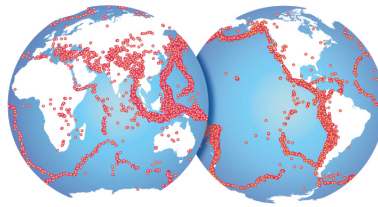


The GEM initiative brings together worldwide expertise on all aspects of earthquake risk in a unique public/private alliance to produce software and tools that help to reduce earthquake deaths, destruction, dislocation, monetary losses and adverse socio-economic effects.



GEM
GLOBAL EARTHQUAKE MODEL

GEM started in January 2009 with the construction of its first working model; the first global, open-source model for seismic risk assessment on a national and regional scale. The model will be built in 5 years and is organised in three integrated modules: Hazard, Risk, and Socio-Economic Impact. With committed backing from academia, governments, and industry, GEM will contribute to achieving profound, lasting reductions in earthquake risk worldwide.

National governments

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regional government agencies

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investment groups
Individuals living in earthquake-prone areas
NGOs

GEM has many different stakeholders ..

.. what are their needs?!

In order to find that out, GEM has recently launched a **User Needs Assessment (UNA)**.

It is a brief online survey, developed by SPA Risk, aimed at collecting guidance for the design and development of GEM software and its underlying basis, so that the global earthquake model will serve the needs of all its end-users and stakeholders.

The survey is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi and Japanese, and it should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

We would therefore like to invite you to visit the GEM website www.globalquakemodel.org and Click on the red banner at the upper righthand corner in order to access the online survey.

Your participation would be very much appreciated, as well as encouraging others to participate.

Results of the UNA will be compiled and made available at the GEM website, once the survey is completed.