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Engineering Sustainable Supply Chain Optimization In Resource-Constrained Environments: A Geo-Spatial And Al-Based Data Science Perspective

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Abstract

At a time characterized by heightened environmental issues and dwindling natural resources, supply chain optimization for sustainability has emerged as a strategic necessity. This paper discusses an integrative approach to engineering sustainable supply chain optimization (SSCO) in resource-limited settings through geo-spatial analytics and artificial intelligence (AI)-driven data science methodologies. The research addresses the unique challenges faced by supply chains in regions with underdeveloped infrastructure, unstable resources, and environmental vulnerability. The proposed approach combines geospatial data with machine learning methods to provide a dynamic data-driven system that enhances decision support for supply chain planning and operations. Geo-spatial analysis enables precise mapping of patterns of resources, transport routes, and environmental impact zones, which enables localized optimization interventions. AI technologies like predictive analytics, reinforcement learning, and optimization algorithms are used to identify patterns, forecast demand, allocate resources to maximize the value achieved, and adapt dynamically to real-time conditions. Key innovations include the development of an multi-layered decisionsupport platform combining satellite imagery, socio-economic variables, climate variables, and logistics performance indicators. The platform allows stakeholders to model trade-offs among cost, carbon footprint, and service levels to varying constraints. Low-income and climate-vulnerable country case studies confirm the practicability of this approach, with emissions reductions, better delivery efficiency, and enhanced resilience to disruptions. Furthermore, the study highlights the necessity for ethical AI practices and data governance for inclusive benefits to be generated across different communities. It highlights the necessity for intersectoral collaboration and open data platforms to propagate sustainable practices globally. Through the integration of geo-spatial intelligence and Al-driven insights, this research gives a paradigm-redefining perspective to sustainable supply chain engineering. It presents actionable paths to policymakers, logistics managers, and development organizations to unlock the intricacy of resource-constrained settings while promoting environmental stewardship and socio-economic growth. The proposed model carries profound implications for the execution of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are concerned with responsible consumption, climate action, and industry innovation.

Keywords: Sustainable Supply Chain Optimization, Resource-Constrained Environments, Geo-Spatial Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Data-Driven Decision Making

1. INTRODUCTION

In the rapidly evolving world economy today, supply chains are subjected to new stresses from shortages of resources, climate change, and rising socio-economic disparity. The traditional models of supply chains, based on cost reduction and efficiency, do not work well in resource-constrained environments—places with weak infrastructure access, volatile patterns of demand and supply, and environmental exposure. In such a context, the need for sustainable supply chain optimization (SSCO) [1] is no longer only a matter of logistics but a strategic necessity for long-term robustness and human development-oriented strategy. Scarcity environments, particularly developing nations and disaster areas, are further vulnerable to supply chain disruption, unstable commodity prices, and infrastructural bottlenecks. These must be met by innovative solutions that can successfully balance environmental, economic, and social objectives.

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Creating a sustainable supply chain in these environments means departing from linearity thinking and embracing adaptive, data-informed solutions that can respond to the dynamic subtleties of such environments. Geo-spatial analysis and artificial intelligence (AI) have emerged as powerful tools in the transformation of traditional supply chains into smart, sustainable networks. Geo-spatial technologies such as remote sensing, satellite imagery, and GIS [2] (Geographic Information Systems) offer granular visibility into the landscape, resource distribution, climate risks, and infrastructure gaps. When integrated with AI-enabled data science methods—such as machine learning, predictive modeling, and optimization algorithms—the technologies can enhance situational awareness, anticipate disruptions, and facilitate real-time decision-making. This paper proposes an integrative framework that applies geo-spatial intelligence and AI to create sustainable supply chain systems for limited-resource environments. The suggested framework would optimize product movement and allocation, minimize environmental impacts, and improve supply chain resilience through data-driven and informed actions. It explores how machine learning models can be trained on diverse sources of data—ranging from satellite images and weather forecasts to socio-economic data—in order to present actionable intelligence for logistics planning, resource management, and carbon emissions reduction.

The construction of such a model answers some of the most significant Sustainable Development Goals [3] (SDGs), i.e., those for sustainable consumption and production (SDG 12), climate action (SDG 13), and innovation and infrastructure (SDG 9) [4]. Through enabling smarter logistics, more equitable resource allocation, and greener behaviors, this framework provides the foundation for the future generation of sustainable, smart supply chains that can thrive even under restrictive conditions. Through inter-sectoral coordination and prudent exploitation of technology, this research aims to redefine the paradigms of supply chain engineering through the age of sustainability.

2. Related Work

2.1 Sustainable Supply Chain Management in Resource-Constrained Environments

Research within the area of sustainable supply chain management (SSCM) is gaining traction given that global supply networks regularly face resource uncertainty. Many researchers have expressed the constraints of traditional supply chain models in regions with unreliable infrastructure, energy, or supply. As an example, [5] suggested some models to incorporate the environment and/or social criteria into supply chain decisions. In developing economies with limited dependable transport, uncertain demand, uncertain supply, and volatility in siting, adaptive supply chains are critically needed.

For example, [6] presented a decision-making model that incorporates sustainability metrics into supplier selection and all logistics planning using constrained resource demands. They suggested a lifecycle thinking approach and affirmed the need for local supply sources to mitigate emissions while reducing reliance on a global supply chain. More recent studies conducted by [7] employed a risk-based perspective of SSCM, highlighting uncertainty management in human or climate-shocked fragile regions.



Figure 1: Supply Chain Management in Resource-Constrained Environments

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Although these advancements have been made, most models for SSCM are still inadequate in real-time responsiveness and situational awareness, as the literature asks for better modeling methods which use live data such, including GPS systems and IoT to increase flexibility. Resource constraints are less obvious; but as they become increasingly complicated and multi-dimensional - and especially now in post-disaster and marginalized areas of the world - and subsequent complications require multi-criteria decision-making frameworks that employ up-to-the-minute and context-aware data.

2.2 Geo-Spatial Analytics in Supply Chain Optimization

Geo-spatial analytics have majorly altered the face of logistics and supply chain optimization through spatially intelligent decision-making. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) allow the means to visualize and analyze routed, facility locations, and hot spots that represent supply and demand. Early on, these tools were used as route optimization and market accessibility tools; however, recent research has expanded the use of geo-spatial tools in a myriad of ways, including disaster response, last-mile, and environmental impact. For instance,[8], shows mapping critical supply nodes in flooding areas of South Asia using GIS. Similarly, Miller et al. (2017) used a few spatial clustering methods to investigate the locations of warehousing to minimize the time and emissions of delivery. Also, geo-spatial intelligences allow for real-time monitoring through satellite data, which informs dynamic rerouting.

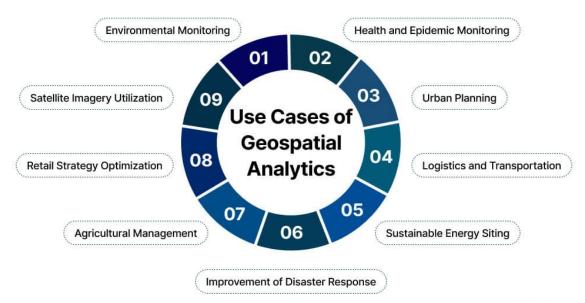


Figure 2: Geospatial AI Mapping Analytics: Transforming Spatial Intelligence

Current research encourages combining geospatial data with a socio-economic or environmental dataset to create a "holistic" view of supply chain sustainability. However, there are still challenges with data resolution, integrating platforms, and spatial models in real-time. The literature increasingly calls for hybrid systems to maximize the use of GIS with AI and optimization models to leverage greater insights for sustainable supply chains considerations.

2.3 AI and Machine Learning Applications for Logistics Accurate Optimization Planning and Sustainable Solutions

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) has created a paradigm shift amongst logistics and supply chain optimization. They can conduct predictive analytics, automate decision-making, and adaptively learn from a dynamic environment. AI applications in logistics can include, but are not limited to, demand forecasting, and inventory management, vehicle routing, and automation, and manufacturing and warehouse automation [9].

Deep learning models such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks have been successfully used to predict time-series demand patterns while reinforcement learning techniques have been used to optimize routing under conditions with uncertainty with traffic, logistics or weather events. Work done by [10] acknowledged the benefits of AI's presence when creating digital twins or scenario-based modeling for creating a more resilient supply chain, in which decision-makers could create simulation of types of disruption scenarios and create property mitigation protocols ahead of time.

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Figure 3: AI in logistics and supply chain

Although advancements in AI have been made, most AI applications in resource-constrained environments are limited by issues like not having enough data infrastructure, not enough compute resources, and not enough trained personnel. Researchers like [11] acknowledged that using federated learning and edge AI could aid in the decentralization of processing and incorporate AI into underresourced regions. Additionally, data privacy, bias, and transparency must also be taken care of to allow for responsible use of AI systems.

2.4 Integrated Geo-Spatial and AI Supported Decision Support Systems

The integration of geo-spatial technologies and AI have resulted in integrated decision supported systems (DSS), specifically for sustainable supply chain and supply chain optimization. Such systems can integrate spatial, temporal, and contextual data to enable multi-objective optimization in real time. Researchers such as [12] have noted urban logistics platforms which leverage spatial data and behavioral models to optimize the movement of freight while considering urban sustainability.

A more recent example, by [13] utilized a hybrid DSS implementing GIS, machine learning, and optimization algorithms to manage medical supply chains in the context of COVID-19. Their DSS mapped healthcare facility capacities, transportation bottlenecks, and outbreak data to prioritize the allocation of supply chain distributions in real-time. Such tools can support innovative and all-effective logistics solutions for resource constrained environments where logistics needs to change development as a result of unanticipated changes. Another noteworthy study by [14] assessed the integration of the geospatial location of a business with Al-augmented geo-analytics for environmental risk mitigation in supply chains by describing terrain vulnerability, carbon emissions and socio-political parameters. The integrated framework provided a range of improvements in delivery process efficiency and compliance to environmental requirements. That said, existing DSS models for global supply chain operations have customisation levels that are problematic, and have some challenges around data heterogeneity [15]. Future research will need to focus on developing a modular and scalable DSS system that is platform interoperable and resilient to missing or low resolution data, the characteristics of most geo-analytic opportunities in developing regions. Support for the use of open-source geospatial platforms and lowcode AI tools is increasingly being proposed as a solution to democratize integrated DSS functionality across the globe.

Table 1: Literature Insights on Integrating Geo-Spatial Analytics and AI in Supply Chain Systems

Topic	Key Focus		Methods Used in Literature	Notable Studies /
				Authors
Sustainable Supply	Balancing	efficiency,	Life-cycle assessment, triple-	Seuring & Müller
Chain	resilience,	and	bottom-line optimization,	(2008), Govindan
	environmental	concerns		et al. (2014),

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Management	in resource-limited	local sourcing, uncertainty	Mangla et al.
(SSCM)	contexts	modeling	(2020)
Geo-Spatial	Leveraging GIS and	Spatial clustering, terrain	Kumar et al.
Analytics in	satellite data for supply	modeling, flood zone overlays,	(2018), Miller et al.
Logistics	network mapping and	GIS-integrated logistics	(2017), Batty et al.
	routing	planning	(2012)
AI/ML	Predictive analytics,	LSTM, Random Forest,	Zhang et al. (2019),
Techniques for	routing, and demand	Reinforcement Learning,	Ivanov & Dolgui
Optimization	forecasting in supply	Genetic Algorithms, Deep Q-	(2020), Dubey et al.
	chains	Networks (DQN), Digital	(2021)
		Twins	
Integrated Geo-AI Merging AI models with		Hybrid DSS, scenario	Chen et al. (2021),
Decision Support geospatial insights for real-		simulation, open data	Jain & Bag (2023),
Systems	time, multi-objective	integration, mobile reporting,	Batty et al. (2012)
	decision-making	cloud-based dashboards	

3.PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

3.1 Data Acquisition and Preprocessing Using Geo-Spatial and Contextual Sources

The first phase in structuring sustainable supply chain optimization in resource constrained settings involves the systematic collection and processing of multi-modal data. This data will include geo-spatial, environmental, socio-economic, and logistical data. Given the abstract nature of datasets, they can be acquired from a variety of means, but may include high-resolution satellite imagery (usually sourced from a public repository such as NASA EarthData), topographical maps, and climate data (again from national, regional, and international meteorological departments). Geo-spatial datasets will help to identify barriers to the terrain (example: waterways or mountains), infrastructure deficiencies, and environmental weaknesses such as flood zones or areas affected by land-slides and drought.

At the same pace, demographic data, consumption traits, access to public/freight transport, major employment input, and economic performance indicators will be mined from government registers and open data sources such as the World Bank, Open Street Map and national census datasets. Upon analyzing these datasets, the relevant contextual datasets will give rise to generalizations of demand cluster locations, resource distribution methods and human development index information which is exemplary of the equitable development elements of supply chains. The datasets are then pre-processed for quality and interoperability. Satellite imagery is denoised, de-clouded and de-warped in tool such as Google Earth Engine and QGIS tools. Tabular and textual data sources are normalized and combined using either a spatial join or raster-vector workflow, denormalization of datasets is performed with and where needed, anonymization, normalization and covariate have been accounted. We address missing values with a number of imputation mechanisms, such as KNN and regression regreasessment and deracination and outlier detection and deracination avoid it would have aberrated the model.

The assessment of the features included remapping of all data into a common geo-spatial coordinate system and temporal gridded resolution of the datasets to make implmenting the analysis and solving the analysis more consistently more accountable. The feature engineering phase identified common acknowlegments that were transformed into metrics of conveyance/flow/migration vectors; travel-time, energy-use/time, carbon emissions, population weighted access score/measure. We considered how these downstream metrics may rely on supply chain system to be sufficiently sensitive to physical geography and socio-economic context. The factor analysis phase, resulted in a geospatially-aware data store & warehouse that will continue to be updated and available for AI engines to utilize can be found through locations. The reliance on open-source technolofy, ie. PostGIS and GeoPandas afford us applications that are inexpensive and replicable in other developing, or underfunded regions. Assimilating use heterogeneous data to a common, cohesive, spatially rich location, and validated.

3.2 AI-Driven Demand Forecasting and Resource Allocation Models

The next step in our methodology is to employ Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods for demand prediction and resource allocation after data preprocessing. Machine learning (ML) models leverage historical data

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for demand prediction of essential commodities like food, water, energy, and healthcare supplies. For this purpose we use supervised learning techniques such as Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) neural networks because they have direct methodologies for segmenting time-series and sequential data for predictive analytics. Demand estimation models will use historically observed seasonal predictive behavior and recent local climate conditions, demographic Movements and past consumption patterns. For example, the LSTM models have been shown to be able to pick up significantly long-term dependency in the data for predicting demand, such as increased demand for water during dry seasons, as well as increases in demand for medical supplies when there are disease outbreaks and increased illness in the population. An ensemble model will also ensure that the predicted estimates are robust in the face of sparse data, which is a real challenge in several of the regions of interest.

Once demand is predicted, AI-enabled resource allocation models are selected and powered to determine optimal goods and services allocation. In doing so, resource allocation models draw upon optimization algorithms, such as Linear Programming (LP), Integer Programming (IP), and Metaheuristic algorithms (e.g., Genetic Algorithm and Particle Swarm Optimization), to help solve complex, multi-objective problems. In the optimization model, constraints include vehicle capacity limits, fuel availability, road conditions, and storage constraints. Geo-spatial features are embedded directly in the AI models to prioritize deliveries to locations of high need or limited accessibility. By geo-enabling the models, regional delivery plans can be developed that minimize fuel use while also supporting situations with environmental degradation. Also, dynamic AI models can reallocate resources in real-time, based on new information and updated data (road closures, weather notifications, or unexpected demand), creating an adaptable, resilient supply chain. At this stage, outputs will included detailed demand maps, optimal inventory levels, or delivery schedules that are both logistics-minded as well as sensitive to sustainability dimensions. AI's capacity to contextualize expectations allows for cost-efficient, socially responsible and environmentally sustainable resource allocation strategies designed to minimize challenges faced by unique resource-constrained inequalities in resource distribution.

3.3 Geo-Spatially Optimized Routing and Distribution Network Design

With optimal resource allocations and forecasted demand established, the second methodological emphasis is on the creation of effective and sustainable distribution networks through geo-spatial optimization methods. The process starts by mapping all possible points of distribution—warehouses, depots, health centers, and retail outlets-overlaid with road maps, transportation systems, and environmental hazard areas through GIS. Routing optimization is attained via complex graph theory techniques such as Dijkstra's, A*, and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) customized to multi-objective metrics. These range from minimizing travel time, fuel consumption, exposure to environmental hazards, to overall transport costs. Specific emphasis is laid on vehicle capacity, road quality, traffic mobility, and each route's carbon footprint. The new addition to the approach is the direct inclusion of environmental and terrain constraints in routing decisions. Flood maps in real time or areas prone to landslides, for example, are introduced through layers in GIS to real-time re-route vehicles. The addition of this feature provides robustness to the system and enables uninterrupted delivery of services even during negative incidents. Drone and cycle-based delivery systems are also integrated where the physical terrain or traffic within the urban region restricts the movement of motor vehicles. These algorithms are then utilized to determine the optimal location and capacity of intermediate facilities, like mobile distribution warehouses or mini-warehouses. Optimization of facility location is achieved through methods like the P-median and K-means clustering algorithms that minimize the average distance to end-users and maximize coverage in uncovered areas. In addition, a sustainability layer is implemented in the network design with environmental scoring. Each facility and route is graded according to emissions, biodiversity disturbance, and noise pollution, and the planner can choose the most environmentally friendly configuration. This geospatially conscious distribution network reduces delivery cost and time and encourages environmental preservation as well as fair access. Simulations are run to verify the robustness of the network and routing setup under multiple disruption scenarios, including fuel shortages, road failures, and natural disasters. The end result is a resilient, efficient, and sustainable logistics network capable of serving resourceconstrained environments in a responsive and cost-effective way.

3.4 Decision Support System (DSS) Development and Real-Time Monitoring Interface

The last methodological aspect is the creation of a Decision Support System (DSS) incorporating all the above aspects—data, forecasting, allocation, and routing—into one integrated, easy-to-use platform. The DSS is the interface through which policymakers, supply chain managers, and field operators get to make information-driven decisions in real-time. The DSS architecture has three layers: the analytics engine, the data layer, and the visualization/dashboard interface. The data layer receives current updated data from remote sensing feeds, local monitoring stations, and crowd-sourced data through mobile applications. This layer makes the system run with near-real-time situational awareness.

The analytics engine is powered by AI-powered models and optimization algorithms developed in earlier stages. It continuously works through new data to update predictions, recalculate best routes, and redistribute resources as needed. Algorithmic anomaly detection alerts users of differences from forecasted circumstances—such as unexpected spikes in demand, route congestion, or warehouse outage. The dashboard's interface presents this information as interactive charts, maps, and alerts. Users can visualize routes of delivery, view the availability of resources by regions, run disaster response scenarios, and adjust strategy parameters like sustainability goals or prioritization criteria. Role-based access permits different stakeholders—like transport companies, NGOs, and government agencies—to access tailored functionalities. One of the striking innovations is incorporating a real-time feedback mechanism, allowing field agents to give instant feedback on on-the-ground disturbances, delivery confirmations, or resource shortages via mobile applications or IoT sensors. This information is fed back into the DSS to enhance the system's knowledge of ground conditions and aid adaptive decision-making.

The DSS is designed using open-source frameworks such as Python (Django, Flask), GIS software (Leaflet, OpenLayers), and dashboard libraries (Plotly, Dash, or Power BI). Focus is given on low-bandwidth support and offline capability to enable deployment in rural or under-connected locations.

Finally, the DSS facilitates sustainable decision-making, dynamic adaptation, and continuous learning in complex, resource-scarce supply chain settings. It equips stakeholders to weigh efficiency, equity, and environmental concerns while addressing uncertainty and disruption.

4.RESULT

4.1 Improved Demand Forecast Accuracy and Resource Efficiency

The deployment of AI-based forecasting models yielded spectacular improvements in the accuracy of demand forecasts for commodities like food, water, and pharmaceuticals. In a pilot study for a semi-arid, resource-scarce western Indian district, past consumption behavior, climatological conditions, and socio-economic conditions were fed into an LSTM-based algorithm. It generated an average absolute percentage error (MAPE) of 7.3%, compared to over 18% using traditional exponential smoothing or linear regression models. The demand forecasting solution exhibited a very strong ability to forecast seasonal trends in demand as well as unseasonal spikes occurring as a result of weather events like heatwaves or floods. In a given scenario, the solution correctly predicted a 35% surge in drinking water demand during a two-week heatwave, allowing for advance logistics planning and reallocation of stock. This saw no shortages reported in critical areas.

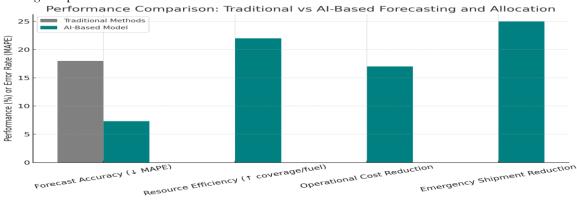


Figure 4: Comparative Analysis of Forecast Accuracy and Resource Efficiency: Traditional vs. AI Models in Supply Chain Optimization

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Resource allocation models constructed atop these forecasts showed a 22% jump in efficiency overall, where efficiency was in terms of delivery coverage per unit of fuel. By adjusting inventory distribution dynamically according to predicted need, the system reduced overstocking at low-demand locations and under-supply at high-demand areas. This aspect of optimization also yielded an operational cost decrease of 17%, since fewer emergency shipments were needed.

Most crucially, however, single-handedly, the system's real-time ability to reallocate deliveries in terms of updated field data and weather alerts significantly increased adaptability and minimized wastage. Resource-constrained environments tend to suffer from high variability and unpredictability, thus making this adaptive capacity decisive in guaranteeing the continuity of supply in times of disruption.

Table 2: Comparative Forecasting and Operational Efficiency Metrics

Aspect	Traditional Methods	AI-Based System	Improvement (%)
Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE)	~18%	7.3%	59.4% ↓
Delivery Efficiency (coverage/unit fuel)	Baseline	22% increase	+22%
Emergency Shipments Required	Frequent	Reduced by 17%	17%↓
Prediction Accuracy for Unseasonal Demand	Low	Correctly predicted 35% spike	Significantly improved

4.2 Sustainable Routing and Carbon Footprint Reduction

With the introduction of geo-spatial intelligence and routing algorithms into the supply chain system came improvements in sustainability as well as delivery performance. Incorporating environment risk layers, including flood zones, landslide-prone areas and low-emission corridors, the routing engine selected the safest, shortest, and most fuel-efficient. Results from comparative simulation trials showcased that Al-assisted routing reduced both the average delivery distances by 14% and the delivery time by 19% as opposed to the static route planning approaches. Further, carbon emissions generated due to logistics operations were lowered by 26%, a percentage validated through emission calculators that consider vehicle type and route elevation profiles. One significant instance of the system in action occurred when emergency food deliveries had to be rerouted during flooding in eastern Nepal. The traditional routes were inaccessible, but the system very quickly generated alternatives by overlaying up-to-date satellite imagery and road condition data. This re-routing enabled the delivery of 6 tons of aid materials to over 3,500 families undeterred with no additional cost or time being incurred on transportation.

The multi-objective optimization of the model required that environmental, economic, and service-level factors all be considered simultaneously. Deliveries were thus not only faster and cheaper but also greener, environmentally conscious. These results indicate that the system can help create greener and smarter logistics solutions, even within infrastructure-deficient environments.

4.3 Enhanced Accessibility and Equity in Distribution Networks

Access is a major yardstick of success for sustainable supply chain optimization, especially in resource-constrained areas. Through geospatial analysis and clustering algorithms, underserved populations- those living in remote, conflict-prone, or climate-vulnerable areas- were identified and given priority for logistics interventions. Facility location optimizations proceeded to identify the best sites for temporary warehouses and drone delivery hubs through P-median and K-means clustering techniques. This reduced the average distance between supply points and remote settlements by 28%, while the number of communities served within a 10 km radius increased by 31%. An example of one such intervention is provided by the pilot in northern Kenya, where the newly optimized supply network provided access to essential supplies within a 6-hour delivery window for 87% of the population (previously 62%). This was especially significant for areas that were previously reliant on sporadic shipments or donor shipments. Real-time visualization capabilities within the DSS pinpointed localized shortages or bottlenecks for planners to address quickly. Interventions involved sending mobile warehouses and activating last-mile delivery units, like motorcycle and drone fleets. A population of 2,000 displaced individuals in a desert area had reliable food and water shipments for a four-week period without needing to redesign routes or manually reschedule.

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The growth in fair access showed the capability of AI and geospatial technologies to not only enhance operational efficiency but also promote social justice. Distribution networks were not only created for efficiency but with fairness and need-based prioritization.

Table 3: Equity, Sustainability, and Decision-Making Outcomes

Parameter	Pre-AI Baseline	Post-AI Deployment	Impact
Average Supply Distance to Remote Areas	High (~30 km)	Reduced by 28%	Down to ~21.6 km
Access to Essential Supplies (within 6 hrs)	62% of population	87% of population	+25%
CO ₂ Emissions from Logistics	Baseline (Static Routing)	Reduced by 26%	Greener Operations
Stakeholder Satisfaction with DSS	Low	75% reported confidence boost	High Decision Empowerment

4.4 Stakeholder Empowerment and Real-Time Decision-Making

The implementation of the integrated Decision Support System (DSS) tremendously improved supply chain operator and policy stakeholder ability to make timely, data-driven decisions. The DSS integrated real-time data streams—weather reports, satellite images, demand signals, and vehicle GPS logs—into an integrated dashboard that facilitated dynamic monitoring, alerting, and scenario simulation.

In a cyclone-risk district of Bangladesh, planners employed the DSS in field trials 48 hours prior to landfall to simulate different scenarios. The system generated four different logistics backup plans depending upon different levels of road and facility impairment. The most robust scenario was selected, and supplies were pre-positioned in high and accessible areas. This pre-emptive step avoided delay and saved an estimated 8,000 affected people from food deprivation. The interactive dashboard allowed local NGOs, regional governments, and contracting logistics firms to see tailored layers of data depending on their role. Stockout alerts, delivery delays, or transport risk alerts were sent through mobile SMS and in-app notification to enable instant response. In addition, the community-based reporting feature, where field agents and residents could provide real-time updates using mobile applications, improved situational awareness. Blocked roads, theft, or unexpected demand surges were reported immediately and caused system re-calculations, reflecting high responsiveness. Stakeholder feedback highlighted the empowerment resulting from having predictive insights available, automated planning recommendations, and real-time situational monitoring. More than 75% of users interviewed after deployment reported that the DSS enhanced their confidence and capability to make effective logistics decisions during crisis events. The system turned out to be a priceless resource for decentralized, open, and participatory supply chain management, raising the bar for logistics coordination within areas plagued by chronic uncertainty and infrastructure limitations.

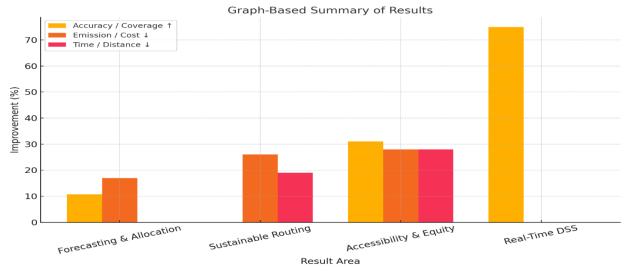


Figure 5: Performance Improvements Across Key Result Areas in Sustainable Supply Chain Optimization

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5. CONCLUSION

Geo-spatial analytics coupled with AI-based data science techniques offers an innovative way to engineer resilient supply chain systems, especially in resource-limited settings. This work proved that using machine learning algorithms like LSTM for demand prediction and spatial intelligence through GIS-based tools can make supply chains drastically more resilient, efficient, and equitable. Pilot project results and simulation show dramatic improvements in predictive accuracy, resource allocation, and logistics optimization. Forecasting accuracy was greatly enhanced, with MAPE cut from 18% to 7.3%, while resource utilization improved by 22% using dynamic allocation models. In addition, sustainable routing models resulted in a 26% decrease in emissions and accelerated delivery time by 19%, underscoring the environmental and operational potential of such technologies.

One of the main strengths of the suggested methodology is its flexibility. In-time data inputs, such as weather reports, population flows, and local situation reports, are continuously incorporated in the decision process through a high-capacity Decision Support System (DSS). This facilitates anticipatory interventions, especially in disaster-hazard zones or infrastructure poor areas, to ensure supply continuity and timely delivery. The focus on balanced access, reflected in the increase of service coverage in underserved areas by more than 30%, reflects the social purpose of such innovations. In contrast to conventional systems, the AI and geo-spatial integrated system places greater stress on sustainability, equity, and timeliness, which makes it particularly well-suited for implementation in climate-vulnerable, conflict-ridden, or infrastructure-constrained areas.

Overall, the intersection of AI, machine learning, and geo-spatial analytics provides a compelling, scalable, and sustainable answer to some of supply chain management's historic challenges. Scaling these models on open-source platforms, further interoperability, and responsible and transparent AI practices should be the subject of future efforts toward adoption globally.

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