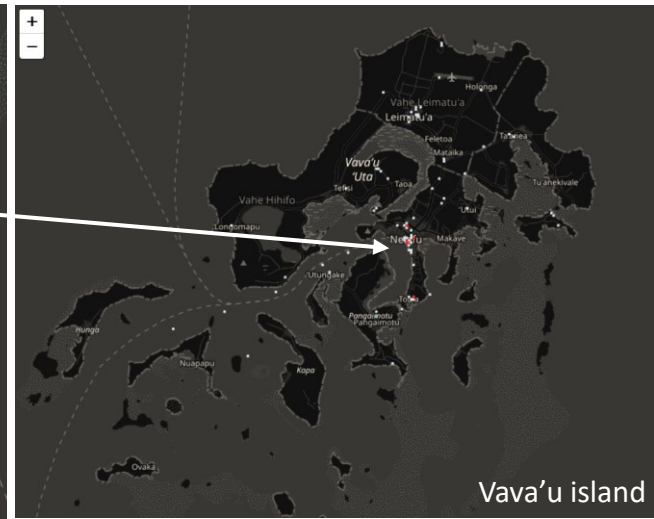
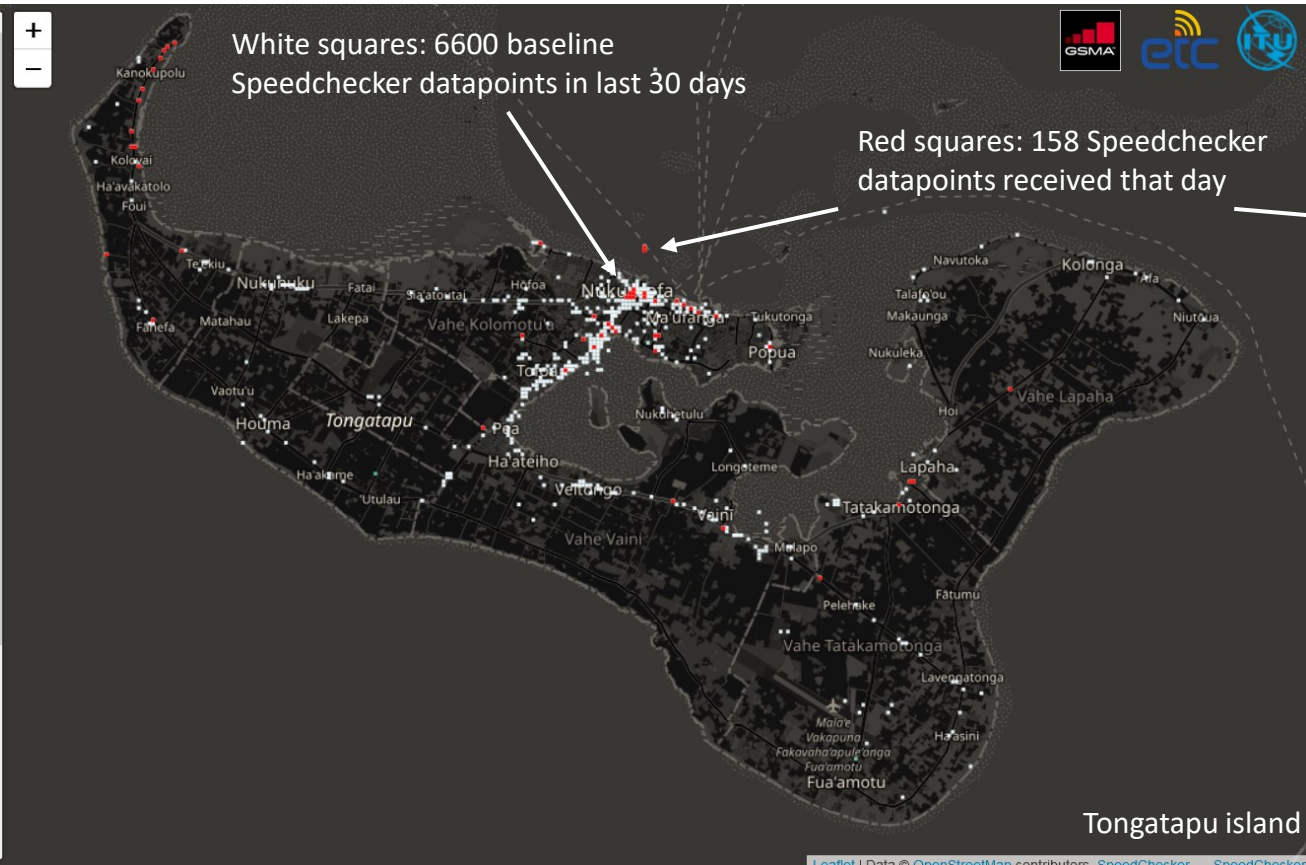
1 Day

Apply new start and end time

Reset

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Prototype

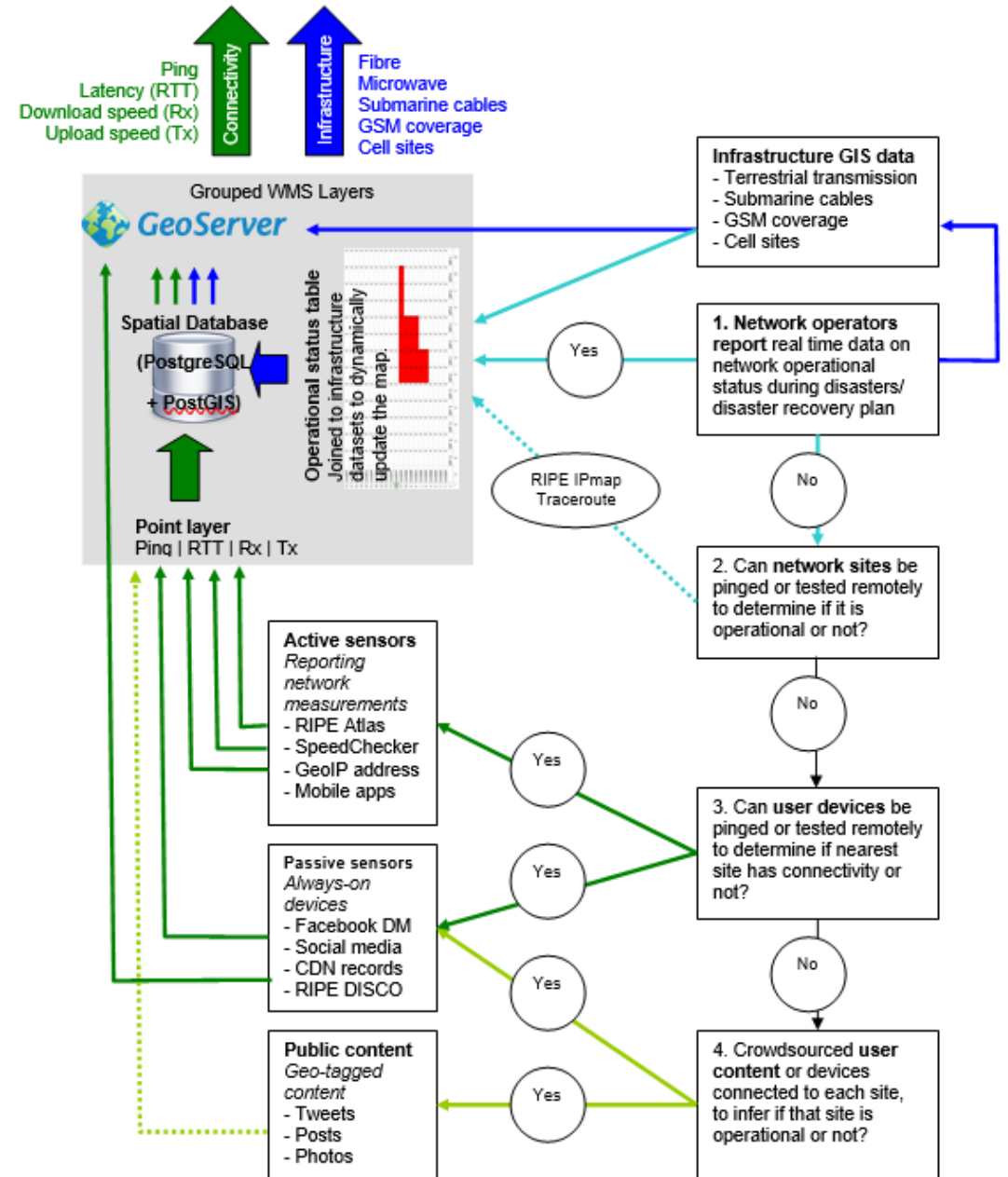
- Geoserver + WPS (Web Processing Service) extension
- PostgreSQL + PostGIS extension
- Web Map Service (WMS) output

DCM Infrastructure: Network infrastructure & coverage map layer

- Fibre & microwave transmission networks
- Submarine cables
- GSM coverage
- Cell sites

DCM Connectivity: Connectivity performance map layer

- Ping, reachability (yes/no)
- Latency, round trip time (Ms)
- Upload speed (Kbps)
- Download speed (Kbps)



Activations (28 countries)

Pilot countries - baseline campaigns

- Fiji 8 May 2020
- Dominica 8 May 2020
- Philippines 8 May 2020

Activations

- Fiji 16 – 21 Dec 2020
- St Vincent & The Grenadines 15 – 23 Apr 2021
- Barbados 15 – 23 Apr 2021
- St Lucia 15 – 23 Apr 2021

Baseline campaigns

- Antigua & Barbuda 16 – 21 June 2021
- Grenada 16 – 21 June 2021
- Kiribati 16 – 21 June 2021
- Micronesia 16 – 21 June 2021
- Marshall Islands 16 – 21 June 2021
- Nauru 16 – 21 June 2021
- St Kitts & Nevis 16 – 21 June 2021
- Tonga 16 – 21 June 2021
- Dominican Rep 1 – 2 July 2021

Baseline campaigns

- Jamaica 1 – 2 July 2021
- Haiti 1 – 2 July 2021
- Dominican Rep 1 – 2 July 2021
- Jamaica 1 – 2 July 2021
- Bahamas 5 – 6 July 2021
- Samoa 5 – 6 July 2021
- Solomon Islands 5 – 6 July 2021
- Trinidad & Tobago 5 – 6 July 2021
- Guadeloupe 5 – 6 July 2021

Activations

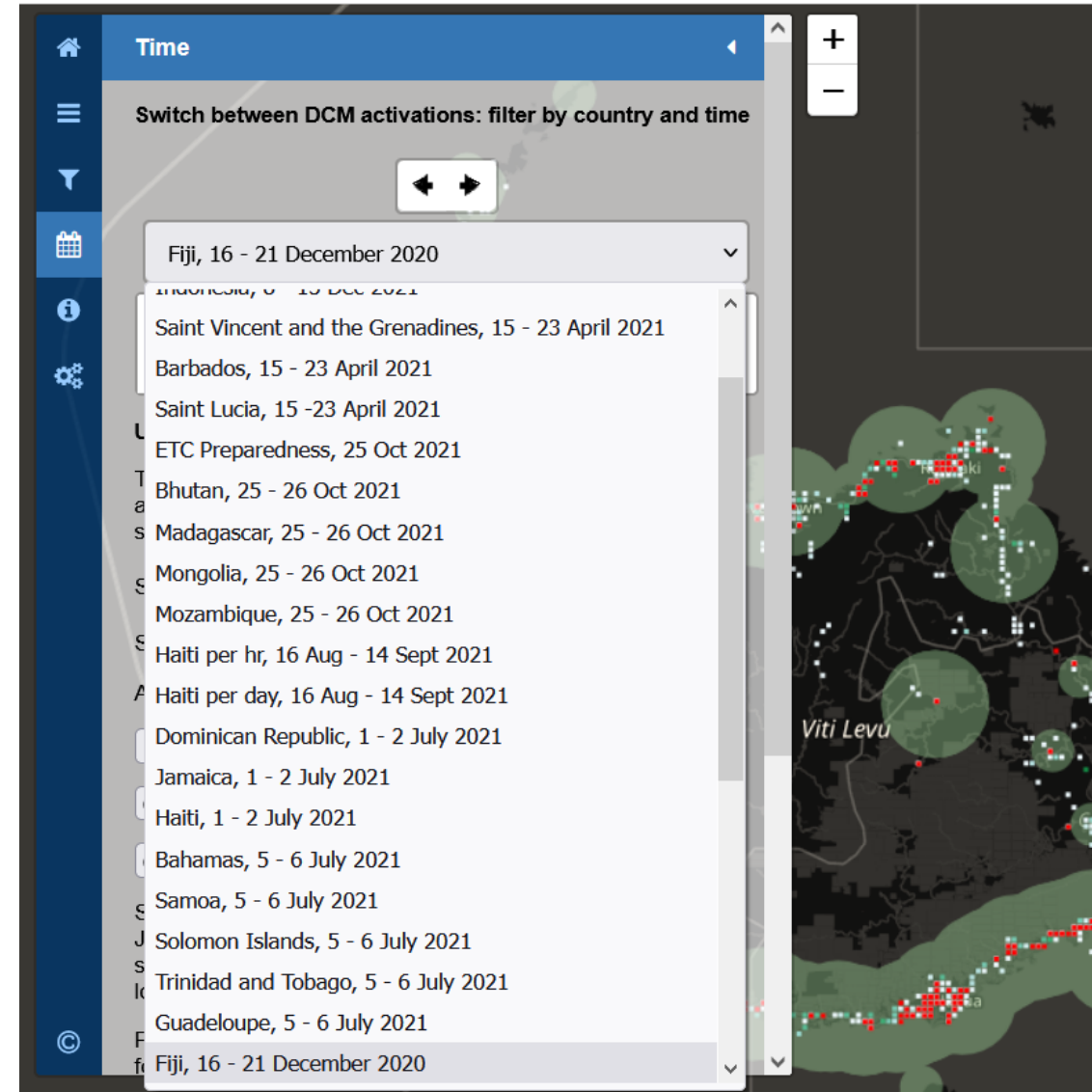
- Haiti 16 Aug – 14 Sept 2021

Baseline campaigns

- Bhutan 25 – 26 Oct 2021
- Madagascar 25 – 26 Oct 2021
- Mongolia 25 – 26 Oct 2021
- Mozambique 25 – 26 Oct 2021
- Brunei 2 – 14 Dec 2021

Activations

- Indonesia 8 – 13 Dec 2021
- Philippines 21 Dec 2021 ...
- Tonga 15 Jan 2022...



DCM user guide: map layers



Map Layers

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- Cellular coverage - detailed (Seen)
- DCM Infrastructure
- DCM Connectivity
- Ookla Speedtest
- Speedchecker (Rolling Baseline)
- Speedchecker (Per Day)
- Speedchecker (Per Hour)
- Speedchecker (Latest)

Map labels: Chateaubelair, Georgetown, Barrois, Colmarie, Layou, Vermont, Arnos Villers, Laqua, Pointe-à-Pitre.

Logos: GSMA, etc, ITU

Leaflet | SpeedChecker, SpeedChecker, CyclOSM | Map data: © OpenStreetMap contributors

DCM user guide: select measurement



Filter

Choose Connectivity Measurement Indicator to display:
Select which connectivity measurement indicator to show, and whether to display it as a grid or heatmap.

Grid: Latency (Ms)

- <= 25 Ms
- 25 Ms - 50 Ms
- 50 Ms - 75 Ms
- 75 Ms - 100 Ms
- 100 Ms - 200 Ms
- 200 Ms - 350 Ms
- 350Ms - 500 Ms
- 500 Ms - 750 Ms
- 750 Ms - 1000 Ms
- => 1000 Ms

Map labels: Gros Islet, Bois D'Orange, Castries, Marc, L'Abbayee, Anse La Raye, Jacmel, Millet, Dennery, Canaries, Soufriere, Forest Reserve, Micoud, Choiseul, Laborie, Vieux Fort.

Logos: GSMA, etc, ITU

Footer: Leaflet | CycIOSM | Map data: © OpenStreetMap contributors. ● SpeedChecker. International Telecommunications Union Speedchecker

DCM user guide: time



The screenshot displays the 'Time' configuration panel on the left and a map of Saint Lucia on the right. The panel includes a date selector for 'Saint Lucia - 15/23 April 2021', a time selector for '2021-04-16T14:00:00.000Z', and a frame rate slider set to '1fps'. Below these are 'User defined time variables' with input fields for start and end times (2021-12-09 11:00 and 2021-12-13 02:00), a '1 Hour' interval dropdown, and buttons for 'Apply new start and end time' and 'Reset'. A text block explains that data is selected since January 2013 and lists the fields in each measurement record. At the bottom, it instructs users to press play for animation and navigation buttons for forward and backward viewing.

Time

Switch between DCM activations: filter by country and time

Saint Lucia - 15/23 April 2021

2021-04-16T14:00:00.000Z

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Select start date and time (local time) 2021-12-09 11:00

Select end date and time (local time) 2021-12-13 02:00

Apply new time interval

1 Hour

Apply new start and end time

Reset

Selected [SpeedChecker](#) connectivity performance data since January 2013. Each measurement record contains upload speed (Mbps), download speed (Mbps), latency (Ms), latitude, longitude and a datetime field.

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GSMA | etc | ITU

Leaflet | CycIOSM | Map data: © OpenStreetMap contributors, SpeedChecker, International Telecommunications Union, Speedchecker

DCM user guide: time



Time

Switch between DCM activations: filter by country and time

Haiti per hr - 16 Aug/ 14 Sept 2021

- Haiti per hr - 16 Aug/ 14 Sept 2021
- Haiti per day - 16 Aug/ 14 Sept 2021
- Dominican Republic - 1/2 July 2021
- Jamaica - 1/2 July 2021
- Haiti - 1/2 July 2021
- Bahamas - 5/6 July 2021
- Samoa - 5/6 July 2021
- Solomon Islands - 5/6 July 2021
- Trinidad and Tobago - 5/6 July 2021
- Guadeloupe - 5/6 July 2021
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - 15/23 April 2021
- Barbados - 15/23 April 2021
- Saint Lucia - 15/23 April 2021
- Fiji - 16/21 December 2020
- Fiji - 8 May 2020
- Dominica - 8 May 2020
- Philippines - 8 May 2020
- Antigua and Barbuda - 16/21 June 2021
- Grenada - 16/21 June 2021
- Kiribati - 16/21 June 2021

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Active mode

When the DCM is in active mode, the map is being automatically updated with **SpeedChecker** connectivity

Time

Switch between DCM activations: filter by country and time

Haiti per hr - 16 Aug/ 14 Sept 2021

2021-08-16T08:00:00.000Z

Date 1fps

User defined time variables:

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Select start date and time (local time)
2021/08/20 10:00

Select end date and time (local time)
2021/08/21 10:00

Apply new start and end time

Reset

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https://www.itu.int/itu-d/tnd-map-public/dcm/#

DCM user guide: desktop GIS

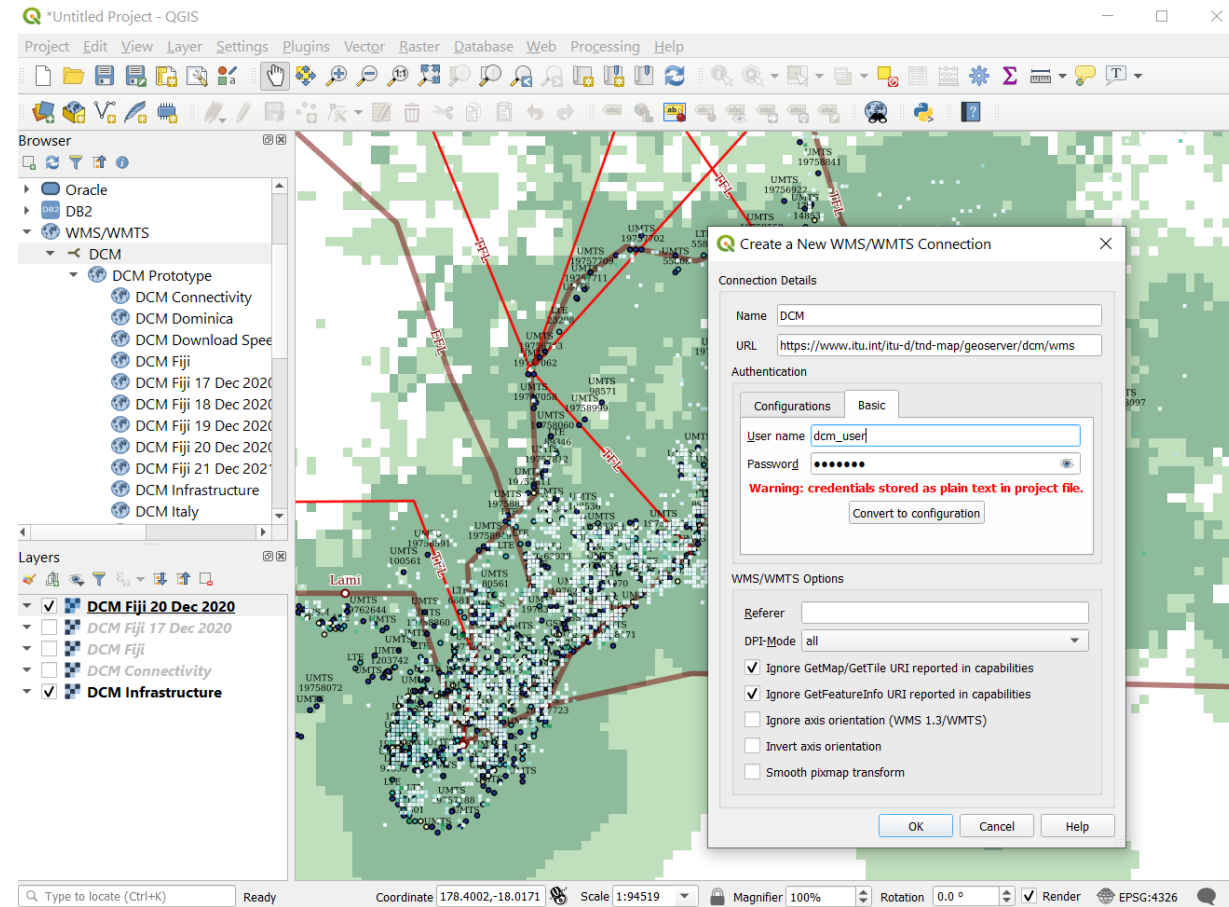
Accessing DCM via desktop GIS software

DCM WMS layers can be accessed in your desktop GIS software. To create a new connection to a WMS server, enter the URL below and connect. This will provide access to all WMS layers that are published through the DCM Geoserver platform, which can then be added to your desktop GIS project.

<https://www.itu.int/itu-d/tnd-map-data/geoserver/dcm/wms/>

Follow these links for guidance on adding WMS layers:

- ESRI ArcGIS:
<https://desktop.arcgis.com/en/arcmap/10.3/map/web-maps-and-services/adding-wms-services.htm>
- QGIS:
https://docs.qgis.org/3.10/en/docs/training_manual/online_resources/wms.html



DCM user guide: Javascript web maps

Adding DCM to your web map application

DCM WMS layers can be added into your javascript web map applications, for example:

- **ESRI Javascript API**
<https://developers.arcgis.com/javascript/latest/sample-code/layers-wms/index.html>
- **Leaflet**
<https://leafletjs.com/examples/wms/wms.html>
- **Mapbox**
<https://docs.mapbox.com/mapbox-gl-js/example/wms/>
- **OpenLayers**
<https://openlayers.org/en/latest/examples/wms-tiled-wrap-180.html>

```
34 var layer = new WMSLayer({
35     url: "https://ows.terrestris.de/osm/service",
36     sublayers: [
37         {
38             name: "OSM-WMS"
39         }
40     ]
41 });
```

```
var wmsLayer = L.tileLayer.wms('http://ows.mundialis.de/services/service?', {
    layers: 'TOPO-OSM-WMS'
}).addTo(map);
```

```
map.on('load', function() {
    map.addSource('wms-test-source', {
        'type': 'raster',
        'tiles': [
            'https://img.nj.gov/imagerywms/Natural2015?bbox={bbox-epsg-3857}&format=image/png&
            service=WMS&version=1.1.1&request=GetMap&srs=EPSG:3857&transparent=true&width=256&
            height=256&layers=Natural2015'
        ],
        'tileSize': 256
    });
    map.addLayer(
        {
            'id': 'wms-tes
        }
    );
    var layers = [
        new TileLayer({
            source: new OSM()
        }),
        new TileLayer({
            source: new TileWMS({
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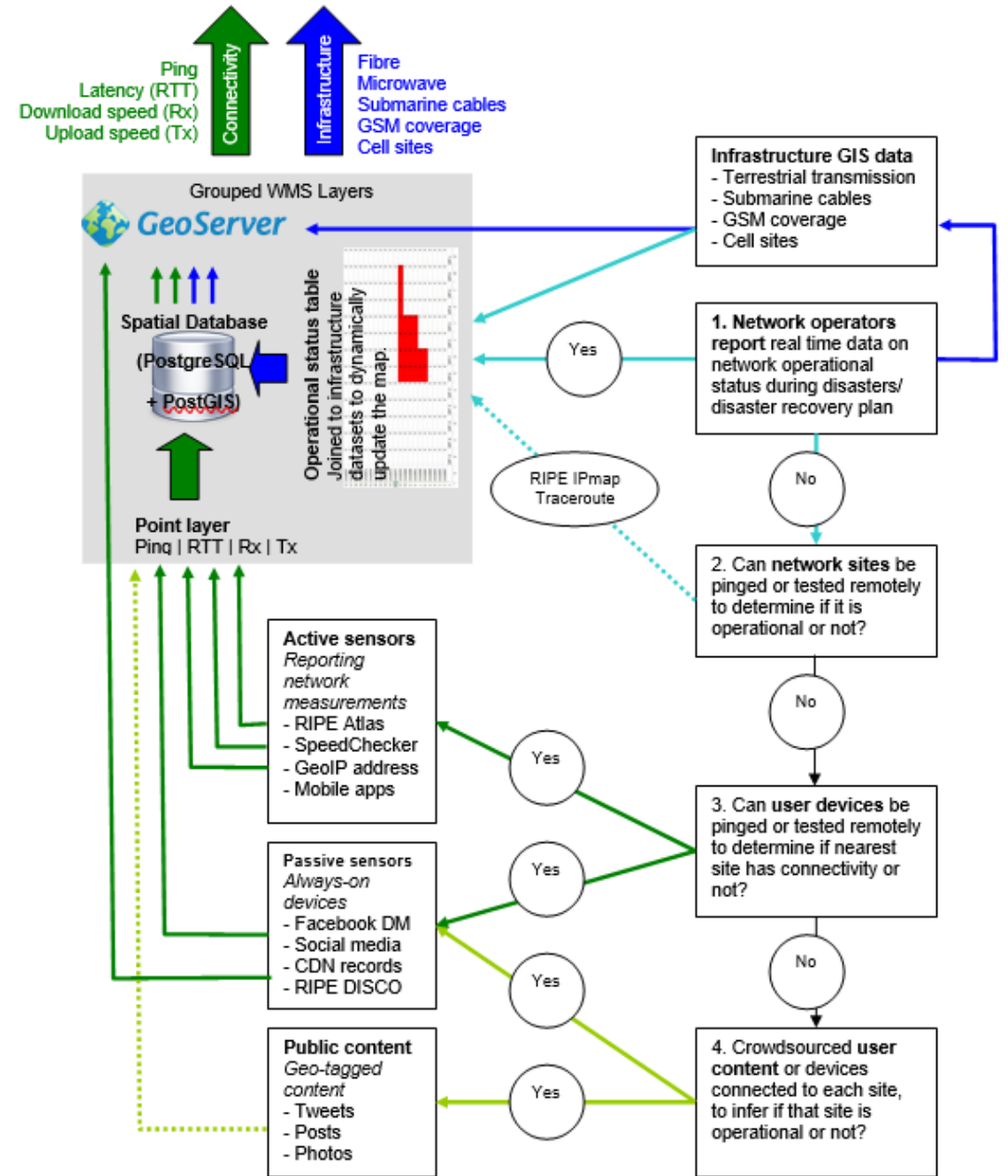
Features: existing data sources

DCM Infrastructure: Network infrastructure & coverage map layer

- ITU Transmission Map
- TeleGeography Submarine Cable Map
- GSM coverage – OpencellID
- Cell sites - OpencellID

DCM Connectivity: Connectivity performance map layer

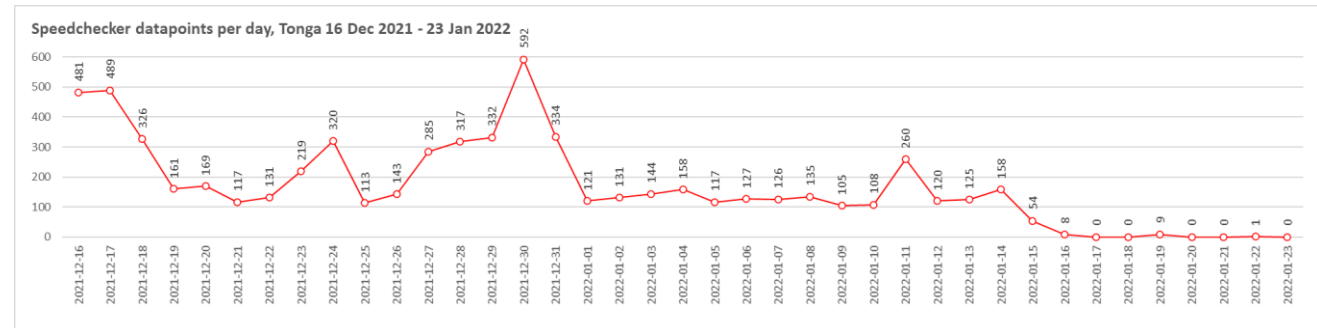
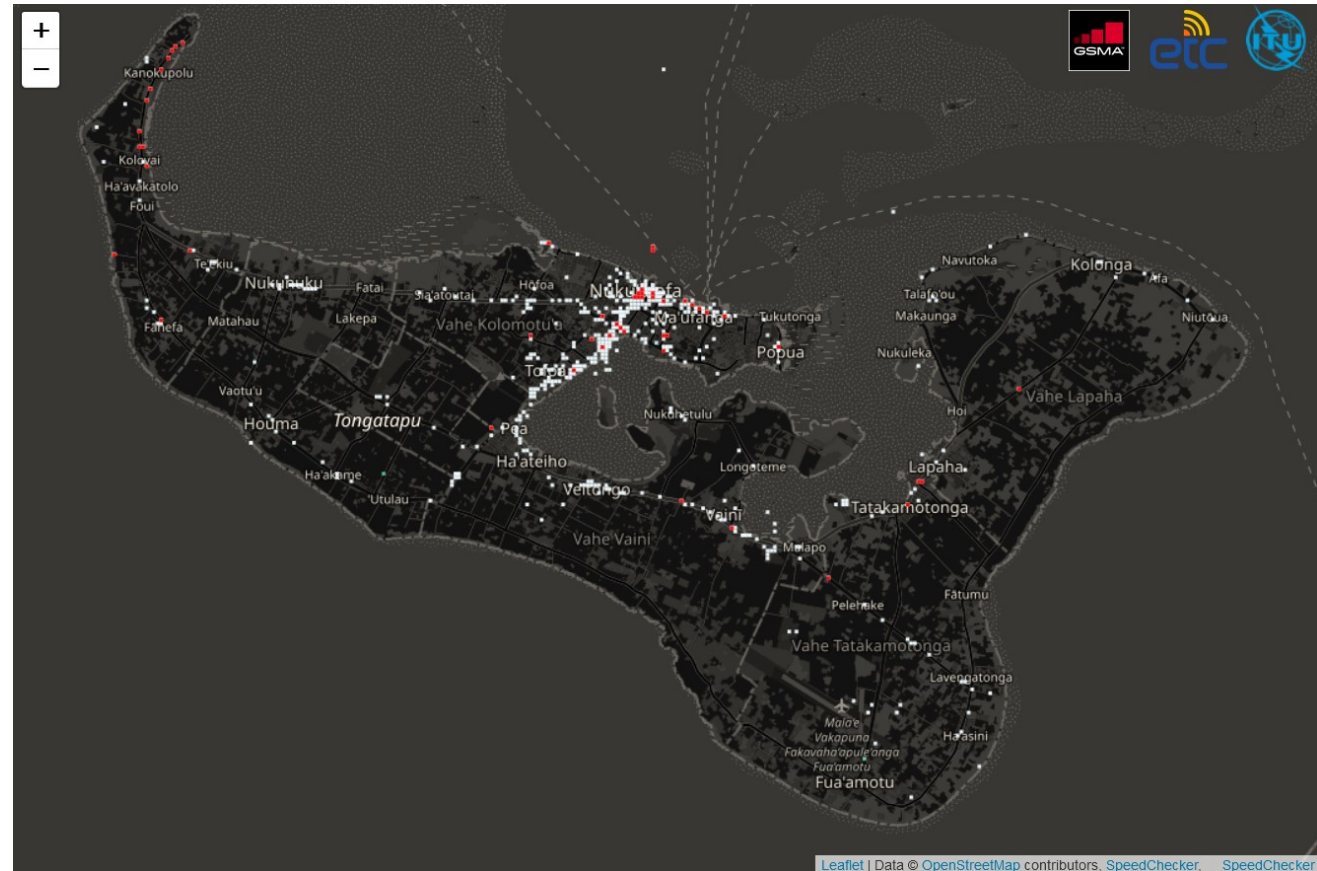
- SpeedChecker, targeted on-demand measurement campaigns
- Ookla for Good, Global Fixed and Mobile Network Performance Maps



New features: new data sources

New crowdsourced SpeedChecker data

- In December a new source of crowdsourced data provided by Speedchecker was trialled. The data was collected through third-party apps which collect data passively, as there is no active throughput test.
- This means a binary yes/no can be shown indicating the presence/absence of connectivity, but there is no upload speed, download speed or latency measurements.
- The new data sourced has a 30-day historic record, which can provide a strong baseline to compare the pattern of connectivity before and after a disaster event.
- The new data was updated once a day and sometimes there were delays. The data feed was delayed slightly, so the timestamp of the measurement was correct but not all results were transferred immediately.
- For the time being this new data is added to the map manually on a daily basis, but we are currently working on the automation of this process.



New features: cell tower filtering

Time

Switch between DCM activations: filter by country and time

Philippines, 21 Dec 2021..

2021-12-31T18:00:00.000Z

1fps

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Select end date and time (local time) 2021-12-27 10:00

Apply new time interval

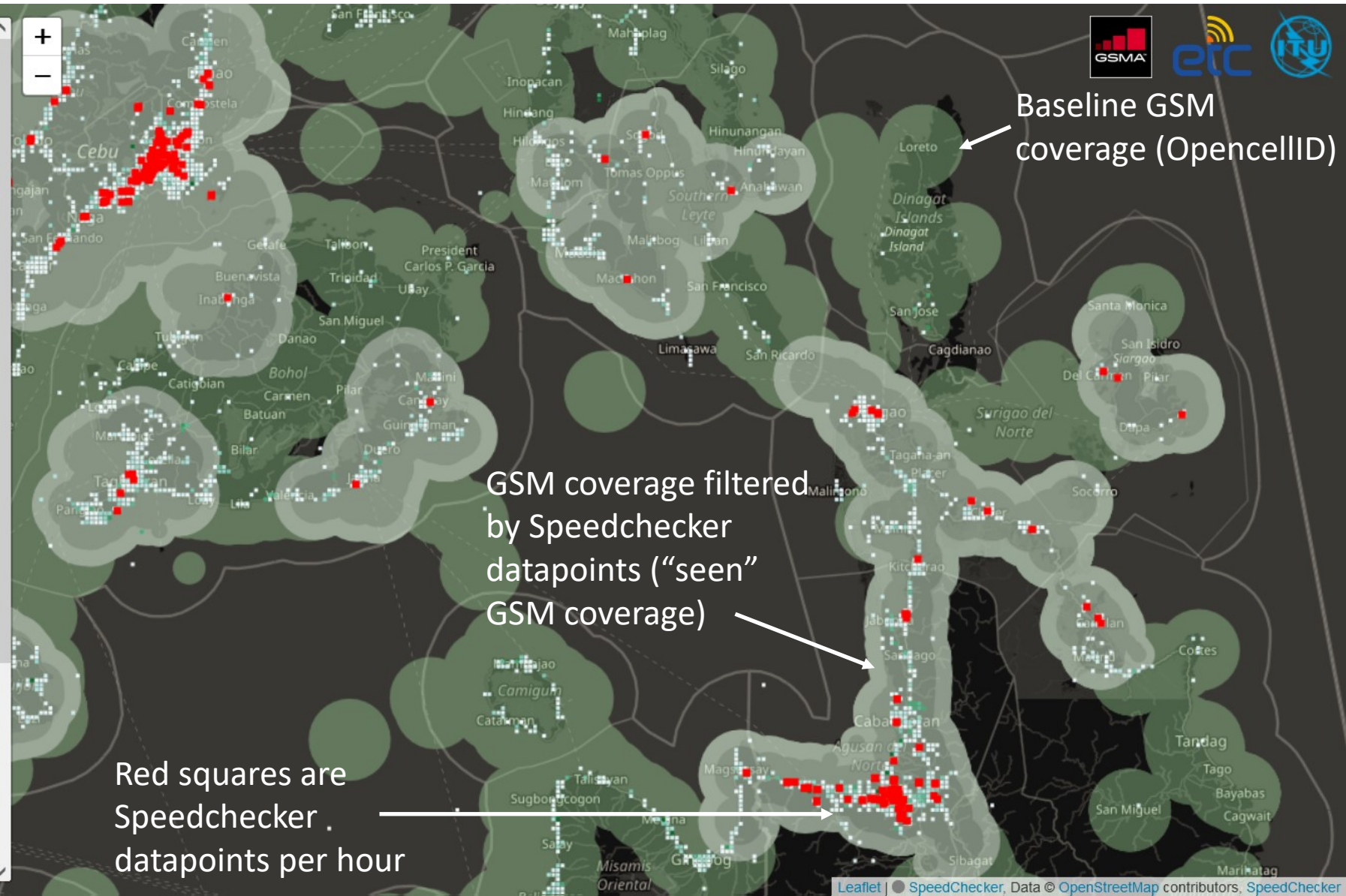
1 Day

Apply new start and end time

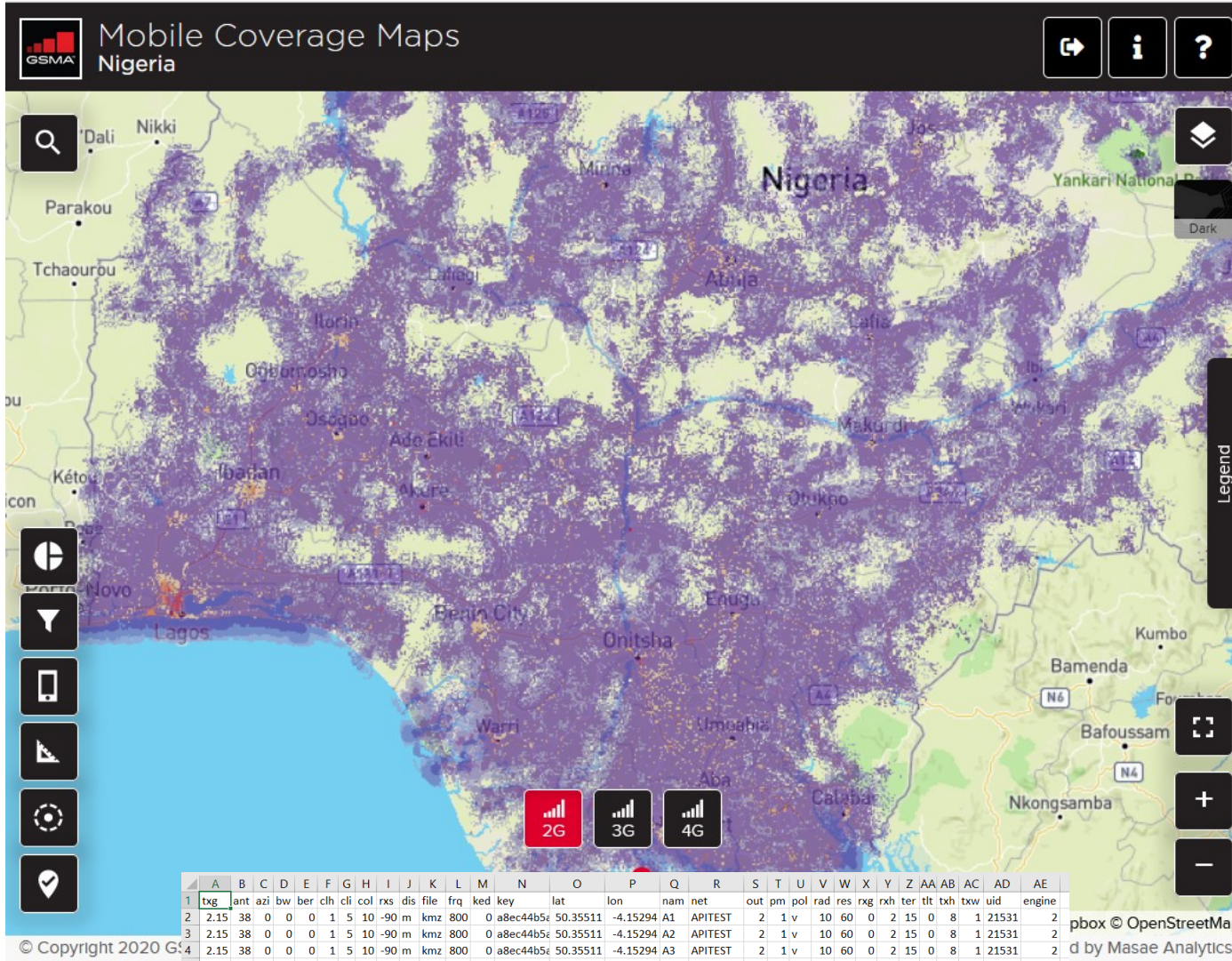
Reset

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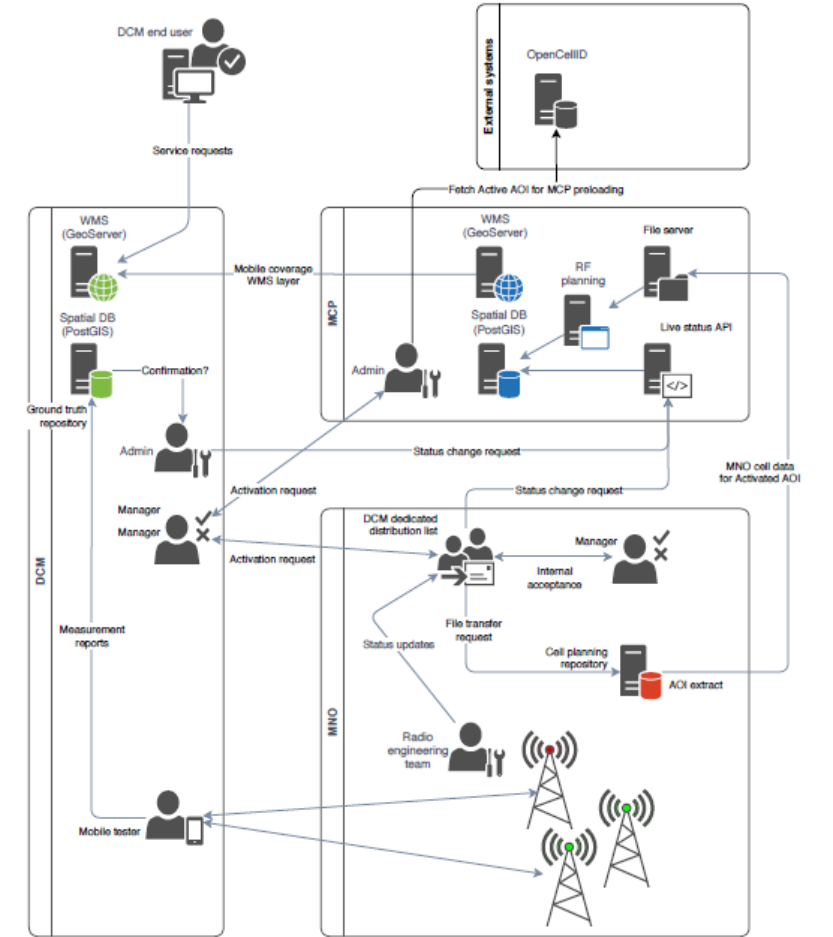
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New features: high resolution mobile coverage



2. ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW



Note: "status change requests" are based on a REST API described in §6.2

DCM user guide: mobile coverage



The screenshot displays the DCM user interface. On the left, a 'Map Layers' panel is open, showing a list of layers to be toggled on or off. The 'Map Layers' panel includes a home icon, a menu icon, and a search icon. The layers are categorized into 'Choose base layers and overlay map layers:'. The selected layers are: OpenStreetMap Topographic (CyclOSM), GSM coverage - simple (Seen), GSM coverage - detailed (Seen), DCM Connectivity, and Speedchecker (Latest). The map on the right shows the island of Mauritius with a grid overlay and orange squares indicating mobile coverage data. The map is titled 'Map Layers' and includes a search bar. The map data is attributed to Leaflet, CyclOSM, OpenStreetMap contributors, SpeedChecker, OpencellID, CloudRF, Masae Analytics, and the International Telecommunications Union. The logos for GSM, etc, and ITU are visible in the top right corner.

Map Layers

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New features: high resolution mobile coverage



Time

Switch between DCM activations: filter by country and time

← →

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 15 - 23 April 2021

2021-04-16T17:00:00.000Z

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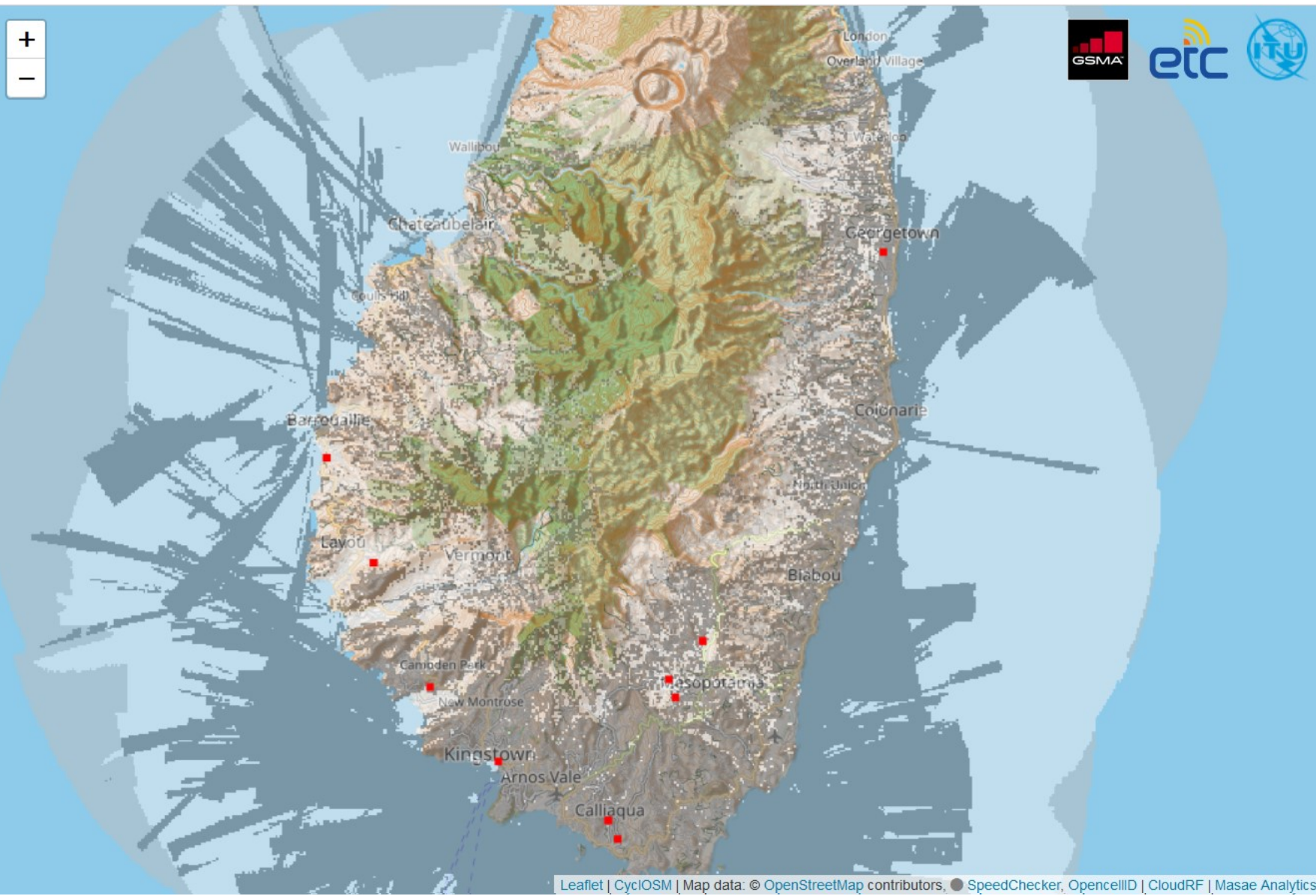
Apply new time interval

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DCM work plan - 2022

The screenshot displays a web-based map application interface. On the left, a 'Map Layers' panel is visible, containing a list of layers with checkboxes. The 'GSM coverage - simple (Seen)' and 'GSM coverage - detailed (Seen)' options are checked and highlighted with a red box. The main map area shows a topographic map of a region with a grid overlay and orange markers indicating GSM coverage. The map includes labels for various locations such as Anse La Raye, Jacmel, and Forest Reserve. In the top right corner, logos for GSMA, etc, and ITU are displayed. At the bottom, a footer contains attribution text: 'Leaflet | CyclOSM | Map data: © OpenStreetMap contributors, SpeedChecker, OpencellID | CloudRF | Masae Analytics, International Telecommunications Union, Speedchecker'.

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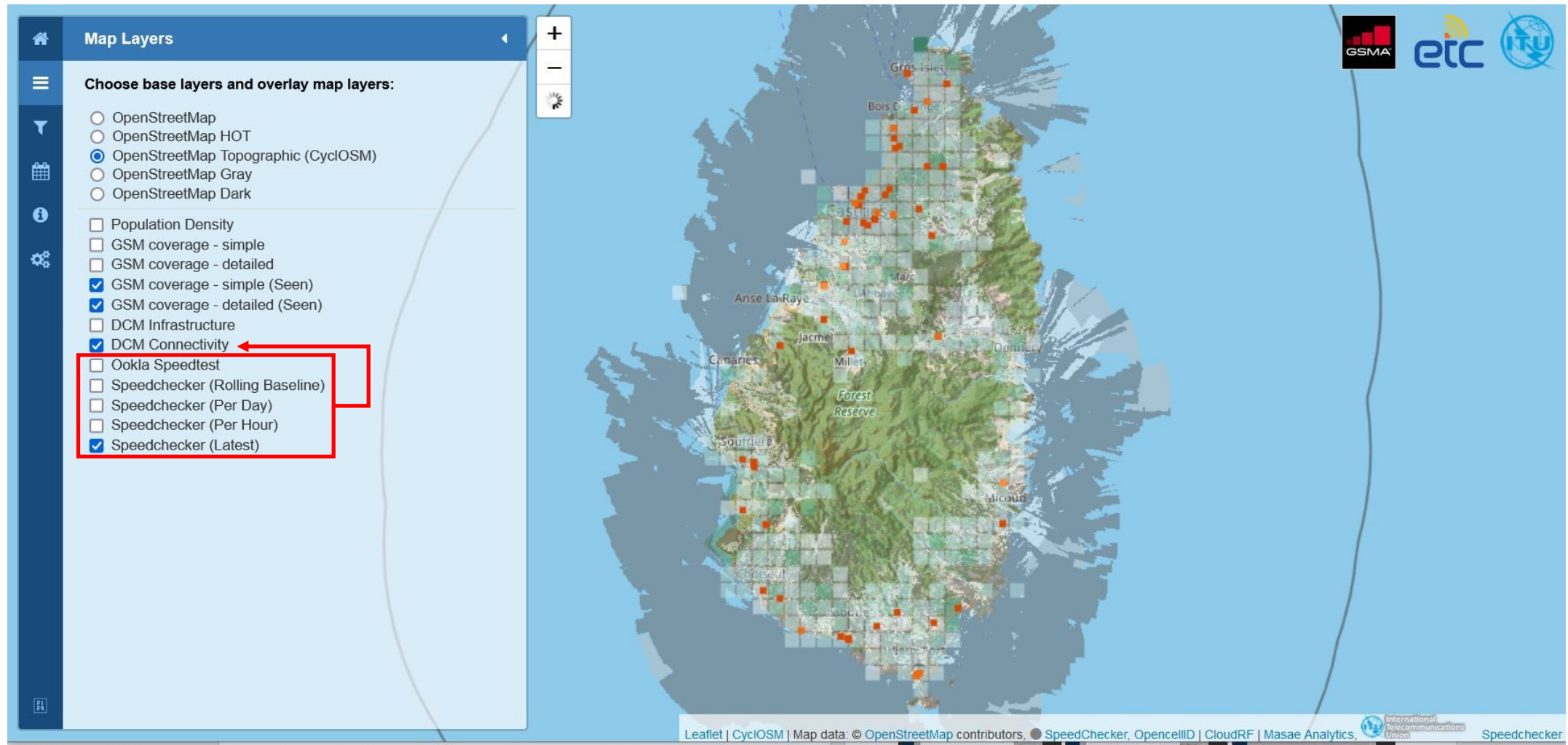
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GSMA etc ITU

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Running costs & funding for DCM

Fixed and variable costs:

- Fixed: server, personnel
- Variable: running baseline assessments, activation of the DCM in response to disasters

An example:

Philippines: cost appx. USD 3,500 to create DCM maps for affected areas.

Tonga: appx cost: EUR 62 to create DCM maps for affected areas.

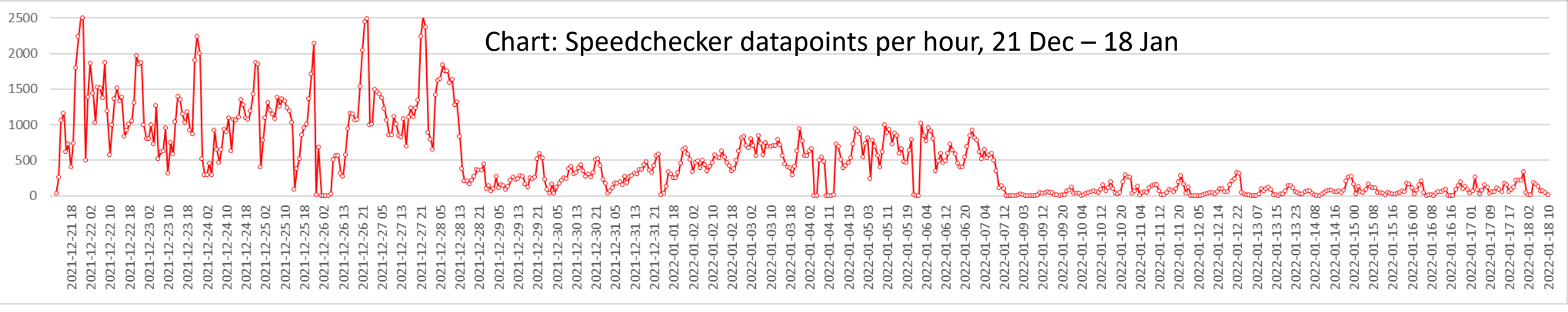
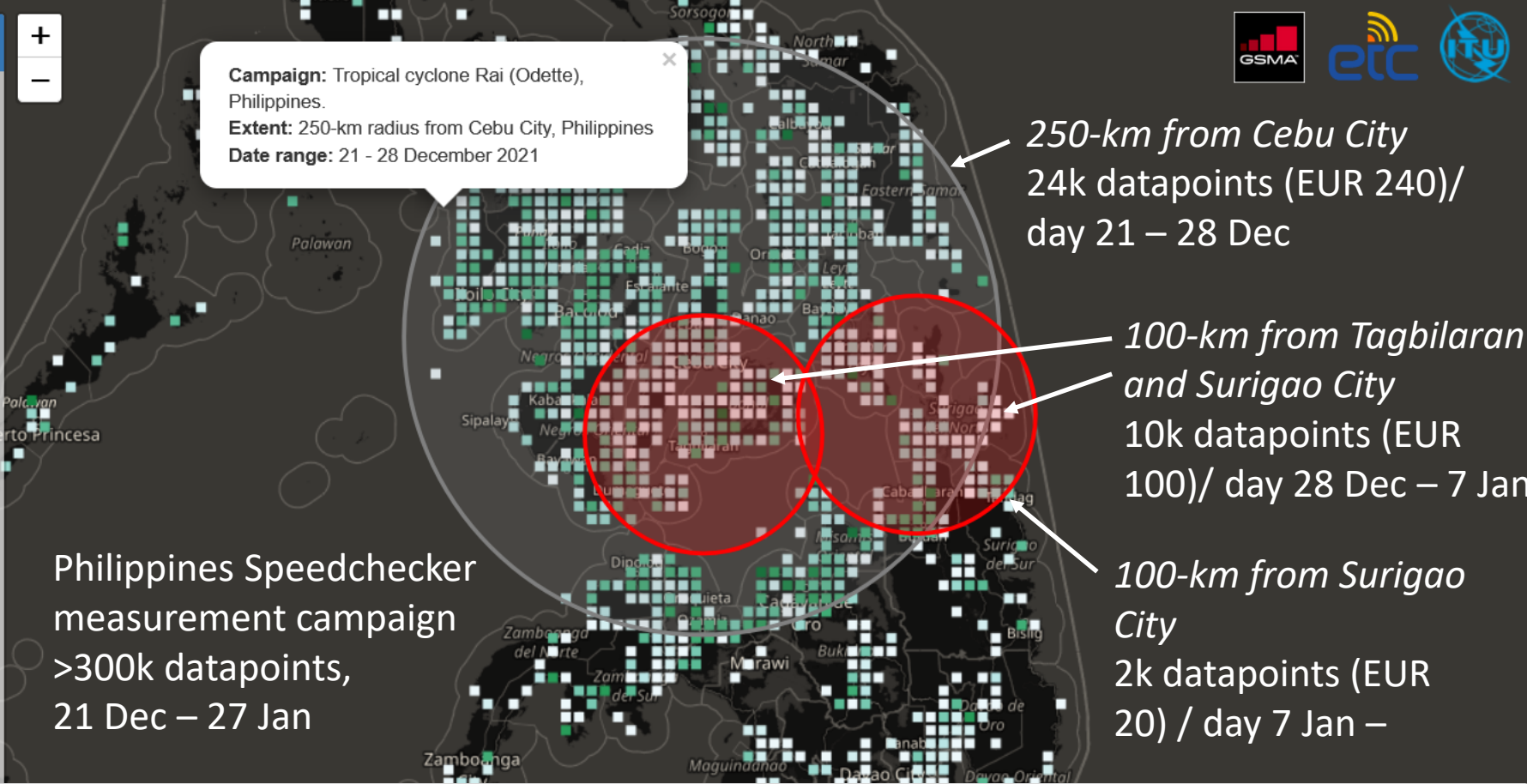
Note: we are also discussing with data providers if data can be provided at no cost or at a discount.

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Questions?

Find Disaster Connectivity Map here:

<https://www.itu.int/itu-d/tnd-map-public/dcm>