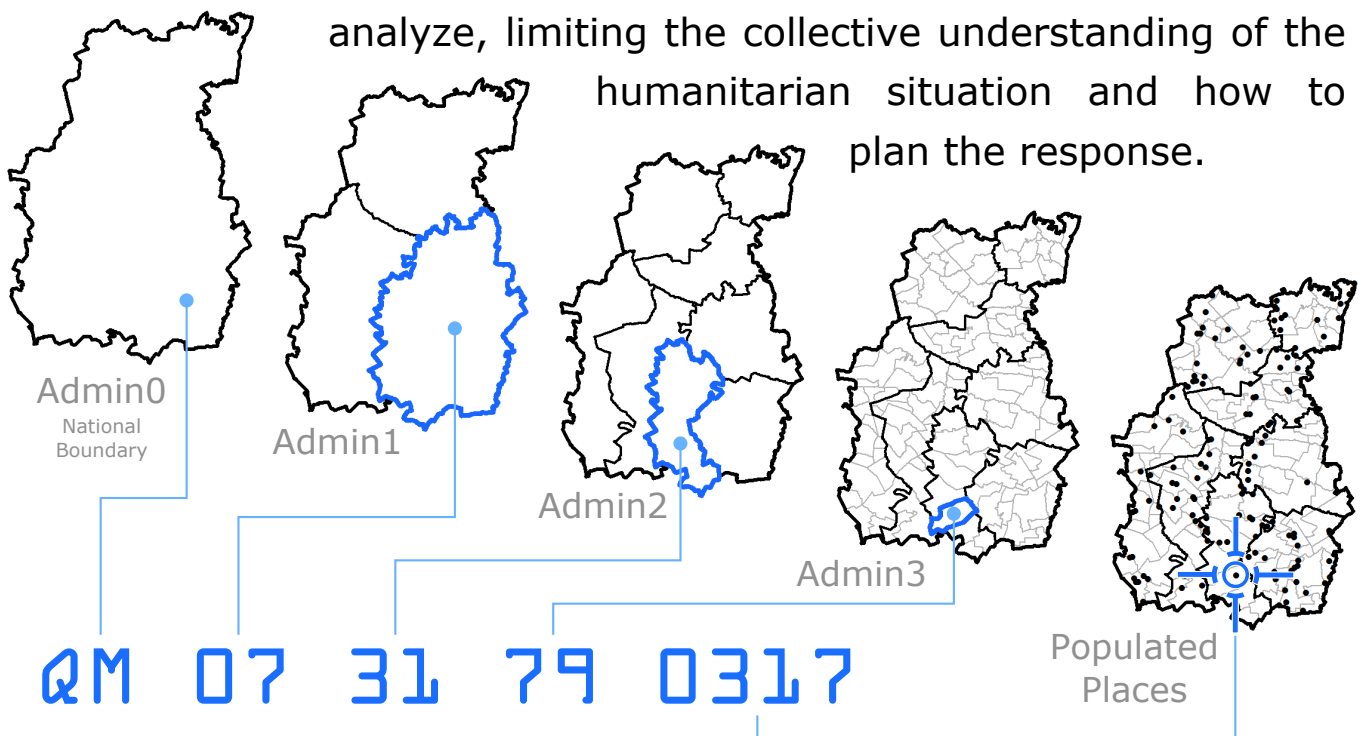


Where?

Humanitarian emergencies generate massive amounts of data, much of it referring to locations of events, infrastructure, and activities. Using placenames as identifiers can easily lead to confusion over spelling and transliteration as well as duplication. Datasets become difficult or impossible to combine and analyze, limiting the collective understanding of the humanitarian situation and how to plan the response.



The P-Code Answer

P-code is short for 'Place Code'. P-codes provide unique identifiers to thousands of locations and administrative units in a humanitarian operation. These codes provide a systematic means of linking data to an unambiguous location. Any information that is tagged with P-codes can be combined and analyzed with any other "p-coded" data.

The p-codes for a country can be found in the Common Operational Datasets, which are standard geographic references for the humanitarian community provided by UNOCHA: <http://cod.humanitarianresponse.info>