

## 6.24 Peak flow rate

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Peak Flow Rate	Natural and Climate Hazards
<b>Description and justification</b>	Indicators of Flooding Risk Resilience sub-criterion will assess the site response to Flooding phenomena based on susceptibility indicators: land use cover, run-off coefficient, rainfall intensity and duration.
<b>Definition</b>	Maximum rate of discharge during the period of runoff caused by a rainfall event. For a time period of $T$ years, the $T$ years-recurrence peak flow $Q_T$ is defined as a value of discharge, which occurs statistically each $T$ years. More precisely, $Q_T$ is defined by the fact that probability to have a maximal annual discharge greater than $Q_T$ is equal to $1/T$ . It is influenced by both the basin (size, shape, geographical location, topography, geology, type of vegetal cover, extent of surface detention) and the rainfall event characteristics (intensity, duration, spatial and temporal distribution pattern, storm direction).
<b>Strengths and weaknesses</b>	
<b>Measurement procedure and tool</b>	The peak flow can be estimated by applying two main approaches: probabilistic and deterministic models. Probabilistic models are based on statistical inference which essentially estimates the design variables by fitting the observed data. Deterministic models are based upon the peak flow estimation through analytical relationships and provide a point estimate without uncertainty assessment. Rainfall-Runoff models are applicable to estimate the peak flow. These are usually applied when flow observations are not available and, thus, they require the use of rainfall data (more easily available) to quantify the required data.

<b>Scale of measurement</b>	m <sup>3</sup> /s
<b>Data source</b>	
<b>Required data</b>	Rainfall data, hydraulic, geological and geotechnical information, topography (Model/Survey).
<b>Data input type</b>	Quantitative
<b>Data collection frequency</b>	
<b>Level of expertise required</b>	High
<b>Synergies with other indicators</b>	
<b>Connection with SDGs</b>	13
<b>Opportunities for participatory data collection</b>	
<b>Additional information</b>	
<b>References</b>	

## 6.25 Peak flood volume

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Peak flood volume		Natural and Climate Hazards
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<b>Definition</b>	Represents the volume of water corresponding to the peak flow. Flood volumes are related to 1) the time scales of the meteorological inputs (rainfall, snowmelt) and 2) the time	