

# PREDISAN

Predictive Model for Food Security in Central America based on Surveys and Secondary Data

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GIS, IA AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER



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Sources: Vulnerability Indicators from FEWS NET and IPC.





#### Predicciones Puntaje de consumo de alimentos (PCA)



### OBJECTIVE







#### Source: PREDISAN. Food Consumption Score (FCS) October 2021

### **OBJECTIVE**







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1st. PREDICTIONS (now casting)





### BASIS REAL DATA (NGO's field surveys)



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### **OBJECTIVE**

1st. PREDICTIONS (now casting)

### **2nd. PREDICTIONS (fore**casting)



### BASIS **REAL DATA (NGO's field surveys) SCARCITY or NO REAL DATA**

#### Puntaje de consumo de alimentos (PCA)

PROCESS FOR PREDICTIVE MODEL FOR FOOD SECURITY

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### Household Hunger Scale (HHS)



**Deployed at PREDISAN by the platform authors** 

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SOURCE: Consorcio de Organizaciones Humanitarias (ACH and others) Deployed at PREDISAN by the platform authors









**REACHING BEYOND FOOD SECURITY FIELD DATA** 





SATELLITE IMAGERY REMOTE SENSING AGRO-CLIMATIC MODEL

FIELD SURVEYS





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**FIELD SURVEYS** 

#### **Agro-climatic Threats**

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Guatemala	Chimaltenango	Acatenango	Sin Amenaza	Sin Amenaza	Amenaza leve	Sin Amenaza	Sin Amenaza	Sin Amenaza	Sin Amenaza	Sin Amenaza	Sin Amenaza	183,37	76,90	23.228	Sin Amenaza
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**SOURCE: Prepared by PREDISAN platform authors** 

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FIELD **SURVEYS** 







#### TERRITORIAL PATTERNS

#### APPROX. **200 VARIABLES 1053 MUNICIPALITIES**



SAMPLING DESIGNS **BASED ON** DATA PROFILES

**PROFILE-**SPECIFIC PREDICTIONS



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#### **NATURAL HAZARD: FLOODINGS**



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**SURVEYS** 





#### **ECONOMY: Total capital stock in rural population**





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#### **SOCIAL: Percentage of elderly people**





#### **SOURCE: Facebook Deployed at PREDISAN by the platform authors**

#### **TERRITORIAL PATTERNS**

#### A Información HDX Descargar desde HDX San Ani Porcentaje de personas Nicaragua tercera edad según Facebook 0 - 2.5% 2.5 - 5.0% 5.0 - 7.5% Liberia 7.5 - 10.0%

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10.0% -

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FIELD

**SURVEYS** 



**PUBLIC DATA** SOURCES



**NEW LAYERS BASED ON PUBLIC DATA** SOURCES







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#### ACCESIBILITY





#### **TERRITORIAL** PATTERNS

2018 in Chiquimula (Guatemala)



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**PUBLIC DATA** SOURCES



SOURCES



#### **FOOD PRICES**



#### Food Price (in dollars) daily monitoring in markets and supermarkets in Honduras



**SOURCE: Prepared by PREDISAN platform authors** 

#### **TERRITORIAL PATTERNS**



Huevo blanco







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### **ACTUAL CROPS ON EACH PLOT**



**SOURCE: Prepared by PREDISAN platform authors** 

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### WEATHER HISTORICAL EVENTS



![](_page_30_Picture_14.jpeg)

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FIELD **SURVEYS** 

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**PUBLIC DATA** SOURCES

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SOURCES

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#### **MIGRATIONS**

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**SATELLITE IMAGERY REMOTE SENSING AGRO-CLIMATIC MODEL** 

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FIELD **SURVEYS** 

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**PUBLIC DATA** SOURCES

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**PUBLIC DATA** SOURCES

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### **NIGHT LIGHTS (MEASURE HUMAN ACTIVITIES)**

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**SOURCE: Prepared by PREDISAN platform authors** 

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# 4. PREDICTIVE MODELS

THE MODEL IN DETAIL

### **4. PREDICTIVE MODELS VULNERABILITY MODEL EVOLUTION**

The machine learning model has evolved through iterative learning and feedback received from humanitarian organizations. Since 2020, the model has undergone several modifications, as illustrated in Fig. X, to enhance its effectiveness and performance.

![](_page_38_Figure_2.jpeg)

Timeline Depicting the Evolution of the Machine Learning Vulnerability Model Over Time

![](_page_38_Picture_4.jpeg)

V<sub>n</sub>: The model is constantly evolving, with future iterations expected to incorporate additional data

### **4. PREDICTIVE MODELS**

#### **CURRENT MODEL WORKFLOW**

#### Input Features

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![](_page_39_Picture_4.jpeg)

Streamlined Workflow for Machine Learning Model

### **4. PREDICTIVE MODELS MACHINE LEARNING MODELS STRUCTURATION**

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The machine learning pipeline engine was developed with an additive approach, where it constructs a new model upon detecting a new survey in the databases, enabling predictions. Conversely, when the model identifies solely new agroclimatic data, the pipeline engine utilizes the most recent model to generate predictions. This process operates automatically, constantly monitoring for new surveys or agroclimatic data updates.

Streamlined Workflow for Machine Learning Model

![](_page_40_Picture_3.jpeg)

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### **4. PREDICTIVE MODELS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF MACHINE LEARNING MODELS**

Based on the results obtained, the models exhibit RMSE and MAE ranging between 0.008 and 0.246. The HHS\_2 Model yields the highest error, while the HDDS\_1 model demonstrates the lowest error.

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Error Analysis: RMSE and MAE Fluctuations Over Time

### **4. PREDICTIVE MODELS PREDISAN PUBLIC DASHBOARD**

The model predictions are contingent upon the availability of agroclimatic data. As a result, the model can be categorized as Now-casting, with a monthly periodicity. Predictions for the Food Consumption Score (FCS), Household Hunger Scale (HHS), and Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS) are displayed on a dashboard (https://www.predisan.gis4tech.com/ca4) and accessible online 24/7.

![](_page_42_Figure_2.jpeg)

The image displays the predictions of Food Consumption Score (FCS) for the most recent months with available data

![](_page_42_Picture_4.jpeg)

### **4. PREDICTIVE MODELS PREDISAN PUBLIC DASHBOARD**

The dashboard displays the vulnerability category for each municipality based on the selected indicator. Categories are assigned using the 20% rule. Additionally, temporal trends of predictions can be viewed at the bottom, while the left side provides insights into the population distribution across different vulnerability categories and the number of individuals classified under each.

![](_page_43_Figure_2.jpeg)

The image displays the predictions of Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS) for the most recent months with available data

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**REFLECTIONS AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS** 

### **5. FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS** REFLECTIONS AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

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### **5. FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

#### **REFLECTIONS AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS**

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# 6. DEPLOYMENT IN OTHER REGIONS

ADAPTING THE APPROACH TO OTHER REGIONS

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### **PREDISAN VENEZUELA**

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# **6. DEPLOYMENT IN OTHER REGIONS**

ADAPTING THE APPROACH TO OTHER REGIONS

#### **PREDISAN SAHEL**

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### https://predisan.gis4tech.com/sahel

# **A 7. CONCLUDING** REFLECTIONS

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# **7. CONCLUDING REFLECTIONS**

- Predictions for food security indicators have room for improvement.
- Despite challenges, the predictions show logical trends consistent with expert knowledge.
- Incorporating high-quality data and contextual secondary information 미승 수송  $\bullet$ (e.g., violence indicators, food prices) is necessary.
- The PREDISAN platform provides historical data at the municipality level, including key indicators like Food Consumption Score (FCS), Household Hunger Scale (HHS), and Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS).
- Our proposed model uses nowcast modeling techniques to predict food insecurity situations 24/7.
- While our study case focuses on Central America, the model can be adapted for use globally.

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