





# Groundwater Risk Management for Growth and Development (Gro for GooD)



TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER/CHAIR
09h00	Introduction and Objectives	Eng. Mike Thomas (RFL)
	Opening Remarks	Hon. Mwabudzo, CEC Water, Kwale County Government
	Policy recommendations	Prof. Rob Hope (Oxford)
09h30 – 10h00	New knowledge on potential of Msambweni Aquifer.	Prof. Dan Olago (UoN)
10h00 – 10h30	Groundwater modelling for groundwater resource management	Dr. Albert Folch (UPC)
10h30 – 11h00	Improving rural welfare.	Jacob Katuva (Oxford)
Tea Break		
11h30 – 12h30	Plenary Discussion of findings	Prof. Bancy Mati (JKUAT)
12h30-12h45	Summary of Discussion	Prof. John Gathenya (JKUAT)
12h45-13h00	Priorities Exercise	Eng. Patrick Thomson (Oxford)
Lunch Break		
14h15-15h45	From Research into Action	Prof. Dan Olago (UoN)
15h45-16h00	Closing Remarks	Prof. Rob Hope (Oxford)



#### Unlocking the Potential of Groundwater for the Poor

**UPGro** is a seven-year international research programme (2013-2020) focused on improving the evidence base around groundwater availability and management in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) to enable developing countries and partners in SSA to use groundwater in a sustainable way in order to benefit the poor.

The UPGro Programme has two phases.

The Catalyst Phase (2013-2015) comprised 15 one-year projects, undertaken in 14 countries.

The **Consortium Phase** (2015-2019) comprises five projects working across nine countries.

#### BRAVE

Building understanding of climate variability into planning of groundwater supplies from low storage aquifers in Africa

#### Gro For GooD

Groundwater Risk Management for Growth and Development

GroFutures

Groundwater Futures in Sub-Saharan Africa

Hidden Crisis

Unravelling current failures for future success in rural groundwater supply

T-GroUP

Experimenting with practical transition groundwater management strategies for the urban poor in Sub-Saharan Africa









# **Project Overview**

2015-19, Kwale County, Kenya



#### **Project hypothesis:**

Competing groundwater use (commercial, community, ecosystem) requires new tools to understand risks from natural and human-induced changes. Kwale's rapid growth in mining and irrigated agriculture present opportunities for growth if government can evaluate groundwater risks to respond at scale.





# **Project outputs**

The project aimed to support interdisciplinary science and governance of managing groundwater risks for growth and development in Africa:

- 1. A new Groundwater Risk Management Tool to support government regulation and management in Kenya.
- 2. An automated, daily monitoring network for shallow groundwater levels.
- 3. Improved theory and evidence linking groundwater governance to poverty and health dynamics and outcomes.

### **Project Partners**





# **Study Area**



#### **UNDERSTANDING GW & WELFARE**

# Rainfall & Climate

- Rainfall TS
- Climate TS

Hydrological Model

- River Flow TS
- Land use / Soils
- Abstractions

Geophysics

- VES survey
- ERT Surveys
- Geological survey

**GW Model** 

- Aquifer WL TS
- Abstractions

**GWQ Model** 

WQ surveys

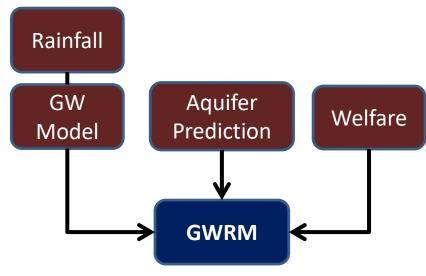
Welfare

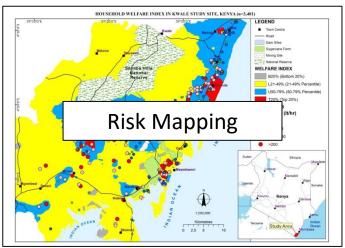
- HH Surveys
- Mobile surveys

Health

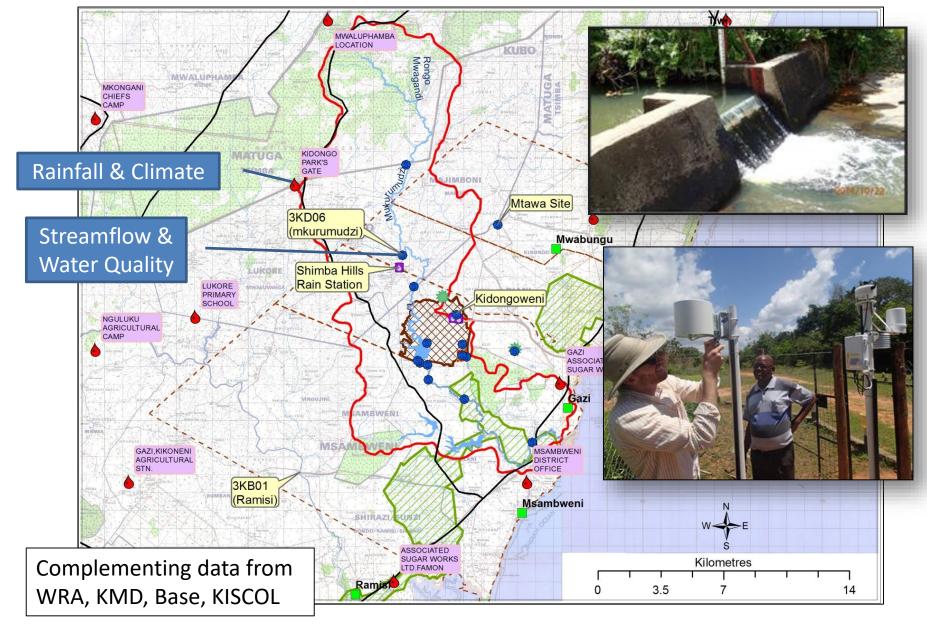
Disease incidence

#### **GROUNDWATER RISK MANAGEMENT**

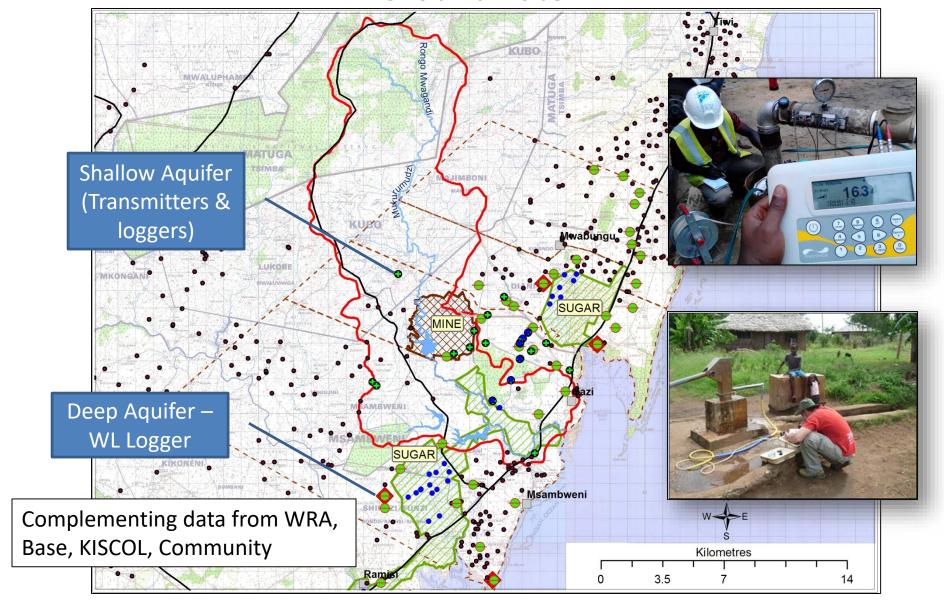




# Environmental Monitoring Network – Surface Water & Climate



# Environmental Monitoring Network - Groundwater



# New Knowledge on the Potential of the Msambweni Aquifer: Paleochannels and Fractured Sandstones

D. Olago, J. Odida, M. Lane and Others

#### **KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Investing in groundwater studies avoids costly investment mistakes
- The palaeochannel aquifers can make a significant contribution to local water supplies

#### Geology





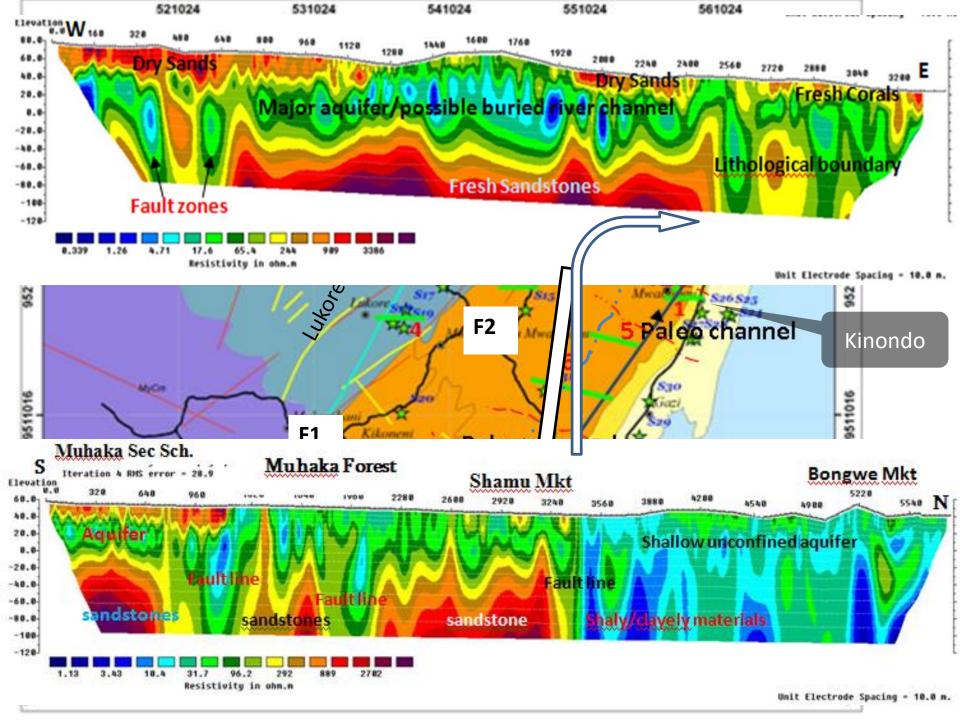
- Typical approach:
- Limited literature review
- Assess old geological maps for rock type and structures
- Preliminary determination of aquifer potential
- Mobilise geophysical equipment
- Project approach:
- Detailed literature review
- Assess geological map for rock type, structures
- Carry out detailed field mapping
- Update geological map
- Assess rock properties
- Evaluate observable geographical and soil features
- Assess the regional-local geoevolutionary trend
- Determine aquifer potential & inform on geophysics sites

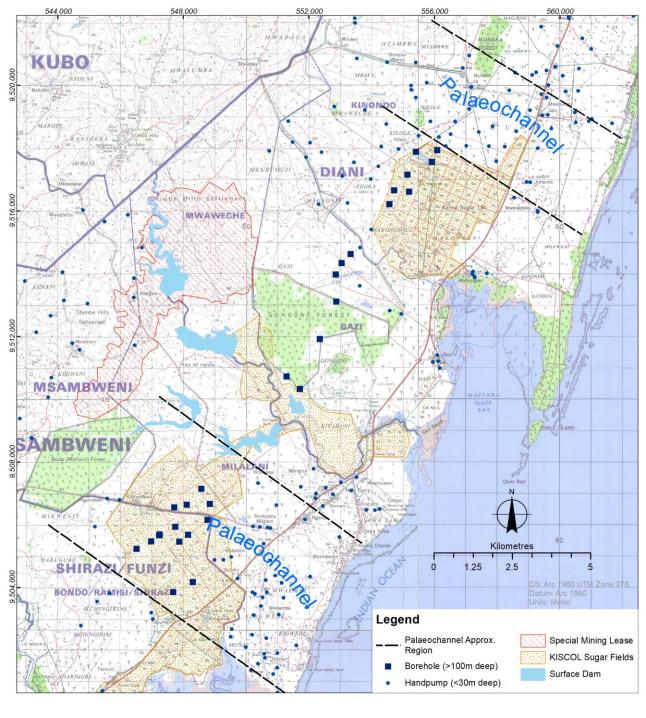
#### Geophysics





- Typical approach:
- Mobilise geophysical equipment
- Carry out VES / ERT at a point location
- Data interpretation
- Reporting
- Project approach:
- Mobilise geophysical equipment
- Carry out VES in spatial grid pattern
- Carry out long ERT transects (E-W and N-S profiles)
- 1-D and 2-D data interpretation
- Synthesise with geology findings





# **Findings**

#### **Southern Palaeochannel:**

- Milalani wellfield
- High yielding boreholes

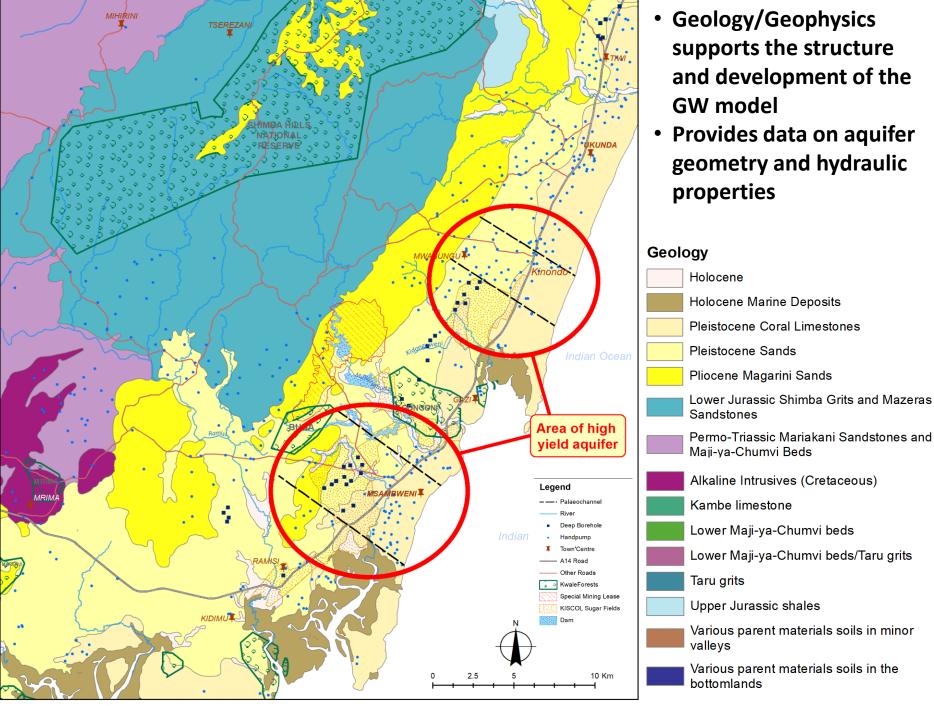
#### **Northern Palaeochannel:**

- Kinondo area
- Large no. of shallow wells
- Need a deep test borehole

#### Between palaeochannels:

- Base boreholes
- Productive fractured sandstones





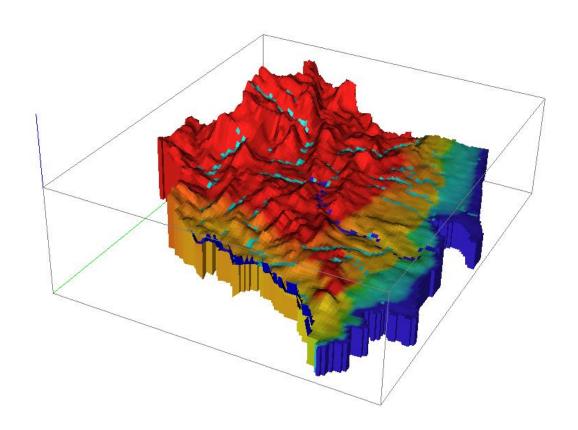
- supports the structure and development of the
- Provides data on aquifer geometry and hydraulic

- Lower Jurassic Shimba Grits and Mazeras

- Various parent materials soils in minor
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# **Groundwater modelling**

# Barcelona and Kenyan team



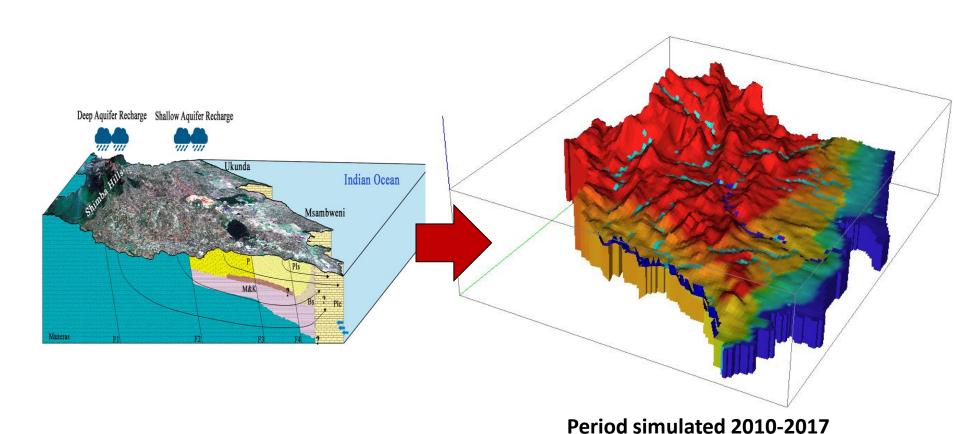
#### Why you need a groundwater model?

Sustainable allocation of the Msambweni aquifer requires a groundwater model. These can answer questions such as the following:

- ✓ How will pumping affect groundwater levels in the future?
- ✓ Can deep aquifer pumping affect shallow aquifer levels?
- ✓ How will land use change affect groundwater levels and discharge in to streams and the sea?
- ✓ How will water management decisions related to water diversions affect groundwater levels?
- ✓ How will climate change affect groundwater levels and groundwater discharge?
- ✓ What is the capture area of a new community borehole?
- **√** ...

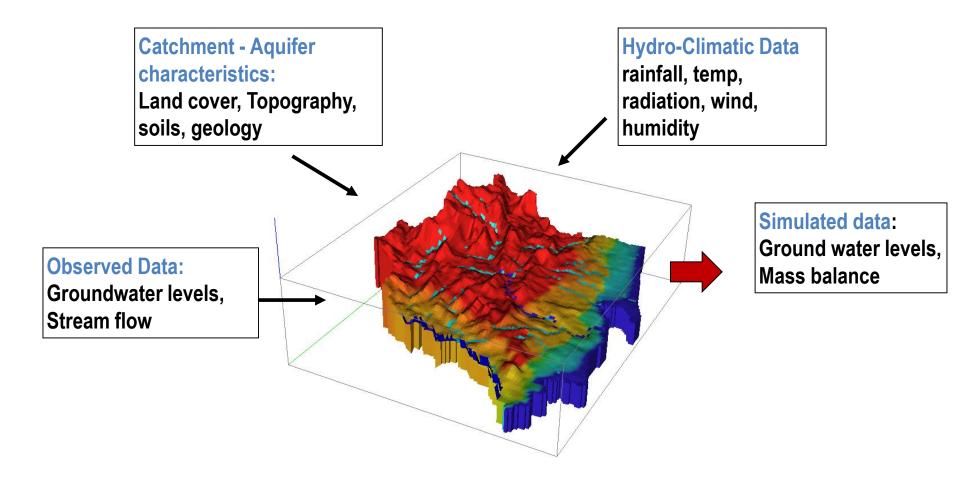
This are only some examples of the **many questions that can be answered** with a good groundwater model

## What is a groundwater model?



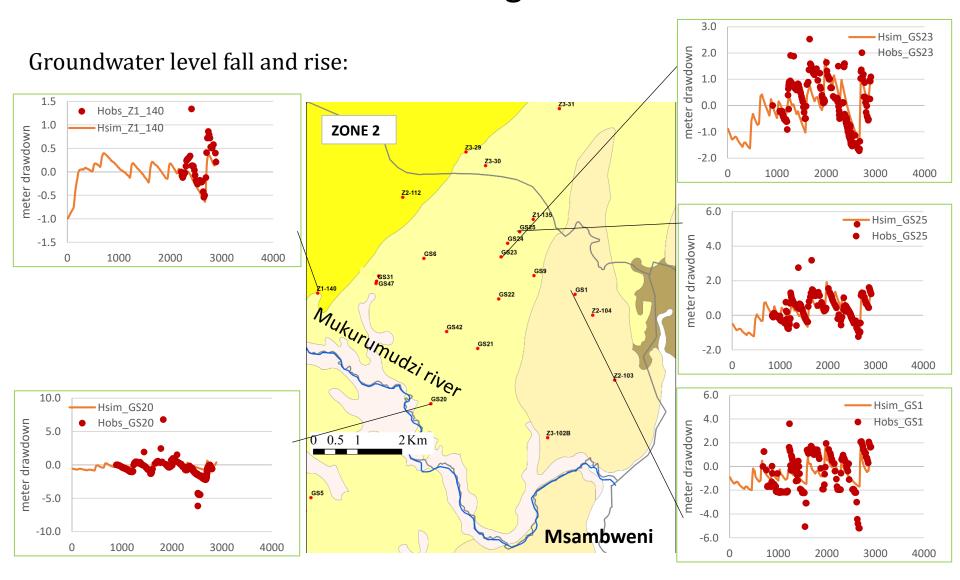
We use different types of data to simulate the evolution of groundwater levels and the water balance (recharge, stream interaction, abstraction, etc.)

#### Models require data and monitoring



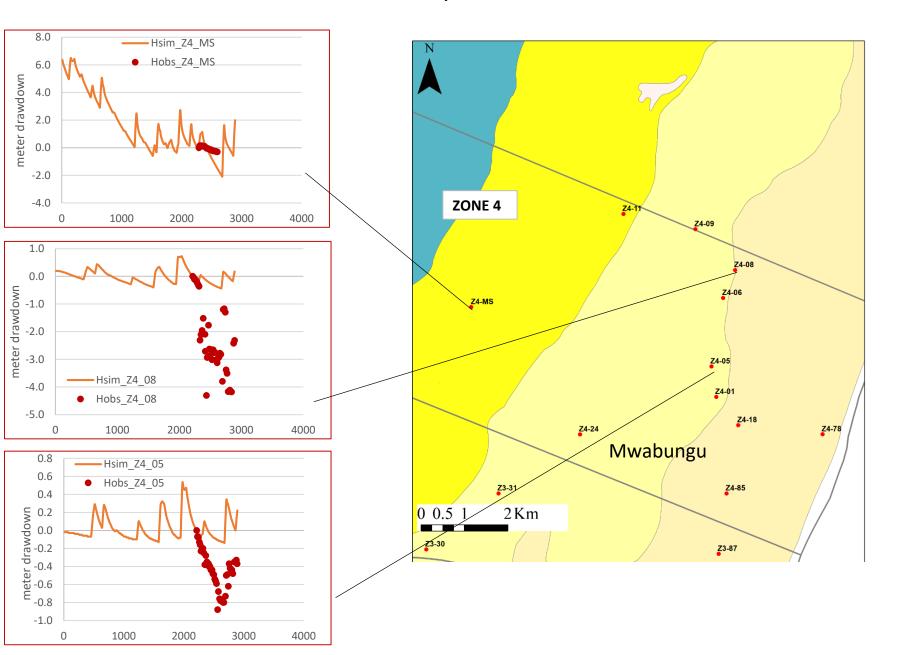
Inter-agency collaboration on data collection and sharing is vital.

## Models can simulate groundwater levels



Model fits best in Zones 2 and 3 (where most abstraction occurs)

### Where data are limited, models are less accurate



#### Model findings

- 1. Aquifer recharge is the most important variable affecting groundwater levels:
  - The lowest recharge is observed during the 2016 (La Niña) event, leading to the lowest groundwater water levels
  - Both rainfall distribution and intensity across wet seasons has an important impact on recharge
- Current levels of groundwater abstraction represents between 1% (average year) and 4% (La Niña year) of recharge ⇒ under current climatic and abstraction conditions the system is sustainable.
- 3. More hydrogeological data are required in parts of Zone 1 (Magarini sands) and Zone 4 (both Kilindini and Margarini sands) to improve the model.

The model allows us to run future potential scenarios.

#### **Scenario Development**

#### **Change Scenarios**

- Nature and extent of change
- Plausible but significant change to test system response
- Persistence with GW system

#### **Type of Change**

- ✓ Extreme dry/wet rainfall
- ✓ Temperate Increase
- ✓ Increase in GW Abstraction
- **★** Sea level rise

Provides a range of different scenarios

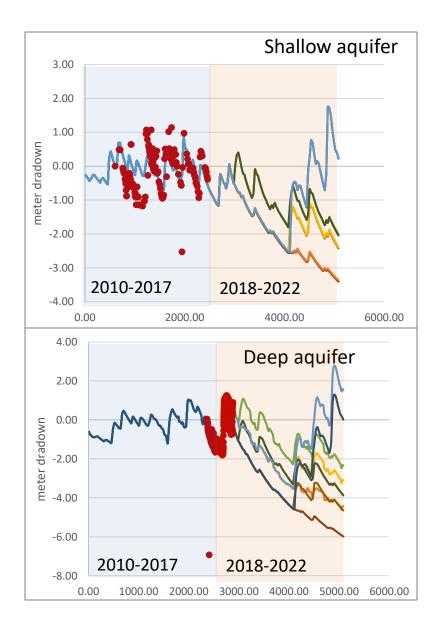
**Timeframe for Modeling Change Scenario** 

2010 - 2017

3 Yrs Change

3 Yrs Recovery

### Findings of scenario modelling



- Two successive very dry years cause a significant decline in groundwater level in the shallow aquifer ⇒ Initiating a programme of deepening hand-dug wells which are at risk of going dry during drought periods.
- Increased groundwater abstraction from the deep aquifer does not affect levels in the shallow aquifer.
- A wet period shorter than a previous drought period leads to the recovery of the groundwater system.
- Abstraction from the deep aquifer delays water level recovery in the deep aquifer after a drought period.

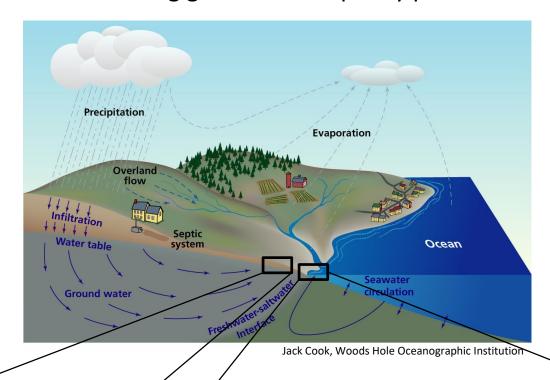
Recommendations to reduce impacts of drought

Managing future droughts periods requires planning now.

Ensuring inter-agency collaboration on data collection and sharing to improve drought early warning.

## **Groundwater quality**

One of the areas showing groundwater quality problems is the coast



Water Resources

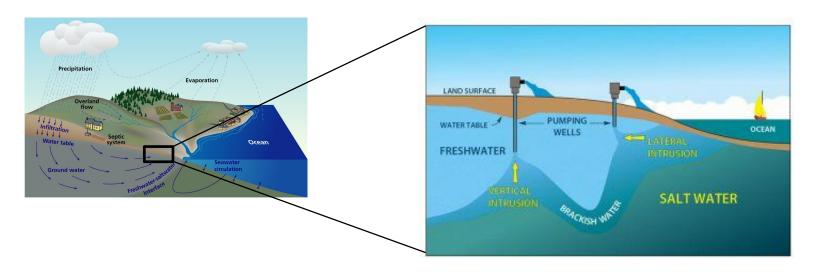


Submarine Groundwater Discharge (SGD)

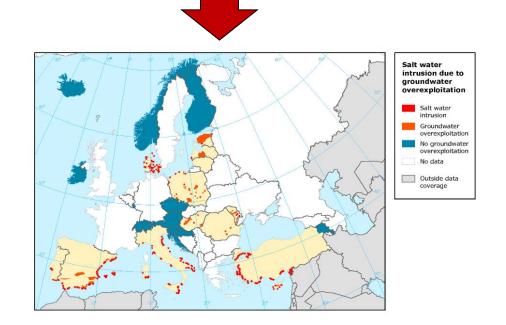




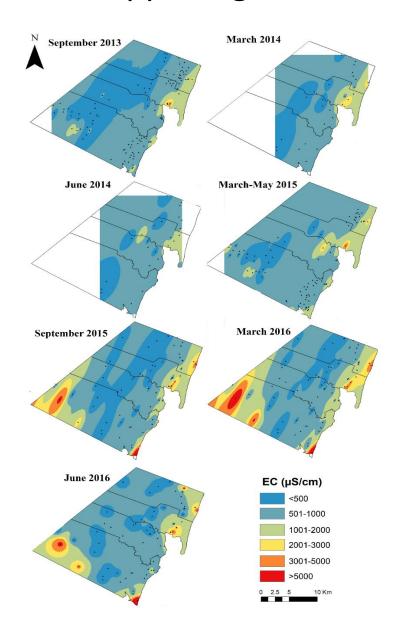
## Pumping with no control areas can induce salinization



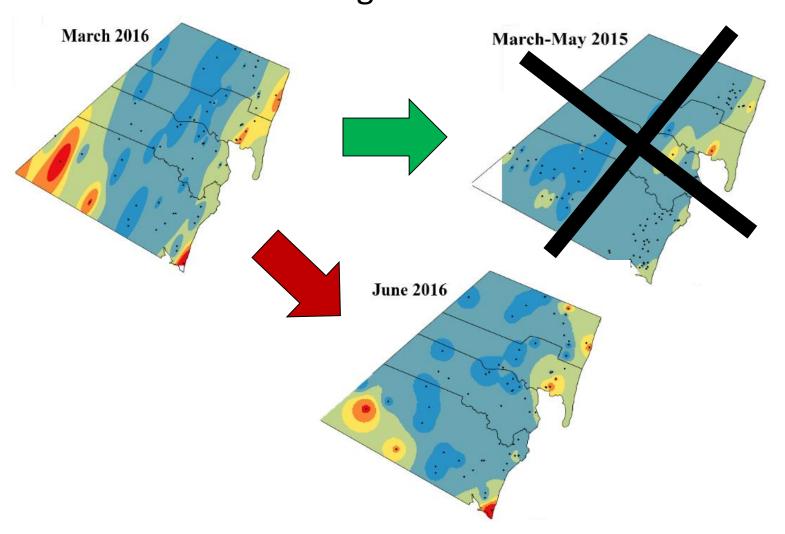
Saltwater intrusion is a global problem ... (e.g. in Europe, left).



# What's happening in Kwale?



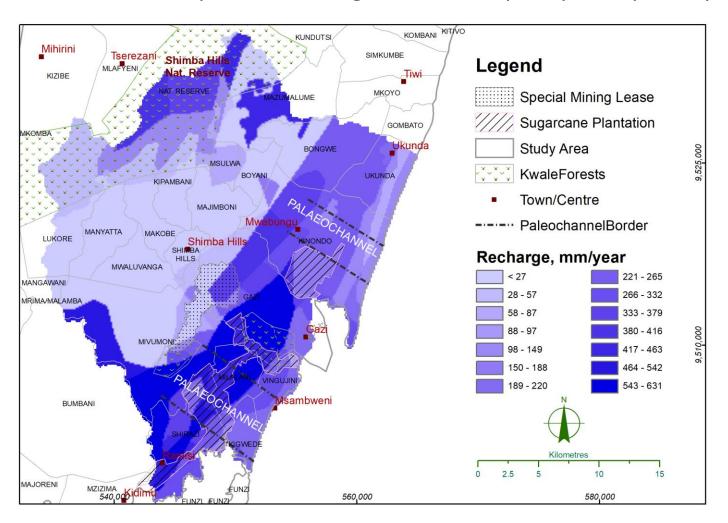
Drought as la Niña does allow the system to recover during wet season



Unregulated groundwater use may lead to saline intrusion in the coastal aquifer.

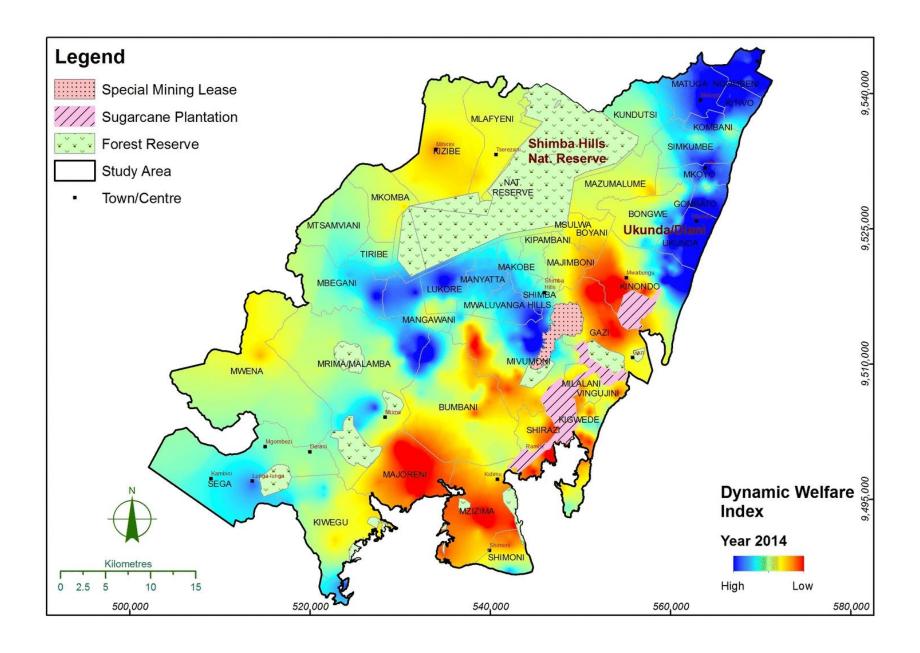
#### Groundwater recharge areas must be protected.

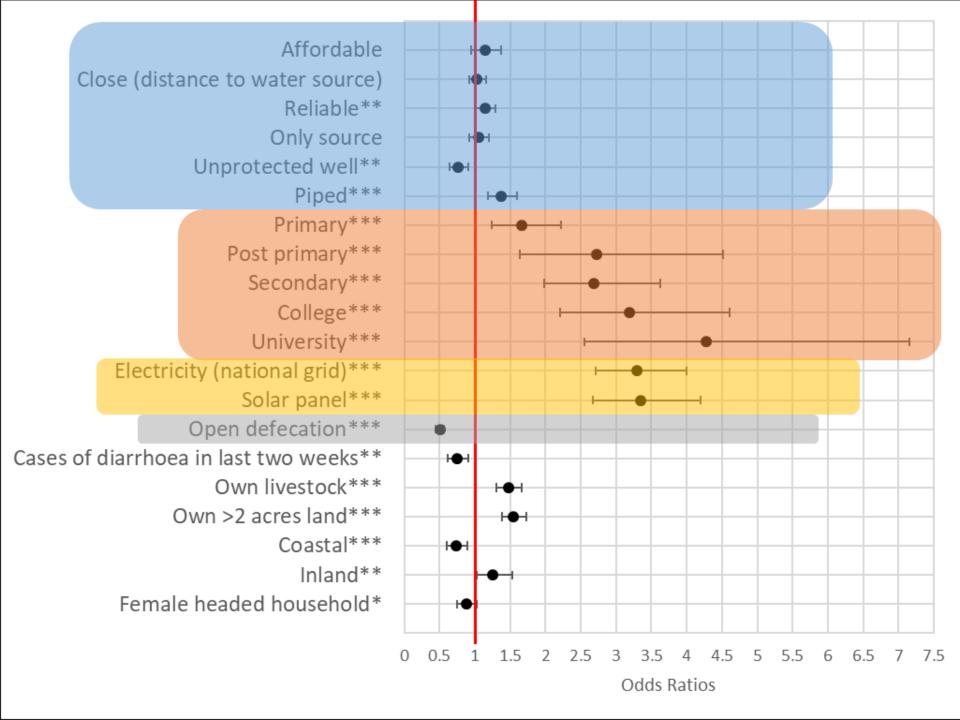
This would help to conserve groundwater quality and quantity



A Kenyan example is the Lamu Water Catchment Area.



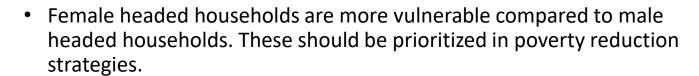


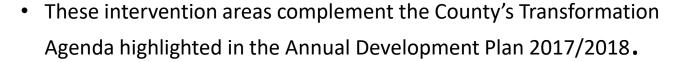


# Results highlight four interventions to improve welfare

Promote higher education attainment.

- Increase household energy access.
- Improve drinking water services.
- End open defecation.

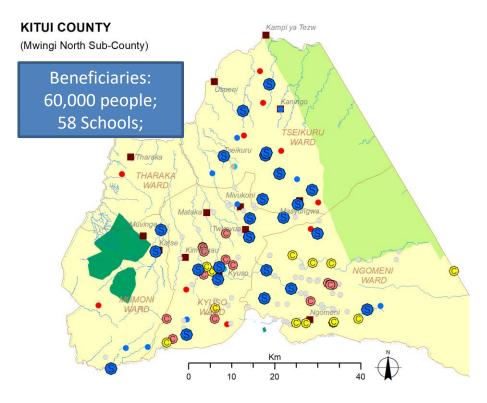




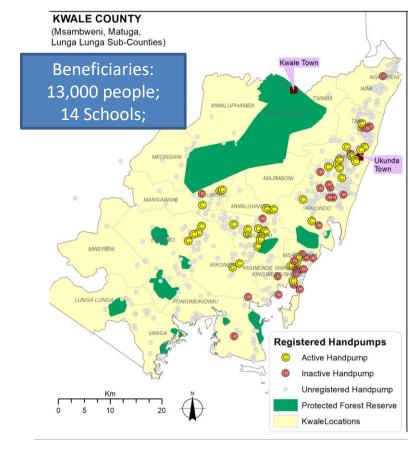


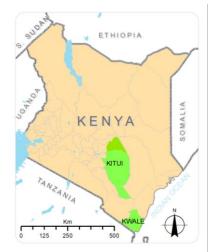






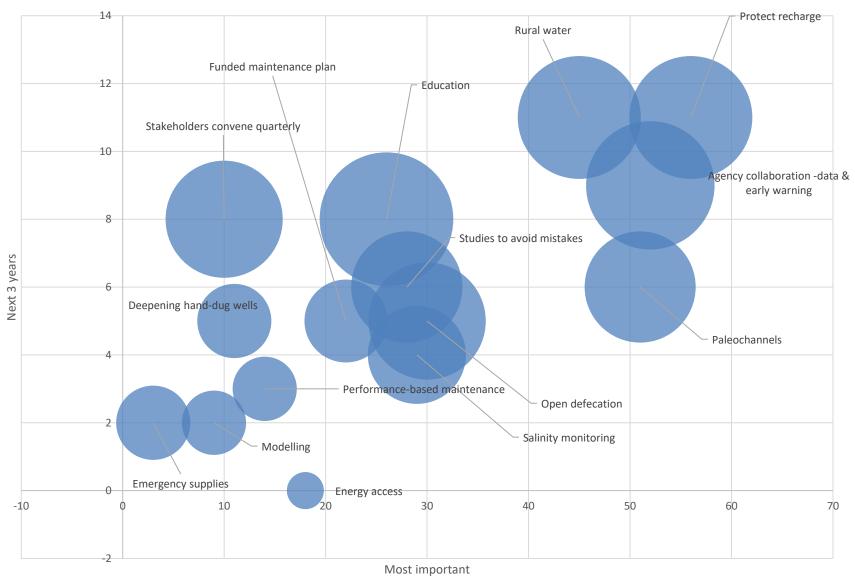






FundiFix — Local entrepreneurs powered by smart data

# Stakeholder priorities to which of the 15 policy recommendations are most important versus achievable in next 3 years



Note – bubble size indicates priority by cumulative participant ranked score. Participants were not representative of all thematic areas. Results are indicative only.







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