
Geospatial Data and Mapping – Advancing the Knowledge of Off- Grid Electrification in Myanmar

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Overview

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- Based in Berlin, established in 2010
- Managing director: Dr. Kathrin Goldammer
- 25 research assistants + students
- Member of e.g. ARE, SDSN



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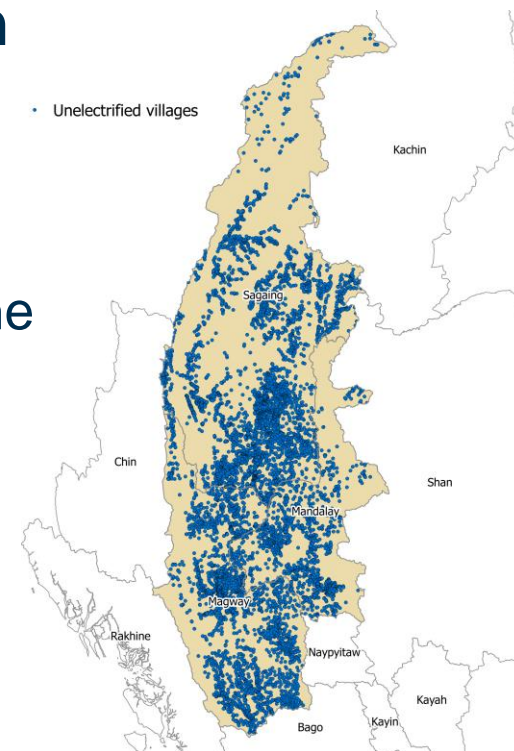
Introduction: Why geospatial planning?

- Electrification planning is a spatial task:
 - Where is it required?
 - Where is the closest power line?
 - What is the distance to the next village, to the grid?
 - Which resources are available in one location?
 - Where to extend the grid and where to construct mini-grids or rely on solar-home-systems?

Status of village electrification

- ▶ Village electrification remains a challenge in Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Region
- ▶ Especially Sagaing has a large number unelectrified villages
- ▶ Mandalay has the highest electrification ratio of the three states

State/Region	Number of villages	Villages unelectrified	% Villages unelectrified	% of Total unelectrified villages
Magway	4,294	2,380	55%	31%
Mandalay	4,834	1,418	29%	19%
Sagaing	5,694	3,762	66%	50%
Total	14,822	7,560	100%	100%



How to identify attractive sites for mini-grids?

- ▶ Off-grid investments in the mini-grid sector are preferable in location which has a renewable energy potential and
 - ▶ is located in a sufficient distance to the existing and planned distribution grid,
 - ▶ the population is willing to meet their electricity need by a mini-grid,
 - ▶ has a demand large enough to create a sustainable revenue stream by selling the electricity,
 - ▶ is accessible for allowing the construction and maintenance of the system (next main road is in close proxy).

Overlay of several information layer

■ Demographics

- Villages
- Cluster

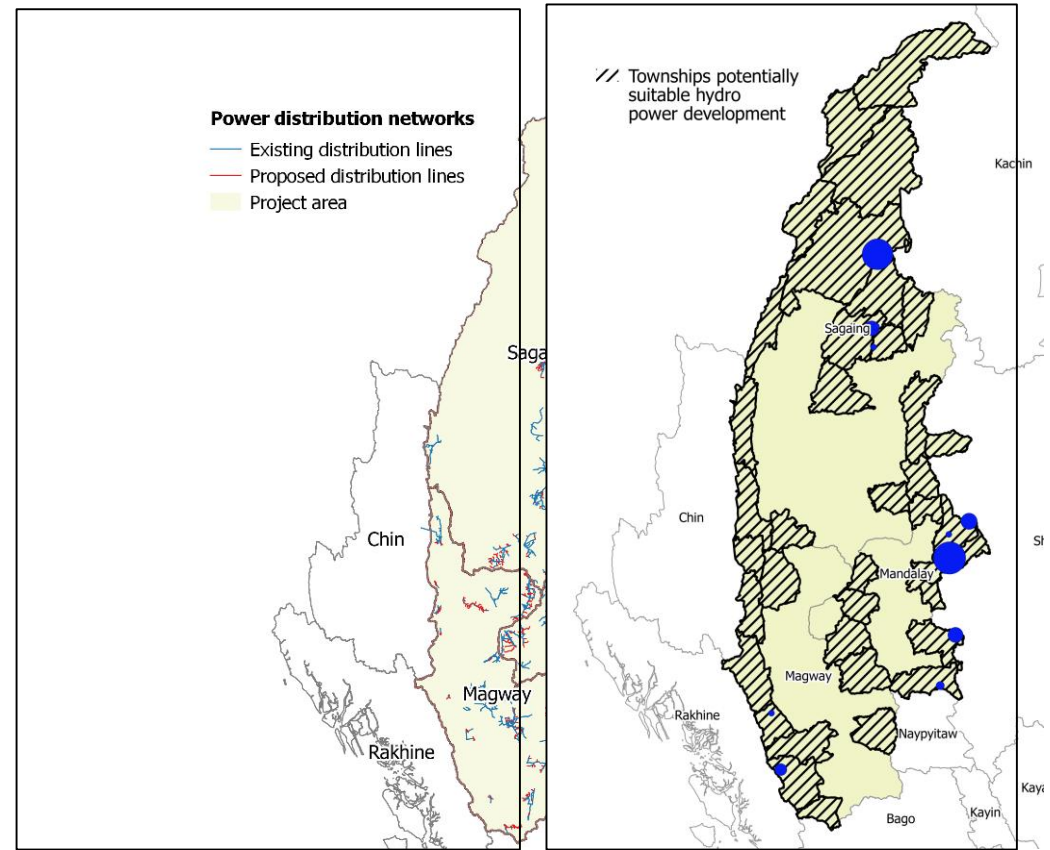
■ Infrastructure

- Power lines
- Diesel generators
- Mini-grids
- Potential hydro sites

■ Resources

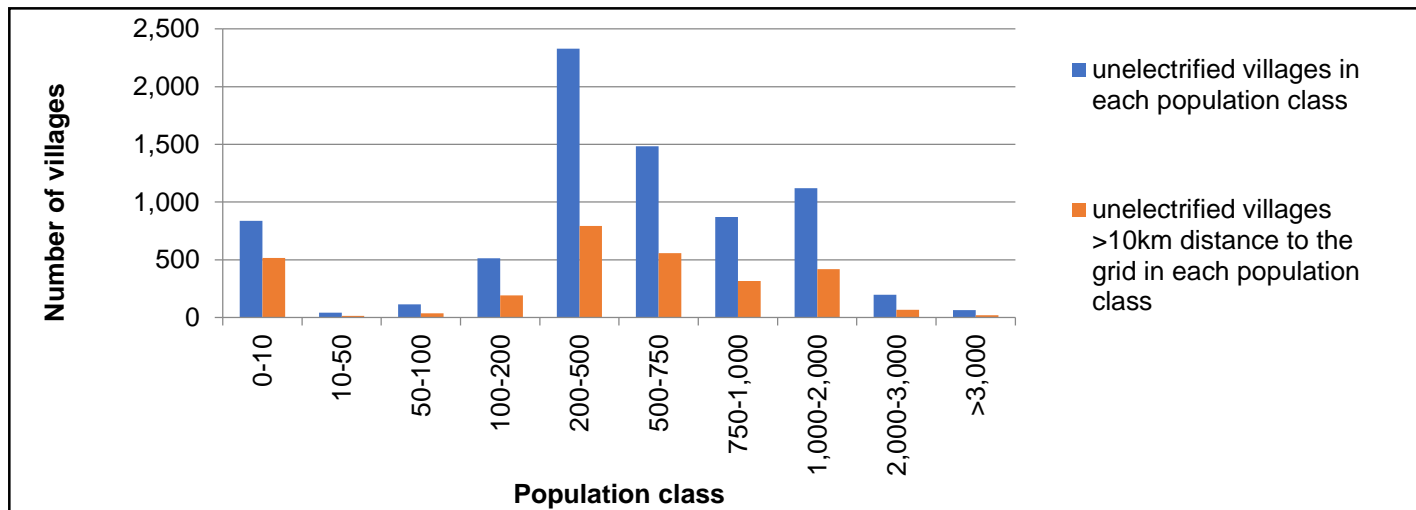
- Hydro
- Solar
- Biomass

■ Basemaps



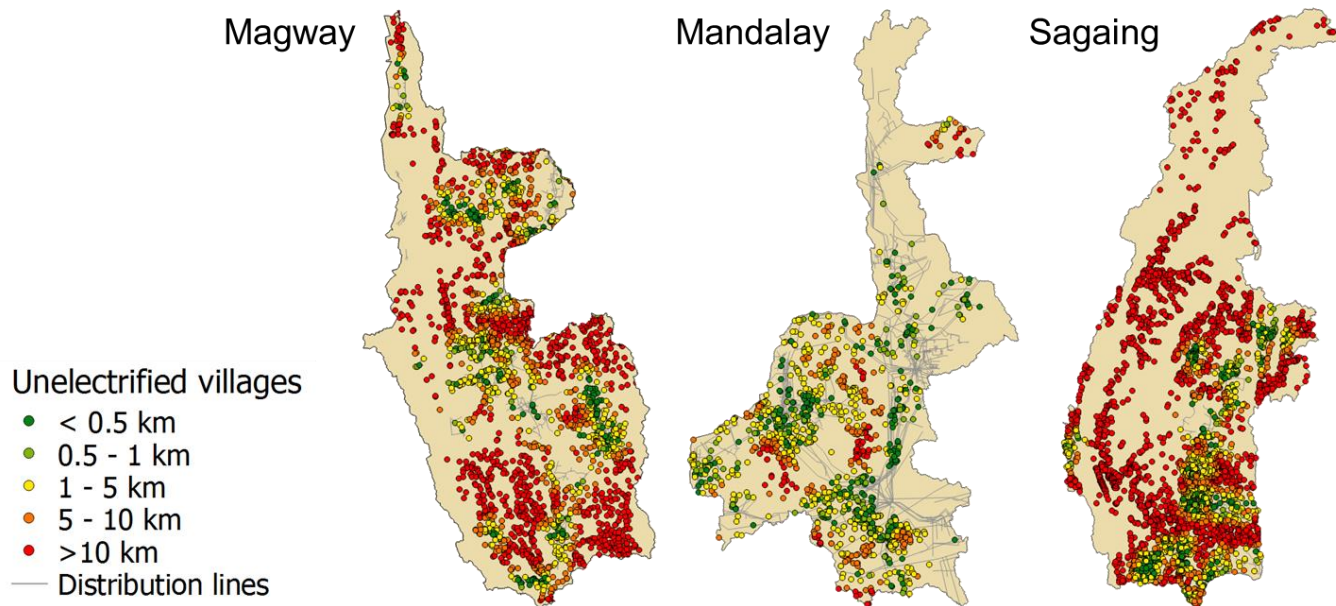
Results: Off-grid investment potential in Myanmar

- Considering village locations, population numbers, existing infrastructure and resource potential it is found that many of the unelectrified villages are located in a distance more than 10 km to the grid and have a sufficient estimated demand for electricity due to the population numbers.



Results: Off-grid investment potential in Myanmar

- Especially in the Magway and Sagaing a large number of unelectrified villages is located in a distance of more than 10 km to the next distribution line.
- Mandalay has the most dense distribution infrastructure network, reducing the potential for off-grid electrification.



Showcase of tool

<http://adb-myanmar.integration.org/>

Landing page

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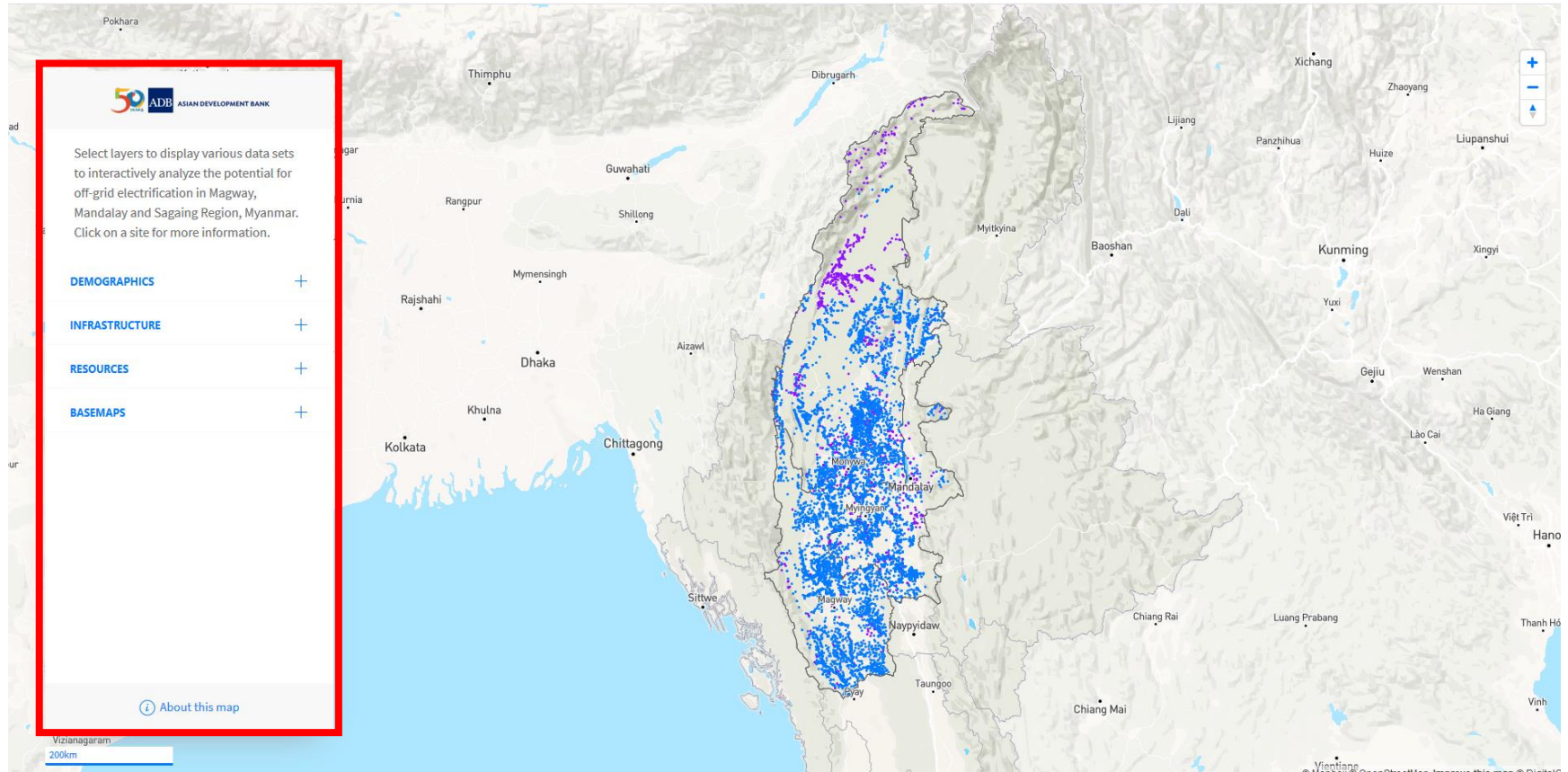
EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL FOR OFF-GRID ELECTRIFICATION IN MAGWAY, MANDALAY AND THE SAGAING REGION

In Myanmar many villages are still without access to electricity. This tool maps their locations and provides information on available local resources and nearby infrastructure for an estimation the potential for off-grid investments.

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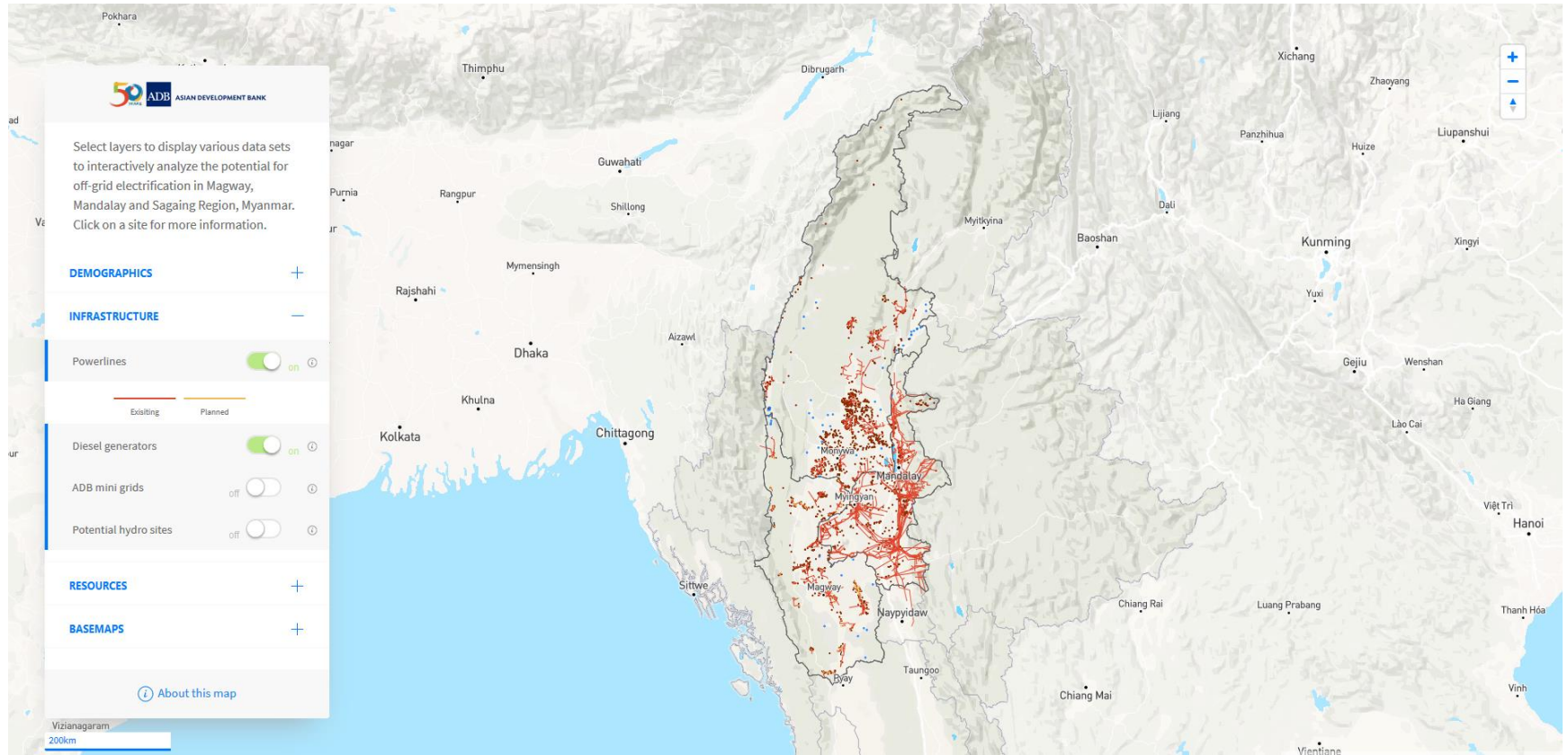
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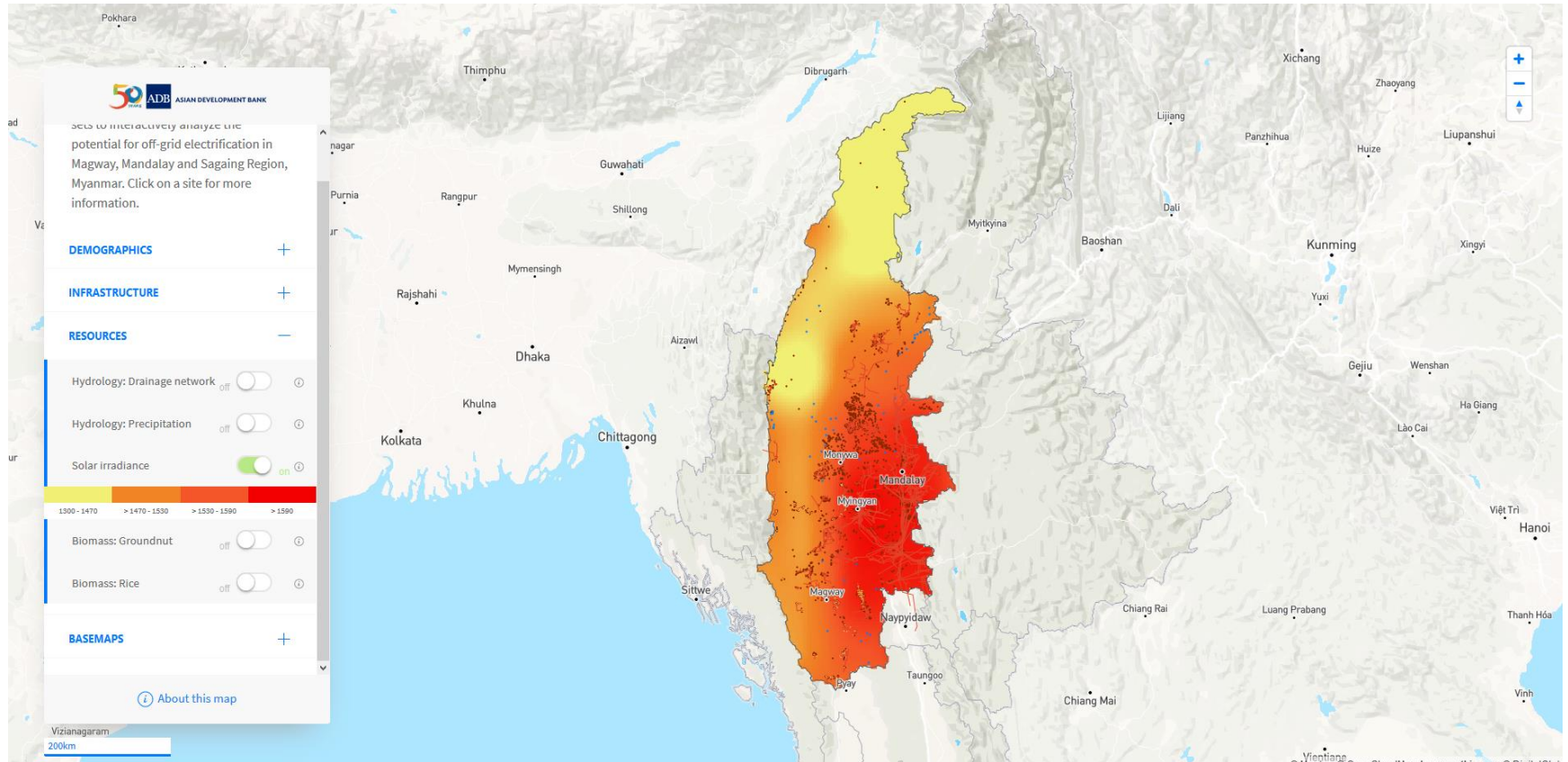
Demographics



Infrastructure



Resources



Zoom to relevant place and derive info

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Select layers to display various data sets to interactively analyze the potential for off-grid electrification in Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Region, Myanmar. Click on a site for more information.

- DEMOGRAPHICS +
- INFRASTRUCTURE +
- RESOURCES +
- BASEMAPS -

Elevation off

Satellite on

[About this map](#)

LOCATION DETAILS ✕

Village:	Hta Naung Pa Kar (North)
Lat, Lon:	22.5953, 94.9039
Village placecode:	173863
State:	Sagaing
Township:	Kani
Population:	2096
No. households:	374
Distance to grid (km):	31
Distance to road (km):	18
Solar irradiation (W/m ²):	1493

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