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Summary

The primary objective of the VRAM is to support Member States and partners to strengthen their capacity to assess, visualize and analyse health risks and incorporate the results of this analysis in disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness and response plans in line with WHO's six-year strategy for risk reduction and emergency preparedness. At the same time, the application of the VRAM process allows for the compilation and homogenisation of baseline data, information and maps to help health authorities and partners to take informed decisions in times of crises. The presentation will introduce the VRAM and illustrate the important role that National Mapping Agencies have to play in the context of its activities.