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## **ABSTRACT**

The drying up of the hand dug wells in Jos South L.G.A worsens the problem of water scarcity which is becoming progressively intense with growing population. This has been attributed to poor assessment of groundwater potential zones prior to water exploration in the area and there is no known study that investigated groundwater potential in the area. In this study, an attempt has been made to assess the possible groundwater potential zones in the Jos South Local Government Area, Plateau State using geospatial techniques. The data used include topographic map, satellite imageries and literatures while the thematic layers considered in this study include elevation, rainfall, drainage density, lineament density, geology, soil, slope steepness and landuse/landcover. All the thematic layers were then assigned weights according to their relative importance in groundwater occurrence and the corresponding normalized weights were obtained based on Saaty's Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP). Eight thematic maps of factors contributing to groundwater recharge were generated and integrated in ArcGIS 10.1 environment using weighed sum overlay in spatial analyst tool. The resulted groundwater potential zoning map was validated based on existing geophysical investigation data of the study area, by determining the relationship between the results obtained using Remote Sensing and geographic information system technology with that of electrical resistivity. Nine (9) electrical resistivity (one for each location) in Vom, Rayfield, Dutsen Kato, Barkin Columbai, Bukuru, Gyel, Kuru, Du and Shen were overlaid on the groundwater potential map generated from the integration of the various thematic maps. The coverage of the groundwater potential was estimated using the geometry calculator. Areas with larger value of aquifer thickness have high groundwater potential and areas with low aquifer thickness have low groundwater potential. Vom which has

aquifer thickness of 45m has the highest groundwater potential from electrical resistivity also has very high ground water from GIS method. On the other hand, Dutsen Kato and Du which both have aquifer thickness of 25m each were found to have low groundwater potential by resistivity method and very low from the GIS and remote sensing technique too. Thus, very good groundwater potential zones were identified in the Northern and Northeastern areas around Rayfield and Bukuru respectively, while the areas with low potential lie in the Western areas around Gyel. Very good groundwater potential zones in the study area occupies 14.1%, good potential occupies 22.4%, moderate occupies 15.0% while fair and low constitute of 23.9% and 24.6% respectively. Since the very good groundwater potential zones were identified in the Northern, North-eastern and Southern parts of the study area, it is important that the decision makers consider these areas when conducting groundwater exploration.

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# **CHAPTER ONE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background to the Study**

Water is an important constituent of all forms of life and is required in sufficient quantity and acceptable quality to meet the ever increasing demand for various domestic, agricultural and industrial processing operations. This requirement is hardly fulfilled because 97.5 % of the world global water is saline existing in the ocean, 69.5 % of the remaining 2.5 % world global water that is fresh is locked up in glaciers while 30.1 % and 0.4 % of it represent groundwater and surface/atmospheric water respectively (Oloruniwo and Olorunfemi, 1987). Water in rivers and lakes only account for less than 1% of the World's fresh water reserves (Jain, 1998). There has been an increase in the demand for freshwater due to rapid growth of population as well as the accelerated pace of industrialization in the last few decades. This demand has led to the use of groundwater not only for its wide spread occurrence and availability but also for its constituent good quality which makes it ideal for drinking (Yisa and Jimoh, 2010).

Groundwater is the largest available reservoir of fresh water, it comes from rain, snow sheet and hail that infiltrate the ground and become the groundwater responsible for the spring, wells and bore holes (Oseji, Atakpo, and Okolie, 2005).

Groundwater potential in an area is controlled by many factors such as geology, geomorphology, drainage, slope, depth of weathering, presence of fractures, surface water bodies, canals and irrigated fields amongst others (Jain, 1998).

Slope for example is one of the factors that control the rate of infiltration of rainwater into the subsurface and could therefore be used as an index of groundwater potential evaluation. In the gentle slope area the runoff is slow allowing more time for rainwater to percolate, whereas

high slope area facilitates high runoff allowing less residence time for rainwater hence comparatively less infiltration (Jain, 1998). The groundwater occurrence in a geological formation and the scope for its exploitation primarily depends on the formation of porosity. Topographical depressions increase infiltration. An area of high drainage density also increases surface runoff compared to a low drainage density area. Surface water bodies like rivers, ponds, etc., can act as recharge zones (Murugesan, Thirunavukkarasu, Senapathi and Balasubramanian, 2012).

Groundwater refers to all waters stored beneath the surface of the Earth (the zone of saturation) in aquifers (Dasgupta and Sikdar, 1992). This aquifer is a unit of rock or an unconsolidated deposit that can yield a usable quantity of water (Onu, 2003). Aquifers are also known as underground reservoirs otherwise called underground flood and the water that reaches this chamber is usually much cleaner than the one at the earth surface (Gustafsson, 1994). Aquifers typically consist of gravel, sandstone, or fractured rock, like limestone. These materials are permeable because they have large connected spaces that allow water to flow through. Aquifer could be confined or unconfined (Gustafsson, 1994).

Confined aquifers are sandwiched between rock layers that are either effectively impermeable or have very low permeability. However, a combination of the two can occur and that aquifer is called Leaky or a semi-confined aquifer (Dasgupta and Sikdar, 1992). In order to use the water stored in an aquifer, it is necessary first to locate the aquifer, map its size, extent and depth, and then estimate recharge and discharge rates of water. The effects of additional extraction wells on the aquifer and its structural integrity must also be assessed (Benkabbour *et al.*, 2004).

Unconfined aquifers lie very near the water table, with little or no overlying rock or sediment and their water is usually at atmospheric pressure. Most local groundwater comes from unconfined aquifers made of loose slope materials, sands, gravels, and floodplain deposits left by stream and rivers (Benkabbour *et al.*, 2004).

Due to inherent qualities of ground water, it has become an immensely important and dependable source of water supplies in all climatic regions both in urban and rural areas of developed and developing countries (Ademilua, 1997).

The ever increasing demand for water especially for domestic purpose has led to widespread and very intensive search for water in all parts of Nigeria most especially in the crystalline complex where the occurrence and movement of groundwater in a crystalline bedrock setting depends on the degree of weathering and extent of fracturing of the rocks (Oloruniwo and Olorunfemi, 1987). The supply of fresh water to Nigerians has been inadequate and has subjected the inhabitants to resort to drinking water from wells (Sander, 2007). Nigerian government has invested a lot over the years in providing water for industrial, agricultural and domestic purposes. Despite all the government's effort, the Federal Ministry of Water Resources (2000) estimated that only 58% of the inhabitants of the urban and semi urban areas of Nigeria and 39% of rural areas have access to potable water supply which goes to show that a large part of the Nigerian population still do not have access to water of adequate quality and quantity (Sander, 2007).

Jos South Local Government Area is an extensively mined area, which was dominated by use of heavy earth moving equipments and draglines. As a result, the zone is characterized by deep excavation filled with contaminated water from tin mine ponds (Alkali and Yusuf, 2010).

These ponds formed during tin mining are the major source of water supply both for irrigation farming, fisheries, and of domestic purpose in some part of the area (Adiuku, 1999). During the rainy season the ponds carry huge amount of water and in the dry season it carries low quantity of water causing severe water scarcity in the area since most of the ponds and surface source have been heavily polluted and expensive to develop (Ogezi, 2007).

In order to meet the need for water, the Federal government in 1981 initiated the National borehole programme, marking a turning point in the groundwater resources development in Nigeria. In addition to this, the Plateau State government established some agencies to manage water projects on the Plateau these include; Plateau State Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (PRUWASSA), Plateau State Ministry of Water Resources and Energy (PMWRE), Plateau State water board, Plateau State Agricultural Development Program (PADP) all with the responsibility of providing safe drinking water, sanitation and to facilitate water supply in rural communities (Onugba and Eduvie, 2003). Despite their various efforts, an appreciable result is yet to be achieved in the area for adequate groundwater development (Onugba and Eduvie, 2003).

In Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau state, groundwater exploration is gaining greater attention due to increasing demand for water supply, especially in areas with inadequate pipe-borne and surface water. The drying up of the hand dug wells in the area worsens the problem which is becoming progressively intense with growing population. This has been attributed to poor assessment of groundwater potential zones prior to water exploration in the area. These communities therefore rely on self-water supply sources such as unreclaimed lotto mine wells, river, canal, and mine ponds which play host to many diseases, such as malaria, typhoid fever, cholera, dysentery, cancer and as such, the people are vulnerable to these diseases.

Several conventional methods exist for the exploration and preparation of groundwater potential map of an area. These methods include; geological, geospatial, geophysical and hydrogeological. However, geospatial amongst these methods is considered to be more favorable as it is less expensive and applicable even in inaccessible areas. It is a rapid and cost effective tool in producing valuable data in geology and geomorphology (Sarma and Saraf, 2002).

Therefore there is need to assess the groundwater potential zones for effective yield during exploration in order to meet the water demand of the people. Hence this study focuses on the use of Remote Sensing and GIS in assessing groundwater potential zones in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State.

## **1.2 Statement of the Research Problem**

Groundwater is gaining more attention due to drought problem, rural water supply, irrigation project and its low cost of development. The growing importance of groundwater is due to an increasing need for water which has led to unscientific exploitation of groundwater creating a water stress condition (Oteze, 2006). Despite the extensive research and technological advancement, the study of groundwater has remained more risky, as there is no direct method to facilitate observation of water below the surface. Its presence or absence can only be inferred indirectly by studying the geological and surface parameters (Oteze, 2006).

In Nigeria like in many other African countries, the provision of water for the teeming population is usually stated as one of the cardinal objectives of Government. In Plateau State specifically, many water provision initiatives have been undertaken over the years, though achievements have been recorded in certain areas, water provision in the state cannot be described as a complete success story (Mallo, 2007).

Severe water scarcity has been one problem citizens of Jos South Local Government Area had to contend with. Of the 3.6 million people in Plateau State, only those in Jos the state capital, could boast of access to potable water, though not all residents of the city have access to drinkable water (Onugba and Eduvie, 2003). Water projects constructed about 40 years ago when the state was created are no longer capable of providing enough water for the ever-growing population. This development has subjected the people of the state to rely on other sources of water such as; rain water, water from abandoned mining ponds which are seasonal and groundwater (PRUWASSA, 2012). Hand dug wells in the area yield little water which dries up eventually due poor construction and also lack of information on groundwater potential zone before groundwater exploration, likewise the poor yields from boreholes constructed by government agencies and other private organizations (Onugba and Eduvie, 2003).

Various researches and studies have been carried out on groundwater potential all with different views and opinion. For instance, Abiola, Enikanselu and Oladapo, (2009) used 51 Schlumberger Vertical Electrical Soundings (VES) to study the groundwater potential and aquifer protective capacity of overburden units in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, southwestern Nigeria. According to them, the area is underlain by the Precambrian basement complex of southwestern Nigeria with the local geology predominantly been granite-gneiss and migmatite. Their interpretation revealed three distinct geoelectric layers overlying the resistive basement, the topsoil, the weathered layer and the partially weathered/fractured basement. The depth to the top of basement (overburden thickness) varied from 1.0 to 74.8m across the study area. Groundwater potential and overburden protective capacity maps were prepared. The VES assisted in the categorization of the area into high, medium and low groundwater potential zones. The clay content of the overburden was high, which informed the low groundwater potential rating but

enhanced the overburden protective capacity. The characteristic longitudinal unit conductance (ranging from 0.004 to 2.11 mhos) of the area enabled the overburden protective capacity rating into good, moderate and weak. About 60% of the area fell within the good/moderate rating, suggesting a generally good overburden protective capacity around the area.

Abel and Moshood, (2011) mapped out the occurrence of groundwater in the Basement Complex terrain of Ekiti area, Southwestern Nigeria. They observed that, the aquifers were characteristically discontinuous (localized) warranting assessment of the groundwater potential of the area to serve as a guide for groundwater exploration. Thematic maps of geology, geomorphology, lineament, slope, drainage and drainage density were prepared and integrated using ArcGIS 9.1 software to produce the groundwater potential map of the area. They produced a groundwater potential map in which the study area was categorized into zones; very good, moderately good and poor. Furthermore, superimposition of the groundwater yield data from the study area on the groundwater potential map revealed that there were more number of high-yield wells in the favorable zones (very good to moderately good). Their study highlighted that the groundwater potential map would apart from its role as exploration guide be useful for the development of sustainable groundwater scheme in the area.

Waikar, Aditya and Nilawar, (2014) assessed the potential zone of groundwater recharge and its importance for the protection of water quality and the management of groundwater systems of Western India. They integrated RS and GIS techniques. In their findings the basements in the area have very little fractures which prevent water from getting to the aquifer. The parameters which they considered for identifying the groundwater potential zone such as geology, slope, drainage density, geomorphic units and lineament density were generated using the satellite data and survey of India (SOI) toposheets of scale 1:50,000 and further integrated

with weighted overlay in ArcGIS. Suitable ranks were assigned for each category of these parameters. For the various geomorphic units, weight factors were decided based on their capability to store groundwater. The procedure was repeated for all the other layers and resultant layers were reclassified. They classified groundwater potential zones into five categories like very poor, poor, moderate, good and excellent. It is a known fact that there is scarcity of water in the study area (Onugba and Eduvie, 2003). Data on groundwater in the area is inadequate for the assessment of groundwater potential and there is no known study that investigated groundwater potential of the study area. This study will therefore, focus on the use of GIS and Remote sensing in assessing groundwater potential zones in the study area which could serve as a guide when conducting groundwater exploration.

In order to achieve the purpose of the research, the following guiding questions or lines of inquiry are devised:

1. What are features for determining the groundwater potential zone in Jos South?
2. What is the spatial distribution of groundwater potential zones in Jos South L.G.A?
3. Are there any relationships between the result obtained using geospatial technique with that of geophysical survey for determining groundwater potential zones in Jos South L.G.A/metropolis?

### **1.3 Aim and Objectives**

The aim of the study is to assess the groundwater potential of Jos South Local Government Area Plateau State Nigeria using geospatial techniques. This can be achieved through the following set of objectives which are to:

- i. establish/identify the features for determining groundwater potentials in Jos South
- ii. establish the spatial distribution pattern of groundwater potential zones in Jos South

- iii. determine the relationships between result obtained using geospatial technique with that of geophysical technique

#### **1.4 Scope of the Study**

The study area Jos South is the second largest Local Government Areas of Plateau State, it comprises of three districts; Du, Kuru and Vwang each districts has many villages such as Vom, Bukuru, Barkin Turu, Dagai, Wat, Daken, Dati, Shen, Du, Gero, Rayfield, Doi Du, Gyel etc. This study focuses on the assessment of groundwater potential zones using Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System. The factors to be considered in the study would include geology, lineament, land-use/land-cover, drainage, rainfall, soil, and slope.

#### **1.5 Justification for the Study**

It is very important to know the groundwater potential of an area before embarking on any further exploration, as these will provide information on the water potential of the area, which in turn will prevent sudden dry up of boreholes during dry season and prevent minimal yield and supply from the boreholes.

The scarcity of water in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State warrants for a detailed investigation of the groundwater potential characteristics of the area so that an exploration guide as well as sustainable groundwater management strategy can be developed. There is the need for accurate estimate of the available subsurface resources for the importance of proper planning to ensure the continued availability of water.

This study will serve as a guide to the Government, and Non-Government Organizations and other stakeholders involved in water exploration. Also other water agencies in Plateau State can benefit from this research.

## CHAPTER TWO

### CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter reviewed relevant literature related to the topic of study. It touches the concept of groundwater, factors affecting groundwater storage, remote sensing and GIS, groundwater hydrology, and applications of geophysical method to groundwater exploration.

#### 2.2 Conceptual Framework

##### 2.2.1 Concept of Groundwater

Water is a chemical substance with a chemical formulae  $H_2O$ . Water covers 70.9% of the earth's surface and it is vital for all known forms of life. On earth, it is found mostly in oceans and other large water bodies, with 1.6% of water below ground in aquifers, 0.01% in the air as vapour, cloud and precipitation, 97% in ocean as surface water, 2.4% as glaciers and ice caps, 0.65% in rivers lakes and ponds as other surface water bodies. A very small amount of earth's water is contained within biological bodies and manufactured products (BBC report, 2007).

Macdonald (2005) pointed out that there are still at least 1.1 billion people across the world that does not have access to safe drinking water. Groundwater comprises water that exists beneath the land surface, held within openings or pores of soils and geological formations. According to most classical definitions, this term refers exclusively to water occurring at or beneath a surface, known as the water table. Below the water table is a region known as saturated zone where pores are completely filled with water Macdonald (2005). Trimmer (2000) defines

groundwater as water that naturally occurs in porous rock materials underground. Groundwater potential means having a latent possibility or likelihood of occurrence of groundwater in an area. Areas or zones of abundant groundwater available for use are referred to as areas of good groundwater potential. Productive water bearing zones referred to as good groundwater potential aquifers. The search for groundwater has become quite intense in human history. This is due to the fact that government is unable to meet the ever increasing water demand; inhabitants have had to look for alternative sources such as surface streams, shallow wells and boreholes (Trimmer, 2000). Groundwater exploration is carried out in many ways ranging from traditional to modern methods. Everyday groundwater exploration is developing through new means and devices, Meijirik (2007) reports that exploration for groundwater using photo geology was a major field of interest in the past and still is in areas covered in adequately by geological maps. This is with regards to geological point of view. The classic work of Ray (1960) has assisted many beginners in the field of hydrogeology.

### 2.2.2 Factors Affecting Groundwater Storage

Groundwater storage depends on aquifer parameters, rate of water movement and recharge of the aquifers. Groundwater movement like surface water is affected by the nature of slope or elevation. Thomas (2003) states that groundwater moves from higher elevations to lower elevations and from location of higher pressure to location of lower pressure. Typically this movement is quite slow, on order of less than one foot per day to a few tens of feet per day. He also stated that the science of groundwater movement is described as groundwater hydraulics. In groundwater hydraulic, it is hydraulic head that determine groundwater movement. Groundwater movement is rapid in gravels and sands and slow in clay or in tiny rock features. The ability of a

rock layer or geologic formation to move water is called hydraulic conductivity. Factors determining groundwater movement and storage in any form of aquifer are hydraulic properties or dimension of aquifers, type of aquifer confined or unconfined and climate that is in terms of rainfall recharge (David, John and Scott, 1997).

In another development Buddemeir and Schloss (2000) pointed out that groundwater development potential yield depend on aquifer characteristics such as hydraulic conductivity, aquifer thickness, storability, aerial extent, groundwater levels, available drawdown and recharge. This indicates that nature of soil, geology; climate and properties of aquifer are the major factors controlling movement and storage of groundwater in any part of the world. Groundwater recharge and storage in shallow unconfined aquifer is complex, and is dependent upon the occurrence, intensity and duration of precipitation, temperature, humidity, wind velocity as well as character and thickness of soil and rock above the water table and the surface topography, vegetation and land use (Arnold *et al.*,2000). Groundwater storage depends also on meteorological conditions, as well as soil type, soil-moisture status, vegetation cover and condition, slope, cultivation practices and most of all, on evapotranspiration, which is a function of the other factors (Cheng- HawLee, Wei-ping and Ru-huanglee, 2006).

### 2.2.3 Groundwater Potential Zones

Groundwater potential means having a latent possibility or likelihood of occurrence of groundwater in an area. Areas or zones of abundant groundwater available for use are referred to as areas of good groundwater potential. Productive water bearing zones referred to as good groundwater potential aquifers.

The search for groundwater has become quite intense in human history. This is due to the fact that government is unable to meet the ever increasing water demand; inhabitants have had to look for alternative sources such as surface streams, shallow wells and boreholes. This can be achieved through groundwater potential studies. For example Matthew (2006) pointed out that the groundwater potential of United States is divided into principal aquifers of over 300,000km<sup>2</sup>, principal aquifers of over 20,000km<sup>2</sup>, principal aquifers of less than 20,000km<sup>2</sup> and non-principal aquifers. Classification of areas into groundwater potential zones or classes is not a new issue in the field of hydrology.

Ali-elnaqa, Nezar, Khalil and Masdouq (2009) determined groundwater potential of Wadi Arabia and classified the area into 40% of higher potential, 40% moderate potential, 17% low potential and the rest were undecided. Groundwater potential is determined using remote sensing and GIS to evaluate the water resource potential.

Assessment of groundwater potential in Nigeria was conducted through delineation of aquifers by many researchers. Okoro *et al* (2010), evaluated groundwater potentials in parts of escarpment areas of south-eastern Nigeria through delineation of aquifers, the groundwater potential zones were classified as high, medium, low and poor potential zones.

#### 2.2.4 Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System

The concept of remote sensing and GIS are used in groundwater exploration. Lillesan and Kiefer (2000) stated that remote sensing can be define as the science of obtaining information about an object, area or phenomenon through the analysis of data acquired by device that is not in contact with the object, area or phenomenon under investigation while GIS is a tool for

analyzing remotely sensed data. The main reason for using remote sensing in groundwater exploration is cost effectiveness of well sites selection. Information on geology, geomorphology, land management and soil classes are mapped using remote sensing and GIS to identify potential groundwater zones (Taylor *et al.*, 1999).

Raghu and Venkata (2009) used integrated Remote sensing and GIS approach to identified groundwater potential zones of Vemulawada, Karimnagar District using high resolution Indian remote sensing satellite, IRC-IC false colour composite geocoded PAN + LISS-III merged satellite data, they found out that the basements in the area have very little fractures which prevented water from getting to the aquifer.

Candra *et al* (2010) also used RS and GIS in groundwater exploration, they used DEM, slope map, soil map, hydro geomorphology map and analyse them using ARC GIS 9.3 version spatial analyst. In their study, the groundwater potentiality of the area was assessed through integration of various layers including hydrogeomorphology, lineament, slope, aquifer thickness and clay thickness grid environment. The criteria for GIS analysis was defined on the basis of groundwater and appropriate weightage assigned to each information layer according to the contribution towards desired output. The groundwater potential map was generated and model was verified with field data to ascertain the validity of the model developed. The results showed that the groundwater potential zones demarcated through the model were in agreement with the bore well field data.

In recent years, intensive use of satellite remote sensing has made it easier to define the spatial distribution on different groundwater prospect water zones on the basis of geomorphology, hydrogeology and other associated features (Baber, 2001). Remote sensing and

GIS played significant role in groundwater exploration at both regional and local levels. Remote sensing data is capable of identifying potential areas of groundwater through delineation of geomorphic features like paleo channels, older flood plains, valley fills, alluvial plains, pediments, abandoned channels, Pedi plains and lineaments. High resolution satellite image is suitable for any groundwater exploration analysis due to its effectiveness and potentiality in completing the task. High-resolution satellite data has the potential to infer buried pediment plains and inter connected zones for the selection of groundwater exploration and artificial recharge sites (Mukherjee, 2008).

The use of satellite remote sensing for groundwater exploration is an established procedure which has a long pedigree. Remote sensing in conjunction with the contemporary studies is evolving increasingly as a powerful means to target potential groundwater resources. Remotely sensed data provides valuable information on the drainage pattern and drainage density, which have a bearing on the recharge conditions and permeability of rocks. Dykes which act as groundwater barrier can be easily identified on the imagery (Chandra *et al*, 2010). This is applicable to Basement Complex regions and other hard rock terrains if combined with ground truthing data.

#### 2.2.5 Groundwater Hydrology

Hydrology is the study of water resources while groundwater hydrology is the study of groundwater resources. Groundwater is the water that fills pores and fractures in the ground, just as milk fills the voids within bits of granola in a breakfast bowl (Thomas, 2003). Groundwater supplies are obtained from aquifers, which are sub surface units of rocks and unconsolidated sediments which are capable of yielding water in usable quantities to wells, boreholes and

springs. The hydrological characteristics of aquifers and chemical content of groundwater determine availability and suitability of groundwater resources for uses and development. Groundwater hydrology is beyond just study of groundwater resources but rather it is extended to include understanding what constitutes groundwater, how it develops or accumulates and how it moves. Groundwater hydrology helps many groups of people from farmers to rural homeowners to industrialist to well drillers learned about the development, occurrence and conservation of groundwater. Groundwater hydrology deal with all basic principles related to groundwater occurrence and development. Groundwater occupies the cracks and pore spaces between rocks and mineral grains below the land surface. Groundwater hydrology is the subdivision of the science of hydrology that deals with the occurrence, movement and quality of water beneath the earth's surface. It is interdisciplinary in scope in that it involves the application of physical, biological and mathematical sciences (Ralph, 1987).

Groundwater hydrology is a science whose successful application is of critical importance to the welfare of mankind and it is used in investigation and solving groundwater problems. The investigation involves groundwater occurrence and its position in the ground. Water in the saturated zone is the only underground water that is available to supply wells and springs and is the only water to which the name groundwater is correctly applied (Ralph, 1987).

In the saturated zone, especially all of the pores are filled with water (Buddemeier and Schloss, 2000). Groundwater is the part of precipitation that enters the ground and percolates down ward through unconsolidated materials and opening in bedrock until it reaches the water table. Water table is the topmost surface of groundwater. The zone between surface of the land and water table is called unsaturated zone and is the passage where the water move down and replenish the ground. Geologic formation that contain large amount of water is called aquifer, a

formation that acts as water barrier between aquifers is called aquitard and a formidable flow barrier between aquifers is known as aquiclude (Thomas, 2003).

Aquifers are of two major types which are unconfined and confined. An unconfined aquifer is the one having no overlaying aquitard or aquiclude while confined aquifer the sandwiched between an aquitard above an aquiclude or aquitard such as the bed rock below it. All rocks or sediments contain openings, through which water flows. These openings are called voids, pores or interstices. Porosity of rock is its property of containing open spaces and can be expressed as the ratio of the total volume of its pore spaces to its total bulk rock volume. Thus porosity is expressed as percentage of total volume of rock which contains water. The size, shape and sorting of material determines the amount and interconnection of inter-granular pores and sand gravels deposits have high proportion of pore space and high permeability. Fine-grained or clay-rich deposits have a greater proportion of pores but a lower degree of permeability (Claudia, Diane and Grenville, 2006).

Study of these characteristics and properties of rocks, sediments, layers and their properties are very useful in groundwater hydrological investigations. Many studies were conducted on groundwater hydrology and of which aquifer properties, sediment materials and rock properties were considered. Among these studies one was conducted by Buddemeier and

Schloss (2000) in West Fork white river basin at Kansas. In their study potentiometric meter measurement of water level was undertaken using transect, well data and yield. The result of their study indicated that groundwater supply in the basin was obtained from unconsolidated and bedrock aquifer systems. In the study seven unconsolidated aquifer systems were identified, nine bed rock aquifer systems were identified and groundwater level elevations in the basin ranged from 1150 feet m.s.l. Areas of recharge and discharge were identified and groundwater resource map was produced and the area was described to have regional aquifer system.

Marshal *et al.* (2008) undertook groundwater hydrology study of Deschutes basin in Oregon. In the study groundwater fluctuation was measured from wells, annual water level was measured, quantitative evaluation of groundwater and stream was undertaken, water balance was calculated from people's opinion and average annual rate of canal leakage was estimated. Result of their study indicated that precipitation was 3,500 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, it was discovered that rain water enters into groundwater through inter basin flow, 800ft<sup>3</sup> flows into metolious river drainage showing that groundwater discharge was caused by geologic factors, in summer groundwater was approximately 4,000ft<sup>3</sup>/s and estimated groundwater use in the area is 30ft<sup>3</sup>/s.

In another development Kadam and Sankhua (2012) studied groundwater hydrology of Upper Karha watershed in India. In their study hydrogeomorphological mapping coupled with ground truth investigation was undertaken. Layers used in the study include hydrogeomorphology, landuse land cover, soil, slope and geology. Weighted overlay analysis in Arc-GIS environment was used to integrate the reclassified raster layers. Groundwater potential zones were identified to be excellent 0.40%, good 20.19%, moderate 64.11%, poor 14.93% and nil 0.36% of the study area.

#### 2.2.6 Geophysical Measurement using (VES)

Geophysical measurements are also known for groundwater exploration using seismic methods, geophorning, schulumberger array and wenner array methods. Integrated geophysical tools, especially resistivity, electromagnetically more recently, nuclear magnetic resonance methods, are commonly used in groundwater exploration, mainly due to close relationship between electrical conductivity and some hydrological parameters (Sultan *et al.*, 2009).

Resistivity methods are used in detecting groundwater presence and differentiating subsurface layers. Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) is very useful in groundwater study especially when supported by other techniques of data collections. Emmanuel *et al* (2011) described VES method as a depth sounding method and have proved to be useful in groundwater studies and it is capable of investigating rock resistivity and properties which depends on lithology fluid contents.

Coker, Makinda and Olowefola (2008) conducted groundwater exploration in Oke-Bada Estate parts of Ibadan. In their study VES survey was carried out and borehole data was also used to validate the result. Four to Three layer configurations were identified. It is also seen that areas of low resistivity are areas of high porosity and high groundwater potential. Aquifer units thickness maps were produced using GIS analysis where poor, moderate, and good aquifers were identified.

Bello and Makinde (2009) undertake groundwater exploration study in Nupe Basin Kwara State using VES survey and bore holes data. Electrode spacing of AB/2 with bilogarithmic graph sheet was used. 3-5 layers were identified and the water was discovered in the weathered basement.

Julius (2009) used schlumberger array method with borehole data to study groundwater potential and recharge zones in parts of Delta state. In His study there was no use of G.I.S or remote sensing approach. Schulumberger array method was used together with depth to water level data obtained from handdug wells data, elevation and locations were taken using GPS. The

result revealed that 4 to 5 layer configurations were identified and weathered basement was the promising area of groundwater potential.

Emmanuel *et al.* (2011) investigated groundwater condition of Moniya area in Ibadan where ABEM Terrameter SAS 300B was used; current electrode spacing (A/B) of 100m was used boreholes data was used. Result indicate that 3-4 layer configurations were identified. Weathered basement is the zone of high recharge, VES results are interpreted based on standards of resistivity values developed by Grant and West (1965) and based on Archie law as stated by Barnard (2003). (Table 2.1)

**Table 2.1 Convectional Classification of Resistivity in relation to Groundwater occurrence**

S/N	Resistivity (Ohm-m)	Depth (M)	Remark on Groundwater Occurrence
1.	Above 500 Ohm-m	<10 - 20	Low
2.	300 – 450	20- 30	Moderate
3.	30 – 400	30 to Above	High

**Source: Grant and West (1965)**

Groundwater exploration is often carried out using remote sensing and GIS techniques. Groundwater exploration on the other hand has many problems such as the paucity of existing data, the high cost of data gathering (subsurface and surface techniques) and relatively remote target aquifer. Remote sensing techniques and Geographic information system (GIS) techniques are considered the most appropriate new alternative tools for groundwater exploration (Moore, 1982).

The main advantage of using remote sensing and GIS techniques for groundwater exploration are reduction of cost and time needed, the fast extraction of information on the occurrence of groundwater and the selection of promising areas for further groundwater exploration (Toleti *et al*, 2001).

## **2.3 Literature Review**

The availability of water, both in quantity and quality is the prime factor in deciding the growth of towns and cities and so on. In the age of technological revolution, many investigations have been made to study the availability of water and also its quality.

### **2.3.1 Groundwater Studies using Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques**

Many researchers have come out with procedures and techniques of generating the groundwater potential zone maps by identifying remote sensing based on spatial layers of groundwater controlling parameters using GIS.

KhairulAnam *et al* (2000) identified groundwater potential zones in Langat basin India using integrated method. They integrated and analysed Land Sat TM and borehole data based on annual rainfall, lithology, lineament density, topography, elevation, slope steepness, drainage density and soil types. The result indicated that the study area was classified into Very poor, Poor, Good, Very Good and Excellent in terms of groundwater potential.

Amaresh, Singh and Prakash (2009) Used remotely sensed data, depth to water level pre and post monsoon, geo-electrical sounding data and drilling data of Nagar block of Mirzapur district of Utter Pradesh. In this case polygons were created from thematic maps and suitable

weights were assigned to each category of class using GIS. The study area was categorised into excellent, very good, good, moderate and poor groundwater potential zones.

Mohammad, Mehdi and Timothy (2009) in Isfahak district, Eastern Iran. In this study Land Sat ETM+ was used. Thematic layers such as geomorphology, lineament, active faults, slope, land use land cover and drainage density were assigned weights according to their relative importance in groundwater occurrence using Saaty's analytical hierarchy process. Four categories of groundwater classes were identified as very good, good, moderate and poor.

Shahid *et al* (2009) used GIS and Remote Sensing in the assessment of groundwater potential of Midnapur District in India. Data obtained from VES surveys were interpolated for the estimation of the subsurface parameters. The parameters were contoured using krigging method and thematic maps were prepared. The result showed that 18% of the study area was of higher prospect, 39% of moderate prospect and 43% poor prospect.

Tesfaye (2010) studied groundwater potential of Bilate river catchment of Ethiopia through integration of lithology, geomorphology, landform, drainage density, lineament density, soil and slope using Saaty's analytical hierarchy process approach. Land sat ETM+ of the study area was used. The area was divided into very low, low moderate and high in terms of groundwater potential.

Abel and Monshood (2011) in Ekiti SW Nigeria also use integrated approach to study groundwater potential through weighted overlay analysis where land Sat and thematic maps were integrated and the result indicated that the study area was categorised into very good, good,

moderate and poor in terms of groundwater potential and among the factors lineament was found to be the most influential.

Anudu *et al* (2011) conducted research on groundwater potential in Wamba Nassarawa State Nigeria. The thematic maps they used were slope map, Drainage density, contour map and lineament density. The result indicated that lineament and drainage were the most important factors of groundwater identification in the area.

### 2.3.3 Geophysical Method

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Abiola, Enikanselu and Oladapo, (2009) used 51 Schlumberger Vertical Electrical Soundings (VES) to study the groundwater potential and aquifer protective capacity of overburden units in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, southwestern Nigeria. According to them, the area was underlain by the Precambrian basement complex of southwestern Nigeria with local geology predominantly granite-gneiss and migmatite. Their interpretation revealed three distinct geoelectric layers overlying the resistive basement, the topsoil, the weathered layer and the partially weathered/fractured basement. The depth to the top of basement (overburden thickness) varied from 1.0 to 74.8m across the study area. Groundwater potential and overburden protective capacity maps were prepared. The VES assisted in the categorization of the area into high, medium and low groundwater potential zones. The clay content of the overburden was high, which informed the low groundwater potential rating but enhanced the overburden protective

capacity. The characteristic longitudinal unit conductance (ranging from 0.004 to 2.11 mhos) of the area enabled the overburden protective capacity rating into good, moderate and weak. About 60% of the area were within the good/moderate rating, suggesting a generally good overburden protective capacity around the area.

Kavidha and Elangovan (2013) conducted an integrated study of groundwater in Erode District India. The study involved the use of Wenner array method of VES survey and weighted overlay analysis of GIS and remote sensing. The result indicated that 4-5 layers were identified. Ground water potential zones identified include very good, moderately-good, good and poor and the zones were as follows very good 1%, moderately good 20%, moderate 69% and poor 10%.

## **2.4 Summary of Literature Review**

This chapter has discussed about the review of literatures in the field of groundwater studies using remote sensing and GIS, and geophysical method. From the review of the various literatures it is evident that lot of research has been carried out in the above fields. Their analysis could be used for the study area to assess the groundwater as it requires exploring the groundwater potential for easy assessment and to overcome over exploitation in the study area.

## CHAPTER THREE

### STUDY AREA AND METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Introduction

This chapter is concerned with the description of the study area and also the methods applied to achieve the objective of the research work.

#### 3.2 The Study Area

##### 3.2.1 Location and Size

The study area is located from Latitudes  $9^{\circ}35'$  -  $9^{\circ}55'$  North of the Equator and Longitudes  $8^{\circ}37'$  -  $8^{\circ}57'$  East of the Greenwich Meridian. Jos South L.G.A includes parts of Bukuru town and extends to some parts of Rayfield (Shen opposite Buken Academy to Sparkling Junction) and other surrounding environs, all in the Jos-Bukuru Younger Granite Complex (Falconer, 1911), (See Figure 3.2).

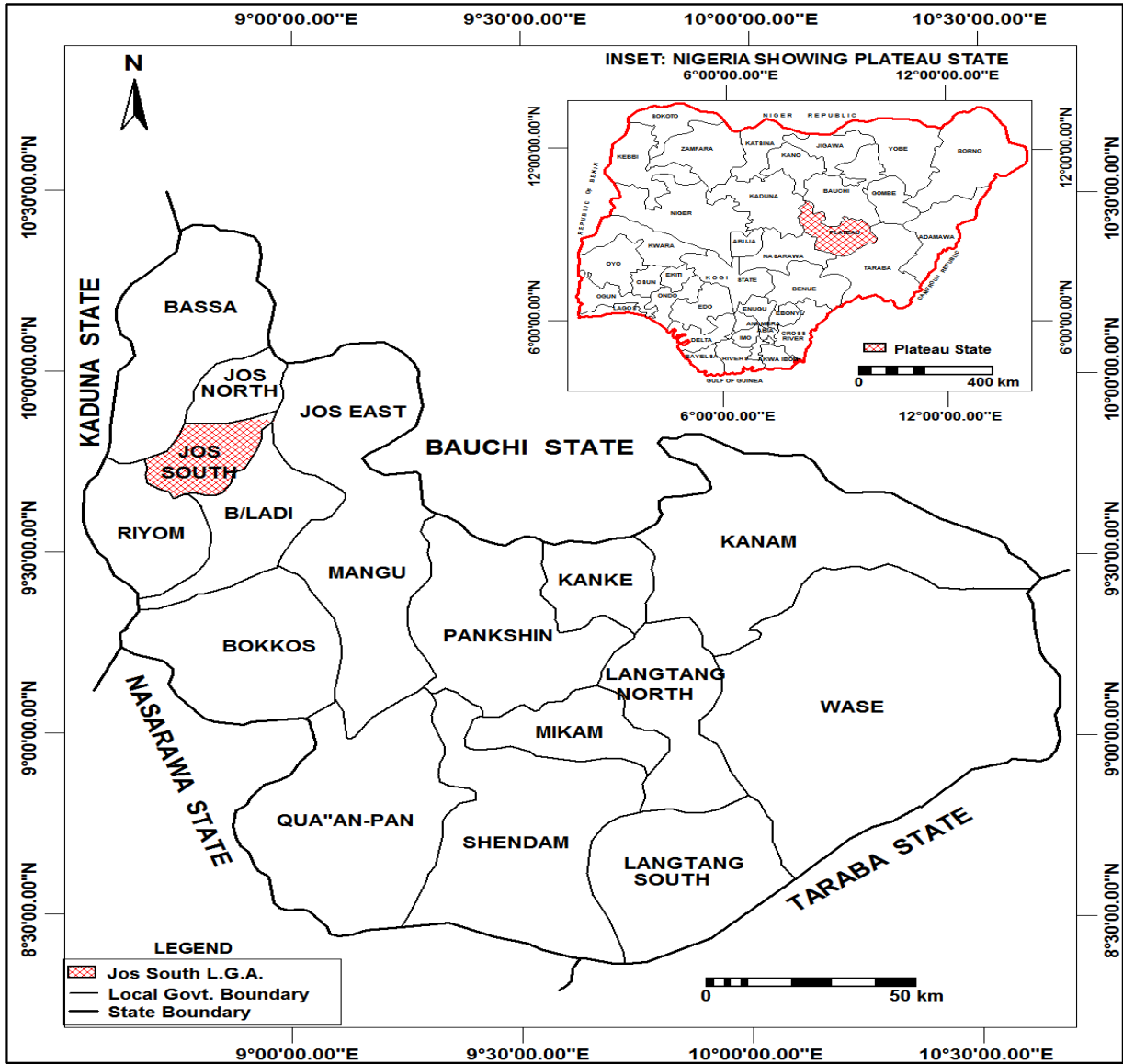


Figure 3.1: Jos South Local Govt. Area in Plateau State

Source: Adopted from Administrative map of Plateau State (2012)

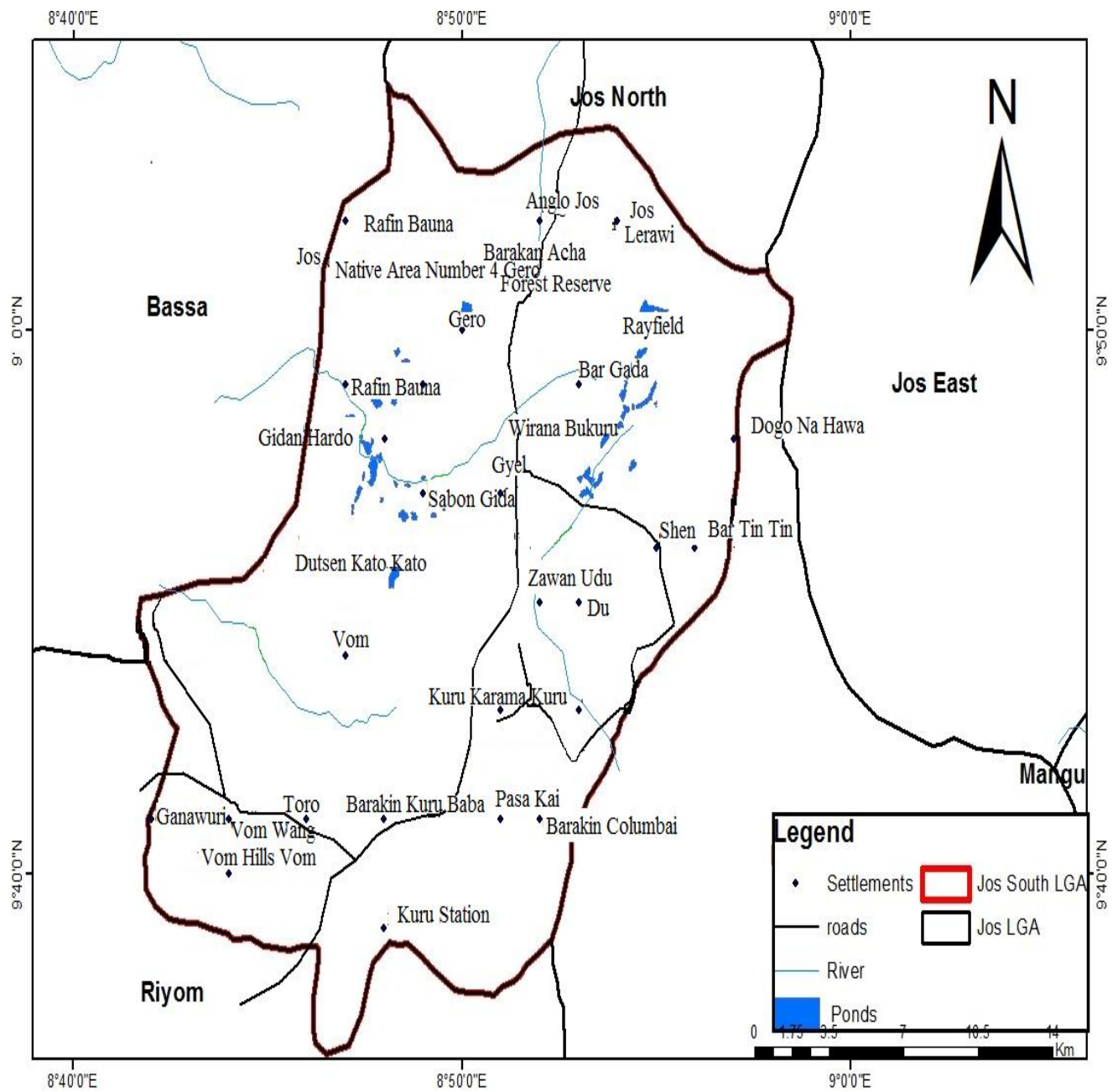


Figure 3.2: Jos South L.G.A (Study area)

Source: Adopted from Administrative map of Plateau State (2012)

### 3.2.2 Climate

Jos South falls within the Jos Plateau climatic condition of the middle belt of Nigeria. The significant repercussion of the high elevation of the Jos Plateau controls its climate which differs from the surrounding plains. The climate of Jos Plateau is typical of the tropical zone type. The moisture laden South-West trade winds and the North-East trade winds known as the harmattan, both dominate the climate of West Africa. The year is therefore divided into two seasons; the rainy and dry seasons respectively corresponding to the periods when each of these wind influence most of the West Africa.

The rainy season in Jos commences in April and lasts until October which is typical of the tropics where the rains are brought by the south-western trade winds, around this time there is sufficient water in the mine ponds, wells and other sources of water but from late October dry season sets in with prevailing water scarcity all through the season as most of the ponds, wells, tend to dry up.

Jos South has a near temperature climate with an average temperature of between 18<sup>0</sup>C and 22<sup>0</sup>C. Jos enjoys a more temperature climate than much of the rest of Nigeria. Night-time temperature drops as low as 11<sup>0</sup>C (52<sup>0</sup>F), resulting in chilly nights. Hail sometimes falls during the rainy season, owing to the cool high altitude weather. Harmattan winds cause the coldest weather between December and February. The warmest temperatures usually occur in the dry season months of March and April. The cooler temperatures have meant that, from colonial times until the present day, Jos is a favorite holiday location for both tourists and expatriates based in Nigeria (Falconer, 1911). The mean annual rainfall in Jos South varies from 131.75cm (52in) in the southern part to 146cm (57in) on the Plateau (Blench *et al.*, 2003).

### 3.2.3 Vegetation

Vegetation refers to the general distribution, density and type of plant cover present in an area. The natural vegetation of the study area is typical of the Jos Plateau, which belongs to the Northern Guinea savannah, but most of the plants have been removed by deforestation attributed to earlier tin mining in the area. At present agriculture has begun in some part of the study area, the vegetation of the area is mostly covered with grasses, shrubs, and little woodland which is heavily used for fuel, building construction and other purposes (Lar, 2007).

### 3.2.4 Drainage

The drainage system also known as river systems are the patterns formed by the streams, rivers and lakes. The main factor influencing the development of drainage is the type and attitude of the rock on which drainage develops. Several smaller streams called tributaries run from higher elevated areas and supply water to the main stream. In Jos south the drainage system comprises of a network of streams which radiate outward from the central circular or oval highland and flow down the flanks in all directions. This is called radial drainage pattern. At the eastern part of the area, the streams tend to form into a branching network system resembling a tree dendritic drainage pattern. The two drainage patterns flow from their point sources to major rivers and ponds present within the area (Lambert, David, 1998).

### 3.2.5 Relief

The unique physical features of the study area are its high relief, especially in the north. It is the general undulations dominating a region. On the Jos Plateau, the highest peak or point is located around the Shere hills, where it rises up to 1,777 meters, but the most gently undulating top lies between 915 meters and 1,300 meters with an average of about 1,250 meters (Lar, 2007).

This is expected since the study area belongs to the younger granite province, which intruded the older rocks and shows high weathering. Thus hillocks of both igneous and volcanic rock are prominent and their surroundings are low-lying plains. The landscape is characterized by flat, or broadly undulating with flat-topped hills, above which raise the picturesque alkali younger granite bodies (Lar, 2007). The average elevation of the study area is 1265m and the approximate highest elevation is about 1325m (Falconer, 1911).

### 3.2.6 Geology

The geology of the Jos Plateau is made-up of the Precambrian Basement migmatite-gneiss-quartzite complex which underlies about half of the entire State and some places has been intruded by Precambrian to the late Paleozoic Pan-African granite (Older Granite), diorite, charnockite etc. Intrusive into these Basement Complex rocks are the Jurassic anorogenic alkali Younger Granites. In association with the Younger Granites are volcanic rocks such as basalts and rhyolites that overly or cross-cut this formation as well as the Basement rocks. These volcanic rocks are believed to have been formed during the early Cenozoic (Tertiary) “Older Basalts” and Quaternary “Newer Basalts” (Macleod *et al.*, 1971). The geology of the study area falls within the Jos-Bukuru Complex which is predominantly of biotite- granite type as exhaustively studied by Falconer (1921).

### 3.2.7 Soil

The major soil units of Jos South belong to the broad category of tropical ferruginous soils, which are much thinner on the high plateau but attain greater depths in the southern part of the state. There are also sizeable pockets of loamy soil of volcanic origin in the high Plateau. These soil groups respond quite well to fertilizers. Soil erosion is a major environmental problem

on Jos Plateau. Tin mining, in its heyday, rendered some localities around Jos, Bukuru, Mangu and BarakinLadi more susceptible to soil erosion. Today, however, the soil erosion menace is being accentuated largely by over grazing which has resulted in gully along the numerous cattle paths which criss-cross the Plateau surface. The soil erosion problem in the study area is attributed to the mining activities which has disrupted the soil profile reducing its porosity and permeability making the soil to hold back groundwater (Lar, 2007).

### 3.2.8 Population and Economic Activities

The history of the establishment and growth of Jos South area is most closely related to the history of British and the tinmining industry on the Jos Plateau. Jos south Local Government Area has an area of 510km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 306,716 at the 2006 census. The high concentration of people in this region can be attributed to the attraction of mining, industrial and commercial activities. Though mining has adversely affected the morphology of Jos south metropolis not only has much arable land been lost to mining in this area, the numerous mine pits and heaps of overburden which were not effectively recovered or removed have greatly reduced its natural profile thereby altering the parameters influencing groundwater prospecting in the area. Though the ponds serve as a temporary source of water supply but also harbor several bacterial that could have adverse health effects (Lar, 2007).

## 3.3 Methodology

### 3.3.1 Reconnaissance Survey

Preliminary survey was carried out in order to familiarize the researcher with the study area during which permission was obtained for access to the study area from the head of the wards under the area covered by the study.

### 3.3.2 Types and Sources of Data

The data used for this study include topographic map, satellite imageries and literatures.

The data and their sources are given in Table 3.1.

**Table 3.1: Types and Sources of Data**

S/NO	TYPES OF DATA	SOURCE	SCALE/RESOLUTION
1	SRTM-90 2015	National Institute of Remote Sensing, Bukuru, Jos Nigeria	Spatial Resolution of 90m
2	LANDSAT 7 (2015)	National Institute of Remote Sensing, Bukuru, Jos Nigeria	Spatial Resolution of 30m
3	Topographic Map	Ministry for land survey Plateau State	Scale: 1:100,000
4	Geologic Map	Department of Geology, University of Jos	Scale 1:50000
5	Soil Map	Department of Geology, University of Jos	Scale 1:50000
6	Rainfall data (2004-2014)	Nigeria Metrological Agency (NIMET)	Scale 1:50000
7	Resistivity data	Ministry for Water Resources Plateau State	-

**Source: Author's compilation, 2016.**

### 3.3.3 Materials and Software Used

#### A. Hardware

- Laptop for GIS operations
- Global Positioning System (portable GPS) for field verification of features on the imageries.

#### B. Software

These softwares would be used for underground water potential zones in the study area:

- i. ArcGIS 10.1 for digitizing and Groundwater analysis.
- ii. ERDAS IMAGINE for image processing and classification.
- iii. PCI Geomatica v10.0 for lineament extraction.
- iv. Microsoft Excel graphical representation of charts.

### 3.3.4 Data Processing

#### *3.3.4.1 Image Processing and Classification*

LANDSAT 7 was in three different bands and the bands were layer stacked using ERDAS imagine 9.2 software; subset of the area was obtained using the ERDAS imagine software subset tool. Supervised classification was performed using maximum likelihood classifier since it is a land-use/land cover classification which was used to produce the output layer. This method of classification involves the procedure of identifying pixels possessing the same spectral features. The pixels were grouped and organized into land cover classes. The classes were built-up, vegetation, bare land, agricultural area, and water bodies as suggested by U.S.G.S classification (Anderson's Classification, 1971).

#### *3.3.4.2 Classification Scheme*

Based on the prior knowledge of the area and reconnaissance survey, a classification scheme after Anderson, Hardey, Roach and Witmer, (1976) was adopted for this study. In this

study however, the classification scheme was modified to present Built-up land, vegetation land, agriculture land, water and barren ground as shown in Table 3.2:

**Table 3.2: Land use classification scheme**

CODE	LANDUSE/LAND COVER	DESCRIPTION
<b>CLASSES</b>		
1	Build-up land	Land use for settlement and building of urban infrastructures such as schools, roads, etc.
2	Vegetated land	Land covered with natural vegetation such as grasses, shrubs, grass like-plants and natural forest.
3	Agricultural land	Land used as cropland, agricultural farmland etc.
4	Water body	Rivers, streams, ponds and dams.
5	Barren Ground	Land devoid of vegetation cover and exposed soils.

**Source: Modified from Anderson, Hardey, Roach and Witmer (1976).**

### *3.3.4.3 Processing of thematic maps*

#### a) Annual rainfall map

An annual rainfall of the study area at 2014 was prepared by the Inverse Distance Weighing (IDW) interpolation method using the rainfall measured data from NIMET meteorology stations bordering Jos South Local Government Area. This was done by entering the coordinates and the mean annual rainfall from the stations into excel and saved as .csv (comma delimited) file format. The coordinates were imported into ArcGIS and the IDW interpolation of the spatial analyst toolbox was used to produce the annual rainfall.

b) Topographic/Slope map

Topographic data is a vital element in determining the water table elevations. The Digital Elevation Model (DEM) from the SRTM data was used in producing the slope map for the study area. The Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission (SRTM) data with spatial resolution of 90m was used as the source of digital elevation model for the study. The DEM was imported into the ArcGIS version 10.1 environment. The DEM was interpolated using the krigging algorithm and slope function in the ArcToolbox of the GIS spatial analyst was used to produce the slope map of the study area at 20m interval of contour interval.

c) Drainage map

Drainage is one of the most important indicators of underground water, because drainage pattern, texture and density are controlled in a fundamental way by the underlying lithology. The drainage pattern is a reflection of the rate that precipitation infiltrates compared with the surface runoff (Chowdhury, Jha, and Machiwal, 2003). The drainage map was digitized from the DEM and the line density function under the density tool in the spatial analyst was used to produce the drainage density map.

d) Land use/Land cover map

One of the parameter that influence the sub surface groundwater occurrence is the present condition of landcover and landuse of the area. The effect of landcover/landuse is manifested either by reducing runoff to facilitate recharge or trap water on their leaf and water droplets go down to recharge groundwater or negatively they facilitate loss by evapotranspiration (especially in arid and semi-arid areas). The land use/land cover was generated from the Landsat 8 imagery of 2015 by training the classes in Erdas Imagine version 9.2. Maximum likelihood supervised

classification was carried out to classify the land cover into built-up, vegetation, bare land, agricultural area, water bodies.

e) Geology map

The nature of the geology of an area also affects the ground water potentiality of an area. The geological map for the study area was digitized from an existing geology map and classified into alluvium, basalt, older basalt, granite and migmatite. The geology classes were then converted into image raster format.

f) Lineament map

Lineaments give a clue to movement and storage of groundwater and important guide for groundwater exploration (Subba *et al.*, 2001). Recently, many groundwater exploration projects made in many different countries have obtained higher success rate when sites for drilling are guided by lineament mapping (Teeuw, 1995). The lineament map was derived from Landsat imagery through image enhancement and digitizing with detailed image interpretation. The lineament density was derived from the drainage map from the line density in ArcGIS spatial analyst tool.

### 3.3.6 Techniques for Data Analysis

#### ***OBEJECTIVE 1: Assess the Features for Determining Groundwater Potential Zones in Jos South***

Prior to integration of the data sets, individual class weights and map scores were assessed based on Satty's and Vargas (1991) Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP); in this method the relative importance of each individual class within the same map were compared to each other by pair-wise and eight important matrices were prepared for assigning weight to each class. The AHP was used to characterize the zones into very good, good, moderate, low and very low. These zones were

characterized based on the aquifer properties, soil type, geology and topography. Table 3.2 shows the processes involved in weight assignment using AHP and Table 3.3 shows the criteria used for the reclassification of Slope, Geology and Lineament according to Solomon (2003).

**Table 3.3: Procedure of Assigning Weightages in Analytical Hierarchy Process**

Scale	Degree of preference	Explanation
1	Equal importance	Two elements contributes equally to the objective
3	Moderate importance	Experience and judge slightly favor one element over another
5	Strong or essential importance	Experience and judgment strongly favor one element another
7	Very strong importance	One element is favored very strongly over. It dominance is demonstrated in practice
9	Extreme importance	The evidence favoring one element over another is of the highest possible order of affirmation
2,4,6,8	Values for inverse comparison	Can be used to express intermediate values

**Source: Saaty and Vargas (1991).**

The demarcation of groundwater potential zones for the study area was made by grouping the interpreted layers through weighed multi influencing factor and finally assigned different potential zones as categorized above.

***OBJECTIVE 2: Examine the Spatial Distribution Pattern of Groundwater Potential Zones in Jos South***

Integration of the thematic maps was carried out in ArcGIS 10.1 using the weighted overlay in spatial analysis tool. GIS-based multi-criteria evaluation based on Saaty’s Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) was used to compute the rates for the classes and weights and ranks for

thematic layers (Arivalagan *et al.* 2015). The groundwater potential zone was determined by integrating the various thematic maps of the features that contribute to groundwater potential using the following equation given by Magaji et al (2011).

$$\text{Underground water potential zones} = \text{GL} + \text{RF} + \text{LD} + \text{DD} + \text{SL} + \text{LU} + \text{TP} \text{-----} \quad (1)$$

Where:

GL= Geological map

RF= Rainfall map

LD= lineament density map

DD= Drainage Density map

SL= Slope map

LU= Landuse Map

TP= Topographic Elevation map.

Groundwater prospect map of the area was developed using weighted linear combination of the thematic layers and reclassified into five zones ranging from very high to very low classes.

***OBJECTIVE 3: Determine the relationships for result obtained using geospatial technique with that of geophysical technique***

Geophysical investigations make use of the resistivity method comprising mainly of Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) at various strategically located and potentially anomalous points in the area under survey. Vertical electrical sounding investigates the way in which the

resistivity of the ground varies with depth and is often related to strength and conductivity of the formation. The result obtained during a geophysical investigation for groundwater potential zone in the study area by the (ministry of water resources and rural development Plateau State) were overlaid on groundwater potential map generated from the integration of various thematic maps so as to know if there is any relationship between the investigation for groundwater potential using geospatial technique and geophysical technique.

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### **4.2 Introduction**

This Chapter is concerned with the assessment of surface features for estimating groundwater potential in Jos South L.G.A; determining the spatial distribution pattern of groundwater potential area, and finally determine relationships between result obtained using geospatial technique with that of geophysical technique

#### **4.2 Features for Determining Groundwater Potential Zones in Jos South L.G.A**

The groundwater potentiality of Jos-South was carried out by analyzing the surface features. The weightages of surface features contributing to groundwater prospects in the study area were evaluated by pair-wise comparison using Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP). The thematic maps of the surface features contributing to groundwater were produced in ArcGIS 10.1 environment and the results are presented in Figures 4.1 to 4.10 while the weightages of the factors are represented in Tables 4.1 to 4.7

##### **4.2.1 Elevation**

The DEM was generated from the Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission (SRTM-90) data. Figure 4.1 shows the Digital Elevation Model (DEM) used to build the topographic elevation factor values and Table 4.1 represents the weights of elevation and potentiality for groundwater prospects in the area of study.

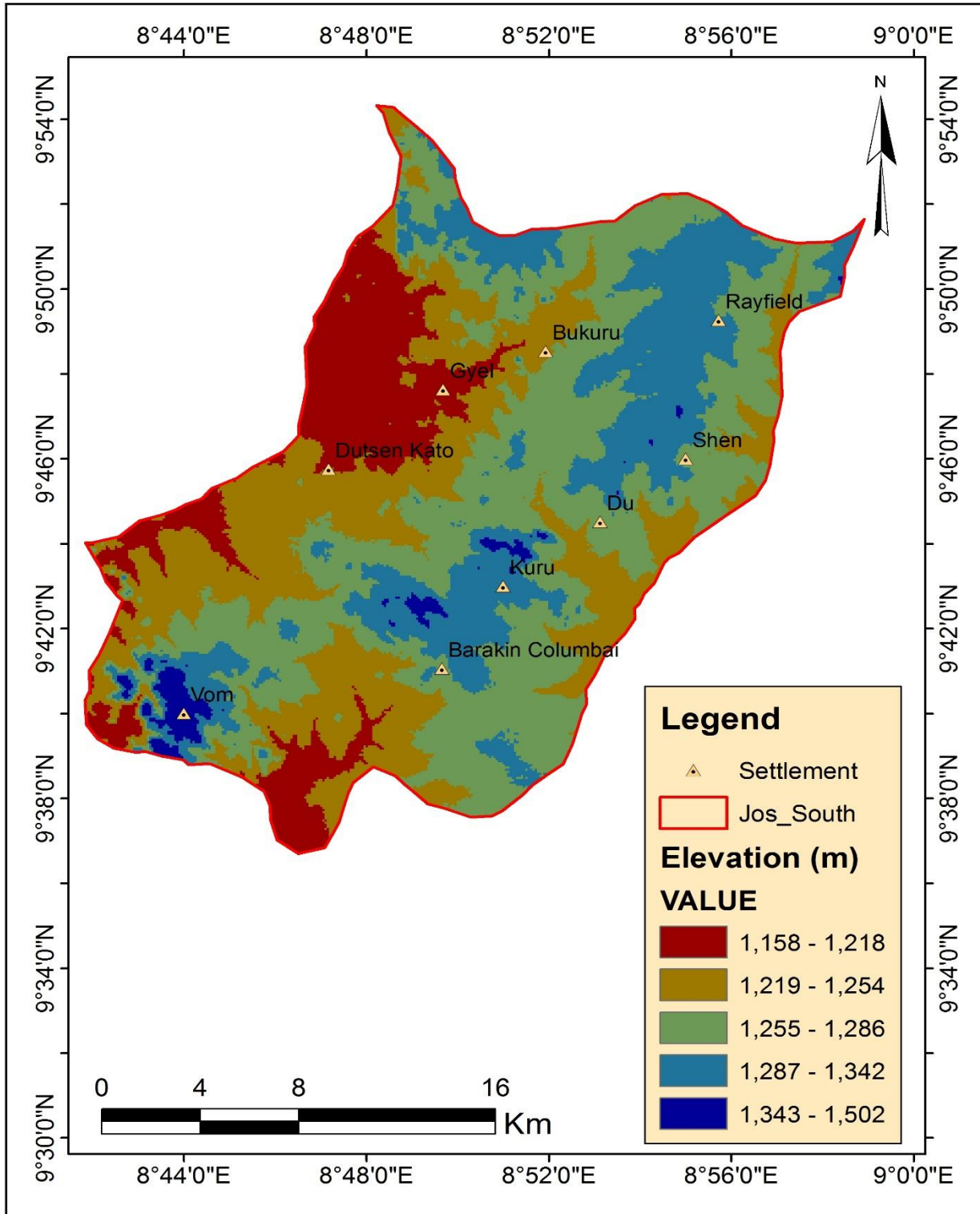


Figure 4.1: Elevation Digital Model of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

**Table 4.1: Groundwater Potential for Topography in Jos-South L.G.A.**

<b>Elevation</b>	<b>1158-1218</b>	<b>1219-1254</b>	<b>1255-1286</b>	<b>1287-1342</b>	<b>1342-1502</b>	<b>Weightage</b>	<b>Potential</b>
<b>1158-1218</b>	1	3	4	5	7	0.49	Very High
<b>1219-1254</b>	1/3	1	1	3	5	0.20	High
<b>1255-1286</b>	1/4	1	1	3	5	0.19	Moderate
<b>1287-1342</b>	1/5	1/3	1/3	1	3	0.08	Low
<b>1342-1502</b>	1/7	1/5	1/5	1/3	1	0.04	Very Low

**Consistency Ratio=0.04**

The result shows that areas with low elevation (1158m-1218m) values have very good groundwater potential and places on high elevation have low water potential. This is because places on low elevation will give more chance for groundwater accumulation (Solomon, 2003). Topographic data is a vital element in determining the water table elevations (Sener, Davraz and Ozcelik, 2005). The combination of fractures with topographically low ground can also serve as the best aquifer horizon (Subba, 1992).

#### 4.2.2 Average Annual Rainfall

The amount of rainfall is one of the major factors that contribute to groundwater recharge. In Figure 4.2, the mean annual precipitation ranges between 940-974 mm in the western areas where the elevation is high and in eastern areas where the elevation is low, rainfall appears to be high ranging between 1,112 – 1,180mm. A pair wise comparison and reclassification was carried for the mean annual precipitation of the study area using AHP and the result is presented in Table 4.2.

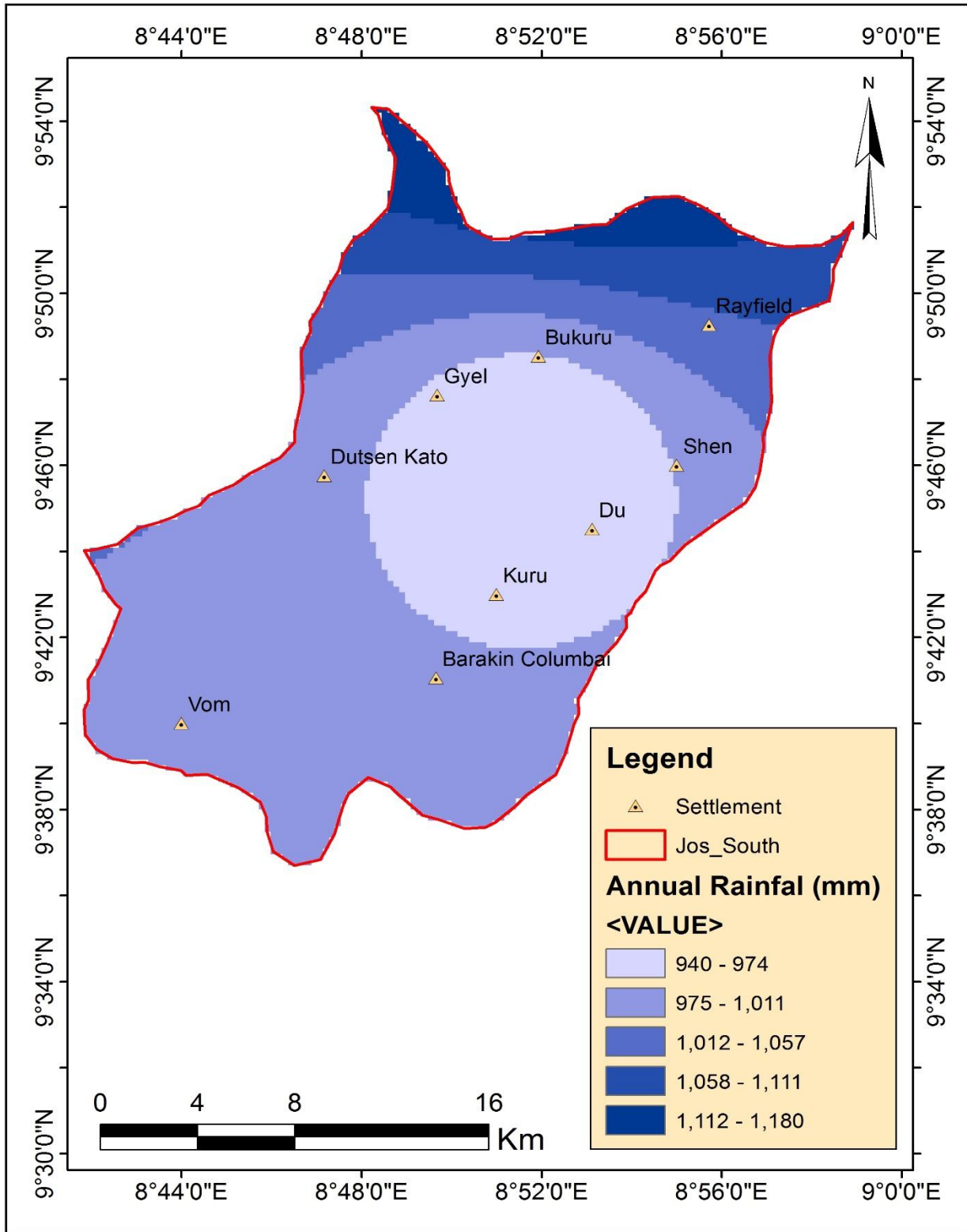


Figure 4.2: Average Annual Rainfall of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

**Table 4.2: Groundwater Potential for Rainfall in Jos-South L.G.A.**

<b>Rainfall</b>	<b>940-974</b>	<b>975-1011</b>	<b>1012-1057</b>	<b>1058-1111</b>	<b>1112-1180</b>	<b>Weightage</b>	<b>Potential</b>
<b>940-974</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	0.11	Very Low
<b>975-1011</b>	1/2	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	0.14	Low
<b>1012-1057</b>	1/2	1/2	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	0.19	Moderate
<b>1058-1111</b>	1/2	1/2	1/2	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	0.24	High
<b>1112-1180</b>	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	<b>1</b>	0.32	Very High

**Consistency Ratio=0.01**

These precipitation values were weighed to reflect the influence of perception on groundwater. As we have more precipitation, more water will be available for surface runoff and infiltrations will naturally recharge the groundwater. Table 4.2 shows that the high rainfall amounts imply the possibility of high groundwater recharge and vice versa. The area characterized by high rainfall amount shows high groundwater potential zones

#### 4.2.3 Slope

Slope which is one of the factors that influence groundwater in the study was generated from the DEM and is shown in Figure 4.3 and the weight of the slope map was reclassified and is represented in Table 4.3.

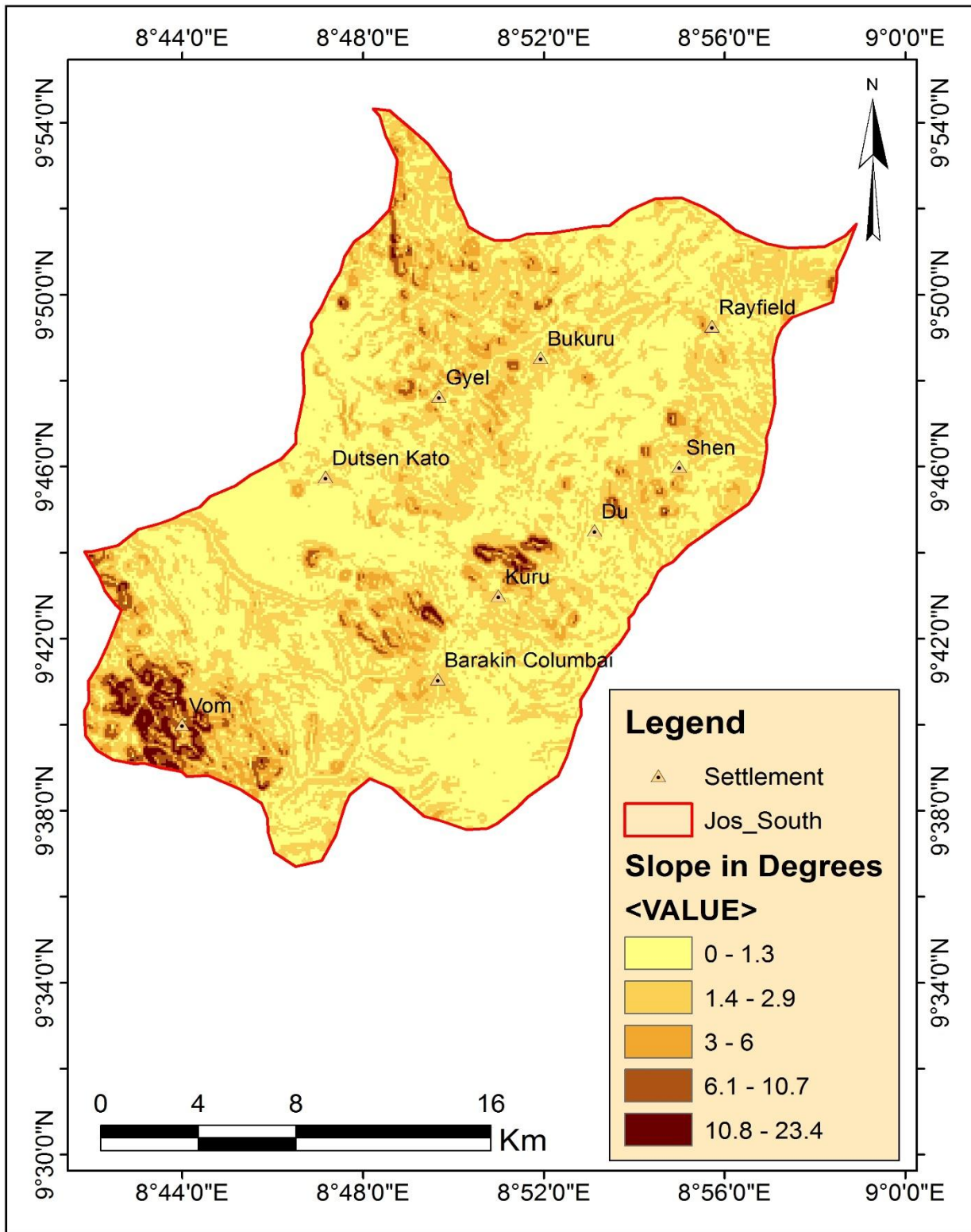


Figure 4.3: Slope Steepness of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

**Table 4.3: Groundwater Potential for Slope Jos-South L.G.A**

<b>Slope (%)</b>	<b>0-1.3</b>	<b>1.4-2.9</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>6.1-10.7</b>	<b>10.8-23.4</b>	<b>Weightage</b>	<b>Potential</b>
<b>0-1.3</b>	1	2	5	7	9	0.47	Very High
<b>1.4-2.9</b>	1/2	1	3	5	9	0.30	High
<b>3-6</b>	1/5	1/3	1	3	7	0.14	Moderate
<b>6.1-10.7</b>	1/7	1/5	1/3	1	5	0.07	Low
<b>10.8-23.4</b>	1/9	1/9	1/7	1/5	1	0.03	Very Low

**Consistency Ratio=0.06**

In Table 4.3 it is clear that areas that have the value of slope ranging from 0-1.3% have very good groundwater potential and those areas with high slope ranging from 10.8-23.4% have low water potential. In relation to groundwater, flat areas where the slope amount is low are capable of holding rainfall, which in turn facilitates recharge whereas in elevated areas where the slope amount is high, there will be high run-off and low infiltration. Also figure 4.3 shows that Vom is highly sloppy while Bukuru, Barkin Columbai and Dutsen Kato are on low elevation

#### 4.2.4 Drainage Network and Drainage Density

The drainage density was calculated directly in Arcmap using spatial analyst extension. In the study area, mainly five (5) drainage density classes were identified and mapped. The drainage network is presented in Figure 4.4 and the Figure 4.5 represents the drainage density of the study area, also the weightages is shown in Table 4.4.

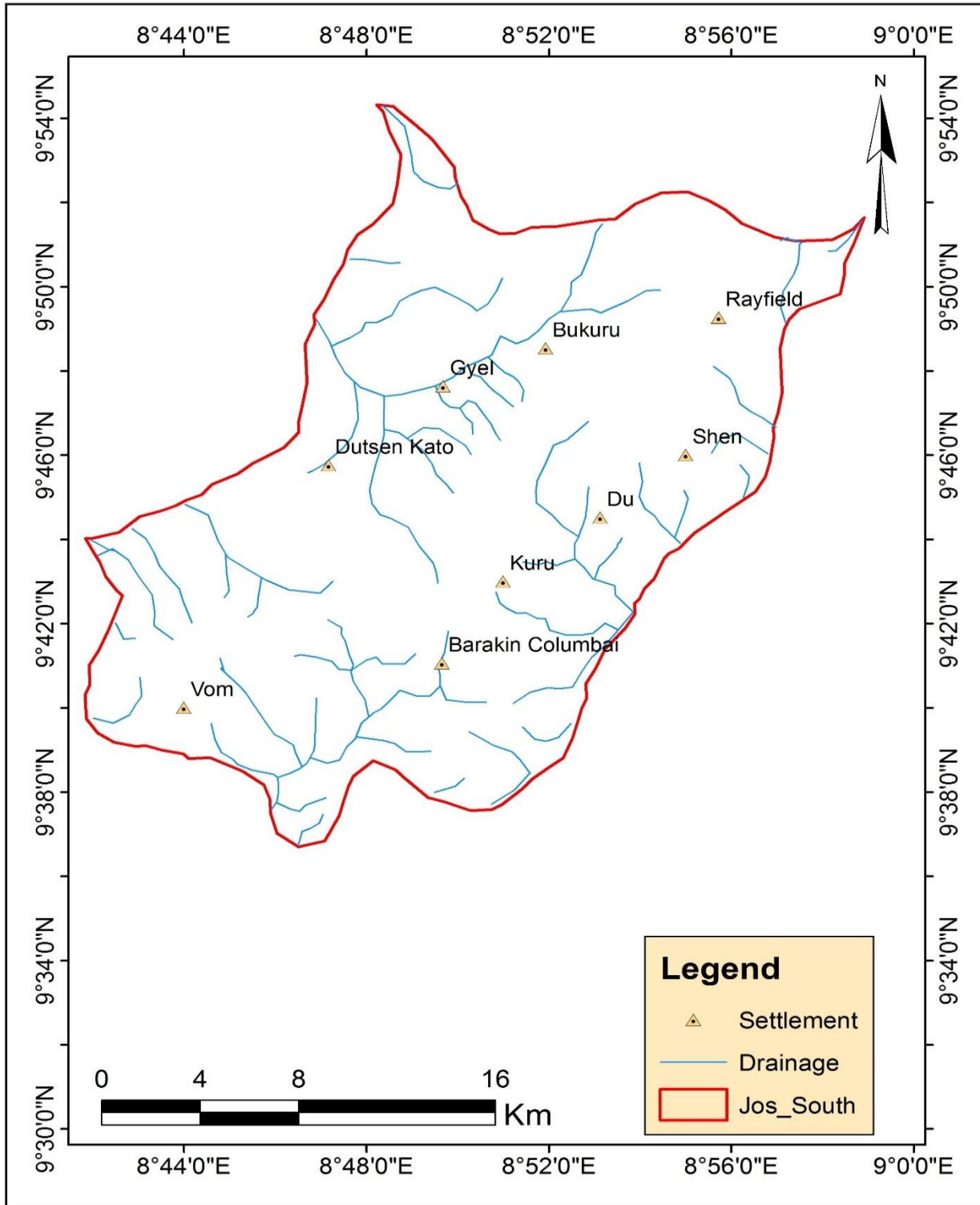


Figure 4.4: Drainage Network of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

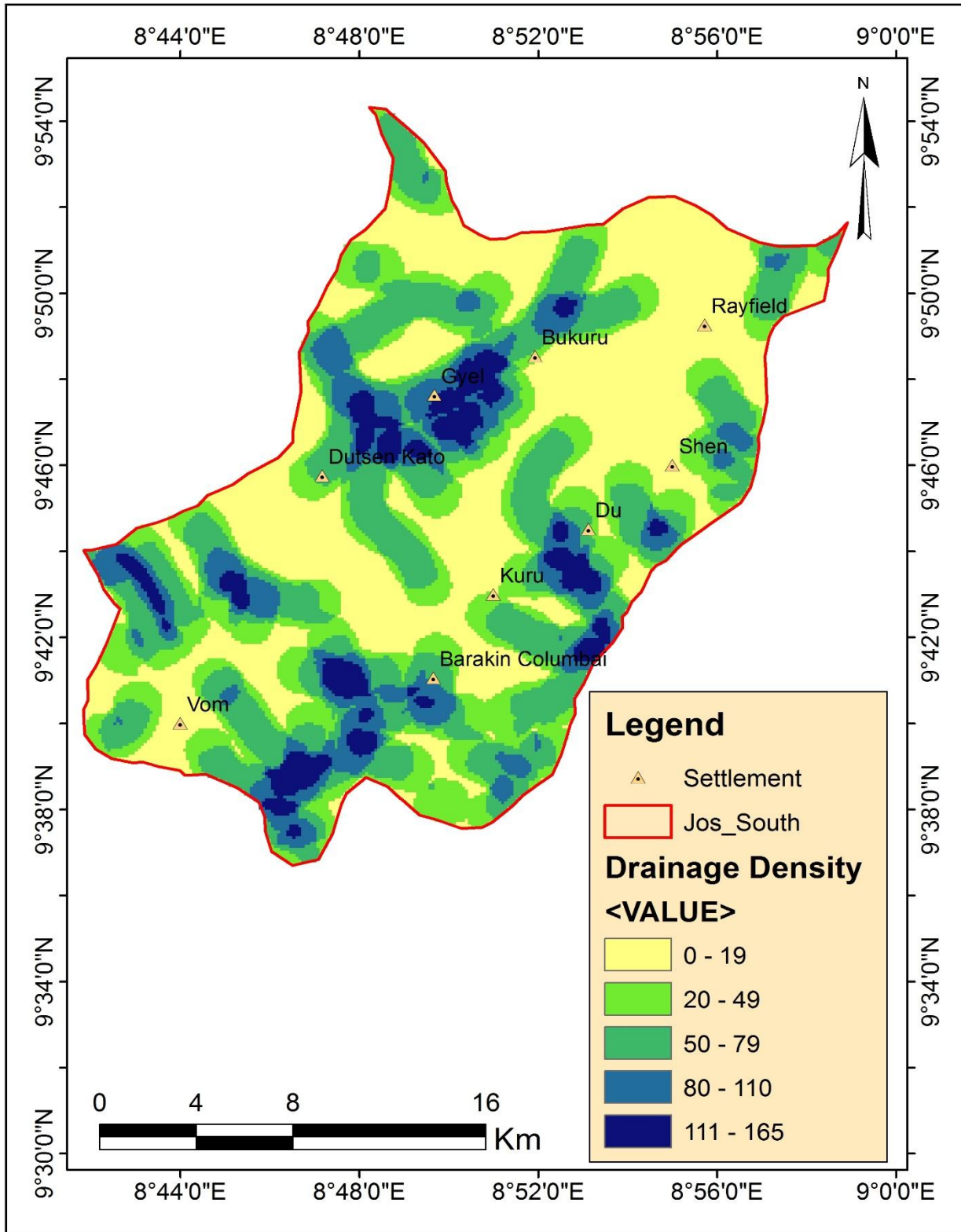


Figure 4.5: Drainage Density of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

**Table 4.4: Groundwater Potential for Drainage Density (DD)**

<b>DD</b>	<b>0-19</b>	<b>20-49</b>	<b>50-79</b>	<b>80-110</b>	<b>110-165</b>	<b>Weightage</b>	<b>Potential</b>
<b>0-19</b>	1	6	4	6	6	0.49	Very High
<b>20-49</b>	1/6	1	2	1	2	0.26	High
<b>50-79</b>	1/5	1/3	1	2	4	0.12	Moderate
<b>80-110</b>	1/3	1/6	1/2	1	6	0.07	Low
<b>110-165</b>	1	1/2	1/4	1/6	1	0.05	Very Low

**Consistency Ratio=0.06**

Very high drainage density is found in the western, eastern and southern part of the study area whereas high drainage density is found scattered in all parts of the area. Moderate and low drainage density concentrates in the northern and central part of the project area. Table 4.4 shows that higher drainage density relates to low groundwater potential and vice versa.

According to Tewodros (2005) drainage density with respect to groundwater potential is determined by analyzing the drainage density calculated using the stream length within grid area. Higher the drainage density the lesser the infiltration capacity that is low void ratio of the terrain which in turn the lesser the groundwater potentiality. This is because much of water coming as rainfall goes as run off. In general drainage density is an important parameter that control groundwater occurrence and distribution.

#### 4.2.5 Lineament and Lineament Density

Mapping of lineaments in this study was done by visual interpretation of various digitally enhanced single band and multi band images that involves standard band combinations, principal component analysis and directional filtering, since lineaments are the results of faults and fractures they infer that they are the zone of increased porosity and permeability, which in turn has greater significance in groundwater occurrence and distribution. Lineament features were

interpreted from satellite imagery. In the imagery they were identified on the basis of break of slope, truncation of terraces knick points, abrupt change in stream course, lithology, vegetation, texture, drainage density etc. Figure 4.6 represents the lineament map and Figure 4.7 represents the lineament density map. Table 4.5 shows the weightages of the lineament density

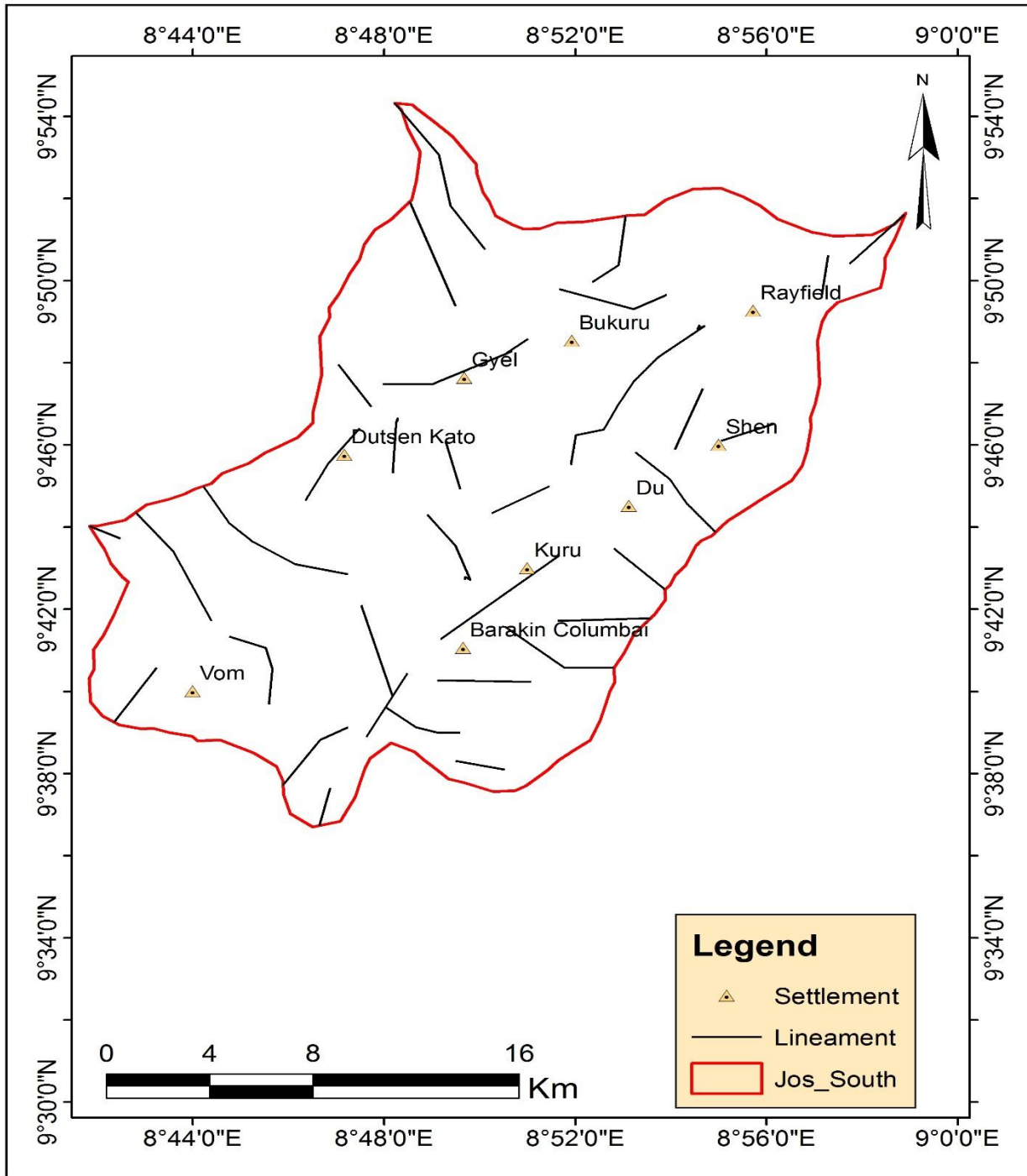


Figure 4.6: Lineament of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

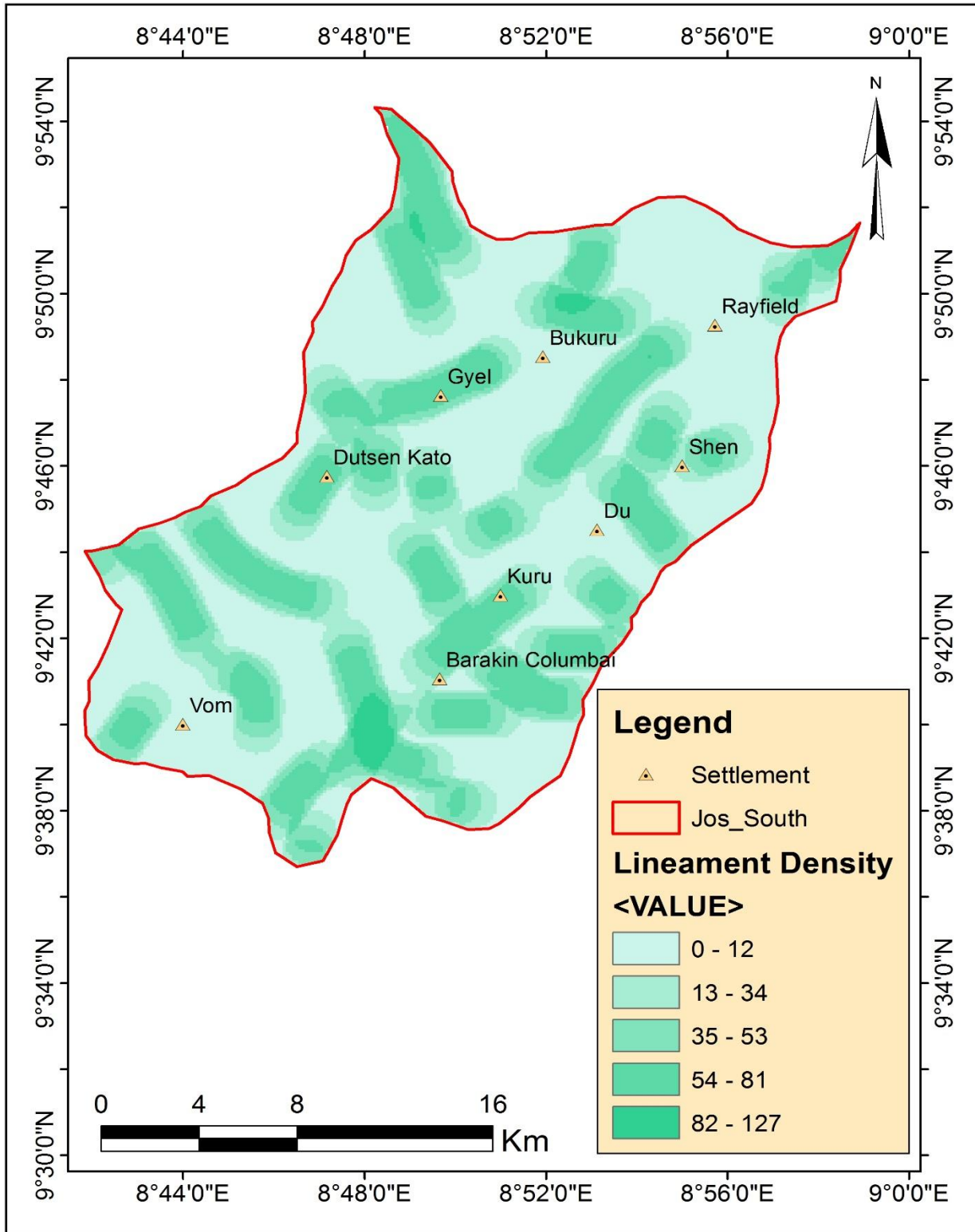


Figure 4.7: Lineament Density of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

**Table 4.5: Groundwater Potential for Lineament Density (LD)**

<b>LD</b>	<b>0-12</b>	<b>13-34</b>	<b>35-53</b>	<b>54-81</b>	<b>82-127</b>	<b>Weightage</b>	<b>Potential</b>
<b>0-12</b>	1/9	1/7	1/5	1/3	1	0.03	Very Low
<b>13-34</b>	1/7	1/5	1/3	1	3	0.06	Low
<b>35-53</b>	1/5	1/3	1	3	5	0.13	Moderate
<b>54-81</b>	1/3	1	3	5	7	0.26	High
<b>82-127</b>	1	3	5	7	9	0.51	Very High

**Consistency Ratio=0.08**

The pair-wise comparison was done based on the fact that areas closer to lineaments are the highest zone of increased porosity and permeability which in turn have greater chance of accumulating groundwater. Figure 4.6 shows that lineament feature are distributed in all parts of the study area and Table 4.5 reveals that lineament density ranging between 82 and 127 have very high groundwater potential while the range between 0 and 12 have very low potential.

From the ground water point of view lineament features includes valleys controlled by folding, faulting and jointing, hill ranges and ridge lines, abrupt truncation of rocks, straight segments of streams and right angled offsetting of stream courses as these linear features are commonly associated with dislocation and deformation they provide the pathways for groundwater movements (Small, 1970). Lineaments are important in rocks where secondary permeability and porosity dominate the intergranular characteristics combine in secondary openings influencing weathering, soil water and ground water movements. The fracture zones forms an interlaced network of high transmission and acts as ground water conduits in massive rocks in inter fractured areas. The lineament intersection area are considered to be good ground water potential zones. The areas with higher lineament density and topographically low elevated grounds are considered to be the best aquifer zones.

#### 4.2.6 Landuse/Landcover

One of the parameters that influence the occurrence of groundwater is the landcover and landuse of the area. The landuse and landcover map was generated from the Landsat imagery by supervised classification and shown in Figure 4.8 and the weightages is shown in Table 4.6.

**Table 4.6: Percentage Areal Coverage of LULC Jos-South L.G.A. in 2015**

<b>LULC</b>	<b>Area in Sq. Km</b>	<b>%</b>
Vegetation	101.68	20.6
Farmland	257.45	52.1
Bare Land	25.56	5.2
Build-up Areas	105.72	21.4
Water body	3.54	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>493.95</b>	<b>100</b>

**Source: Author's Analysis, 2016**

The result shows that Jos-South occupies an area of 493.95 sq. km of which farmland occupies the highest with 257.45 sq. km (52.1%). This is followed by built-up areas with 105.72 sq. km (21.4%), vegetation cover 101.86 sq. km (20.6%), bare land and water body occupies the least with the coverage of 25.56sq. km (5.2%) and 3.54sq. km (0.7%) respectively.

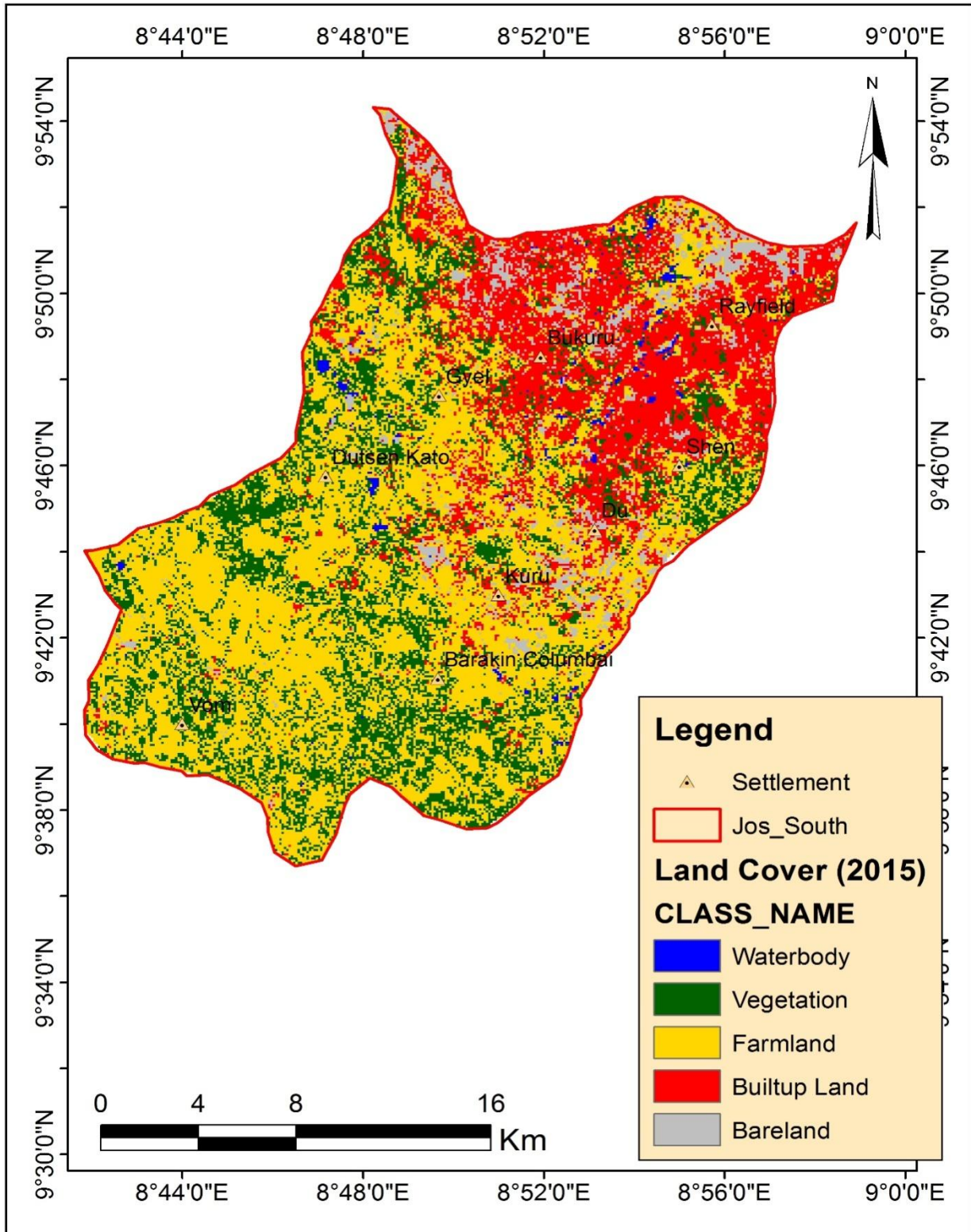


Figure 4.8: Landuse/Landcover of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

**Table 4.7: Groundwater Potential for Landuse/Landcover**

LULC	Waterbody	Vegetation	Bare Land	Cultivated Land	Build-up Areas	Weightage	Potential
<b>Water body</b>	1	5	7	6	9	0.56	Very High
<b>Vegetation</b>	1/5	1	3	4	9	0.23	High
<b>Bare Land</b>	1/7	1/3	1	2	7	0.11	Moderate
<b>Farmland</b>	1/6	1/4	1/2	1	4	0.07	Low
<b>Build-up Areas</b>	1/9	1/9	1/7	1/4	1	0.03	Very Low

**Consistency Ratio=0.12**

From Table 4.7, the result shows that area around the water body have very good ground water potential, followed by vegetated areas with good water potential. The bare land was weighed moderate while cultivated land and built-up land had low and very low ground water potential respectively.

The LULC of an area provides important indications of the extent of groundwater requirement and utilization. The effect of land use/cover is demonstrated either by reducing runoff and facilitating, or by trapping water on their leaf. Water droplets trapped in this way go down to recharge groundwater. Land use/cover may also affect groundwater negatively by evapotranspiration, assuming interception to be constant. From the point of view of land use, farmland with vegetation is an excellent site for groundwater exploration (Todd and Mays, 2005). The area with water bodies is good for groundwater recharge while built-up land is poor for it. Chowdary *et al.* (2009) stated that sixty percent of the area covered by forest, farmland land and water bodies are favorable for groundwater potential.

#### 4.2.7 Soil

The soil influences groundwater recharge depending on the texture, grain size, and porosity. Soil can go a long way in influencing the infiltration of water. The soil map of the area

was generated and classified according to Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) standard in 2003. The soil of the study area includes the leptosols, cambisols and acrisols, as shown in Figure 4.9 while Table 4.8 represents the weight of groundwater potentiality in the study area.

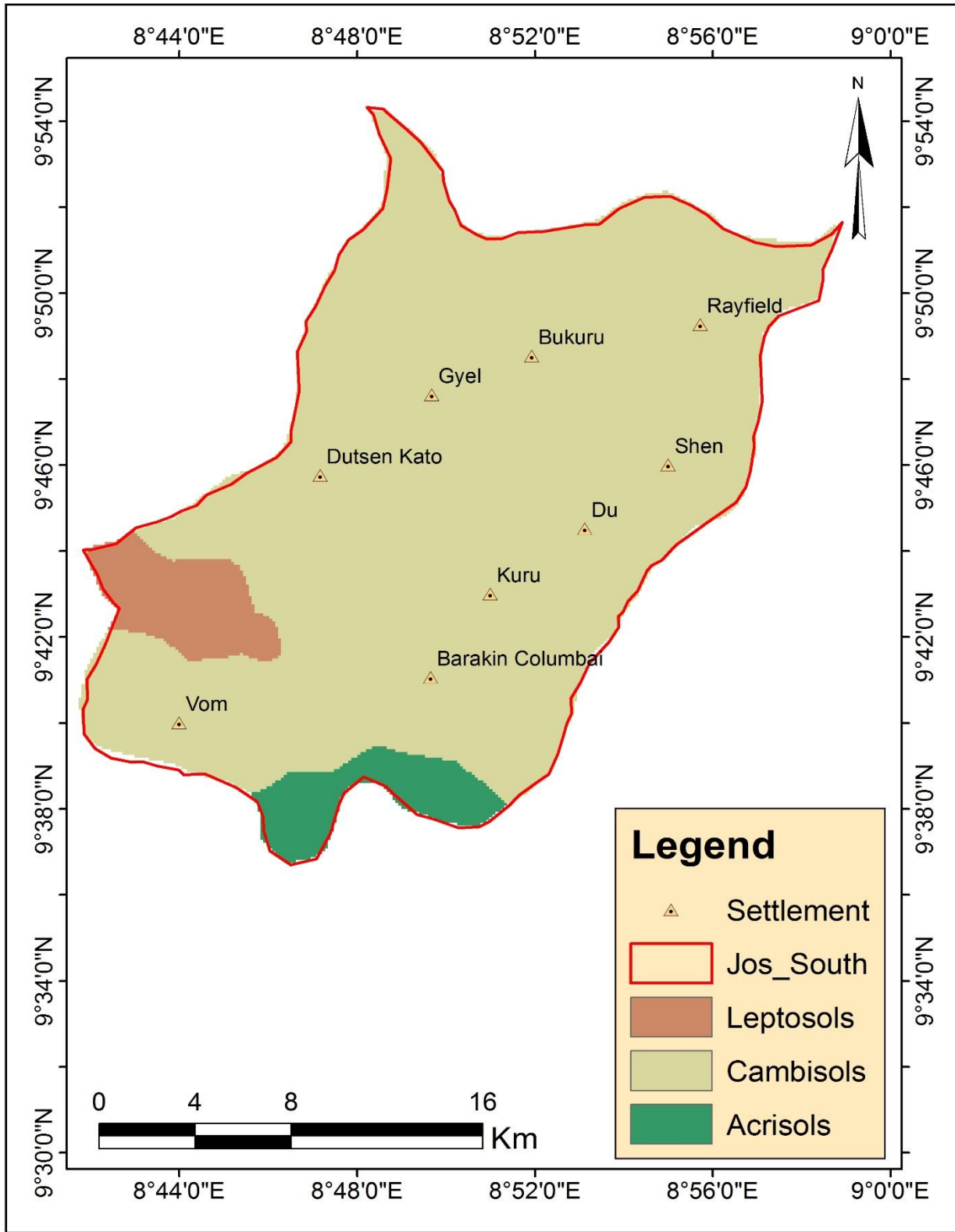


Figure 4.9: Soil Types of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

**Table 4.8: Groundwater Potential for Soil**

<b>Soil</b>	<b>Cambisols</b>	<b>Acrisols</b>	<b>Leptosols</b>	<b>Weightage</b>	<b>Potential</b>
<b>Cambisols</b>	1	3	5	0.64	High
<b>Acrisols</b>	1/3	1	3	0.26	Moderate
<b>Leptosols</b>	1/5	1/3	1	0.1	Low

**Consistency Ratio=0.04**

The result of the pair-wise comparisons shows that cambisols have high infiltration rate and the acrisols have moderate potentiality to groundwater. The leptosols have low groundwater potential. According to Tewodros (2005) soil forming factors, climate, parent rock, vegetation, fauna and physiography are responsible for the type of soil formed and plays an important role on groundwater recharge through infiltration and loss through run-off. The type of soil and permeability affects the water holding and infiltrating capacity of a given soil.

According to Tewodros (2005) most Cambisols are medium-textured and have a good structural stability, a high porosity, and good water holding capacity and good internal drainage. Most Cambisols also contain at least some weatherable minerals in the silt and sand fractions. Based on these characteristics, Cambisols have good infiltration capacity to recharge groundwater. On the other hand, leptosols are found in all climatic zones, particularly in strongly eroding areas and are and implicit low water holding capacity.

#### 4.2.8 Geology

Geology of an area plays a vital role in the distribution and occurrence of ground water. The geological mapping was carried out by digitizing an existing geological map of the study area. Figure 4.10 shows the geology of the area and the weight is presented in Table 4.9

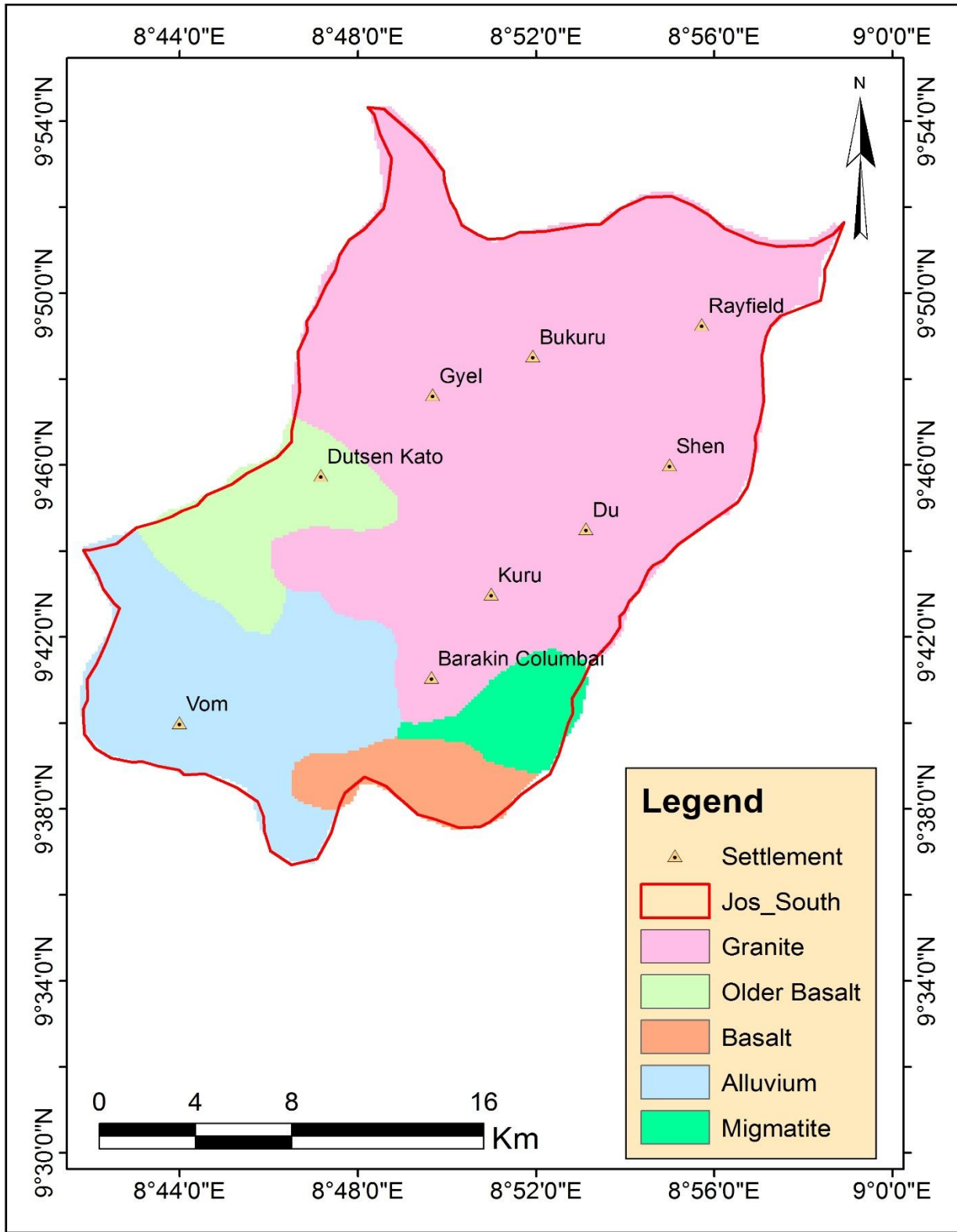


Figure 4.10: Geology of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

**Table 4.9: Groundwater Potential for Geology**

LULC	Older					Weightage	Potential
	Alluvium	Basalt	Basalt	Granite	Migmatite		
<b>Alluvium</b>	1	2	3	5	7	0.41	Very High
<b>Basalt</b>	1/2	1	3	5	7	0.31	High
<b>Older Basalt</b>	1/3	1/3	1	3	5	0.16	Moderate
<b>Granite</b>	1/5	1/5	1/3	1	4	0.07	Low
<b>Migmatite</b>	1/7	1/7	1/5	1/4	1	0.04	Very Low

**Consistency Ratio=0.04**

Five (5) major rock exposures were identified in the study area. They are the alluvium, basalt, older basalt, granite and migmatite. It can be seen from Table 4.10 that the alluvium have very good groundwater potential, the basalt have good groundwater potential while the older basalt have a moderate potential. The granite and migmatite have low and very low groundwater potential respectively.

#### **4.3 Distribution Pattern of Groundwater Potential Zones in Jos South L.G.A.**

The groundwater potential zones in Jos South L.G.A. were determined from the integration of all the thematic maps of the contributing surface features of groundwater recharge. The weight of the surface features was carried out using Analytical Hierarchy process according to Saraf and Choudary (1998). Table 4.9 represents the weight of the surface features of ground water-recharge

**Table 4.10: Weightages of the Surface features of Groundwater Potential**

	<b>Rainfall</b>	<b>Lineament</b>	<b>Geology</b>	<b>Slope</b>	<b>Elevation</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>Drainage</b>	<b>LULC</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Weight *100</b>
<b>Rainfall</b>	1	3	3	4	5	6	7	9	0.34	34
<b>Lineament</b>	1/3	1	2	3	5	6	7	9	0.24	24
<b>Geology</b>	1/3	1/2	1	2	2	3	4	7	0.14	14
<b>Slope</b>	1/4	1/3	1/2	1	2	3	4	5	0.10	10
<b>Elevation</b>	1/5	1/5	1/2	1/2	1	3	4	5	0.08	8
<b>Soil</b>	1/6	1/6	1/3	1/3	1/3	1	3	5	0.05	5
<b>Drainage</b>	1/7	1/7	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/3	1	3	0.03	3
<b>LULC</b>	1/9	1/9	1/7	1/5	1/5	1/5	1/3	1	0.02	2

**Consistency Ratio=0.05**

**Source: Author's Analysis, 2016**

From Table 4.9 it can be seen that rainfall was weighed the highest with (34%) followed by lineament (24%), geology is weighed (14%). The least groundwater contributor in the study area is the landuse/landcover with (2%). Groundwater prospect zones within the study area presented in Figure 4.11

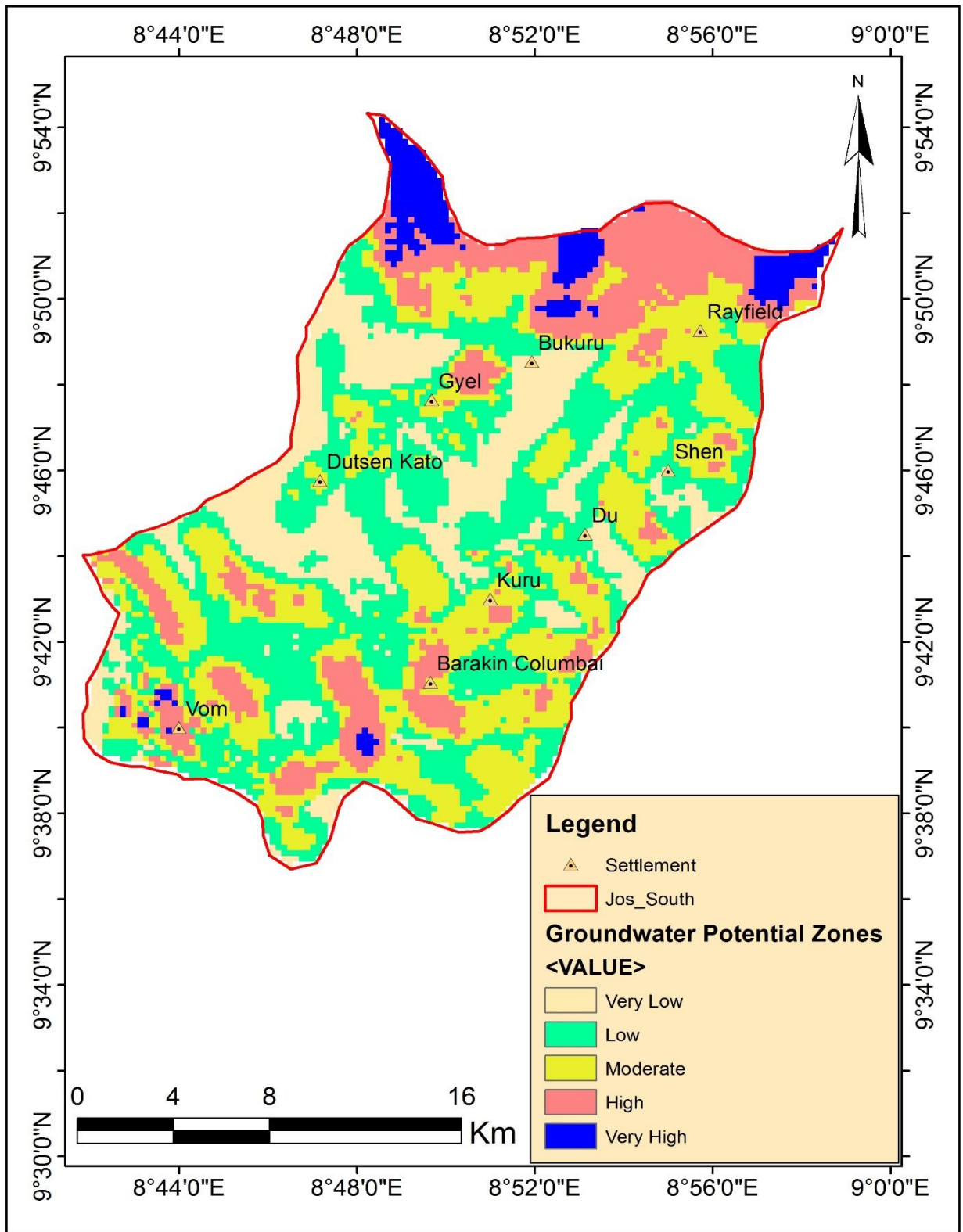


Figure 4.11: Groundwater Potential Zones of Jos-South L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, (2016)

Figure 4.11 shows the five (5) different potentiality of ground water within area of study and they are classified into very low, low, moderate, high and very high. The result shows that the northern area with very high groundwater potential is characterized by high rainfall, low slope and dominated with cambisols which have a relative high water holding capacity. The central areas with very low ground water potential is characterized by low rainfall, moderate slope, low lineament density, high drainage density and dominated by granite which has low ground water potential. It can be observed from the result that high rainfall and high slope are the major factors contributing to ground water potential in the study area as places with high rainfall and low slope were found to be the areas with very high groundwater potentiality.

It can also be observed from Figure 4.11 that the pattern of distribution of the very high groundwater potential is located mainly within the northern areas and few pockets in the Southern part. The moderate and low groundwater potential are scattered all over the study area while the very low is found in central areas.

#### **4.4 Relationships between result Obtained Using Geospatial Technique with that of Geophysical Technique**

The relationship between the result of Remote Sensing and GIS technology was determined with that of electrical resistivity. Nine (9) electrical resistivity (one for each location) in Vom, Rayfield, Dutsen Kato, Barkin Columbai, Bukuru, Gyel, Kuru, Du and Shen were overlaid on the groundwater potential map generated from the integration of the various thematic maps. Figure 4.12 shows the overlay of the VES points on the groundwater potential zones and Table 4.11

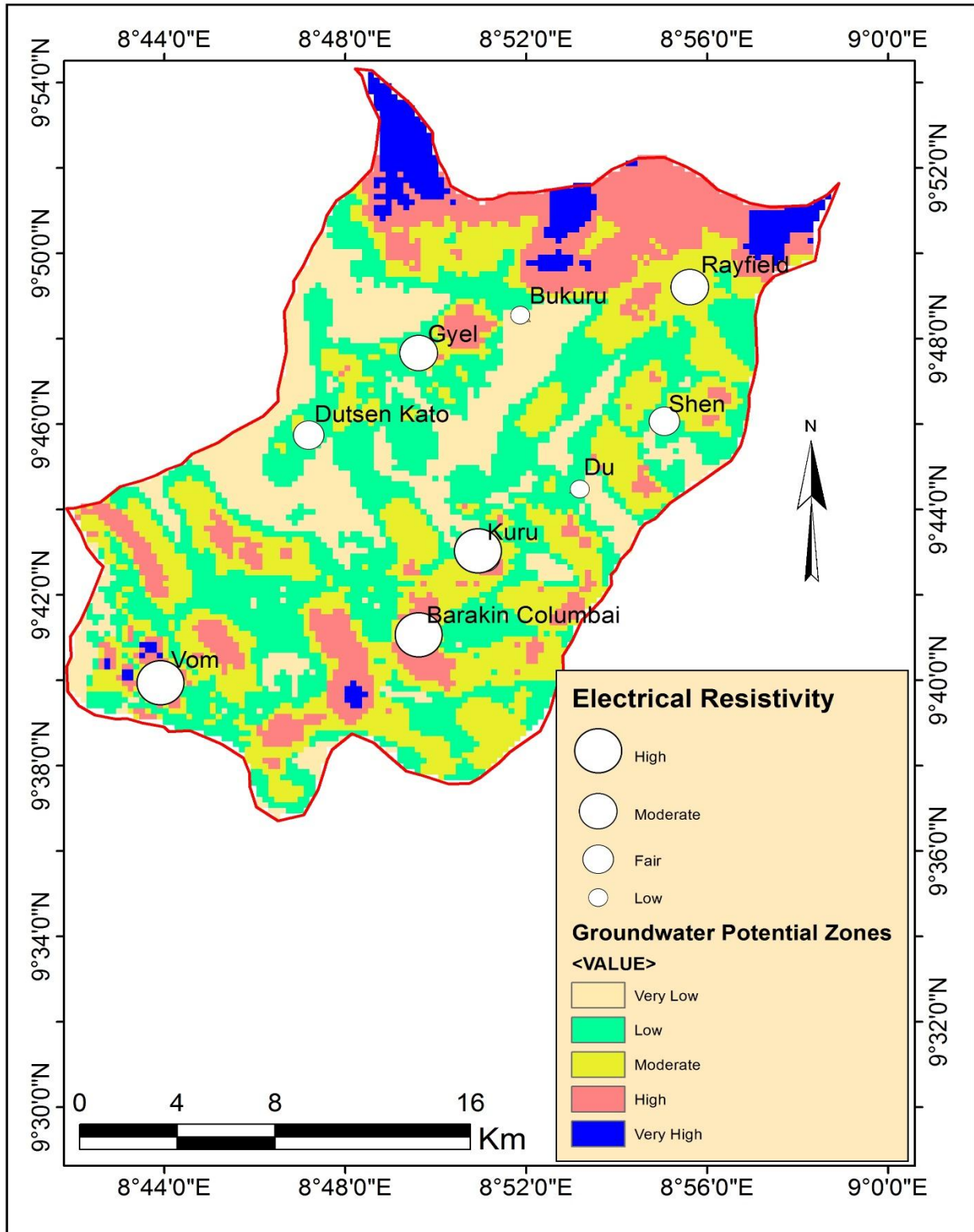


Figure 4.12: Overlay of VES on Groundwater Potential Zones of Kachia L.G.A.

Source: Author's Analysis, 2015

**Table 4.11: Groundwater Potentiality of Electrical Resistivity against Remote Sensing and GIS.**

			Electrical Resistivity		GIS
			Aquifer	Groundwater	Groundwater
LAT	LONG	Location	Thickness (m)	Potential	Potential
9.666667	8.733333	Vom	45	High	Very High
9.766667	8.916667	Shen	35	Moderate	Fair
9.833333	8.900000	Rayfield	35	Moderate	Moderate
9.716667	8.850000	Kuru	40	High	Moderate
9.783333	8.850000	Gyel	30	Fair	Low
9.750000	8.783333	Dutsen Kato	25	Low	Very Low
9.750000	8.883333	Du	25	Low	Very Low
9.800000	8.866667	Bukuru	40	High	High
9.684505	8.828122	Barakin Columbai	40	High	High

**Source: Field Survey, (2016)**

It is observed from result obtained from electrical resistivity shown in Table 4.11 that areas with larger value of aquifer thickness have high groundwater potential and areas with low aquifer thickness have low groundwater potential. It can also be seen that Vom which has aquifer thickness of 45m has high groundwater potential from electrical resistivity also have very high ground water from GIS method. On the other hand, Dutsen Kato and Du which both have aquifer thickness 25m each was found to have low groundwater potential by resistivity method and very low from the GIS and remote sensing technique. The result obtained from this study is not different from the observation of Oyedele, (2012) that concluded that areas characterized by aquifer thickness greater than 30m generally indicates good Groundwater Potential.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 5.1 Introduction

This chapter highlights the summary of findings, conclusion and the recommendation made in order to investigate the groundwater potential in Jos-South Local Government Area, Plateau State.

#### 5.2 Summary of Findings

This study was aimed to investigate the groundwater potential zones in Jos-South L.G.A. The study was carried out to examine the characteristics of groundwater potential zones in the study area using Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP). Eight thematic maps of factors contributing to groundwater recharge was generated and integrated in ArcGIS environment using weighted sum overlay in spatial analyst tool. The coverage of the groundwater potential was estimated using the geometry calculator. Finally, the groundwater potential zone was validated by determining the relationship between the results obtained using geospatial technique with that of geophysical survey using some point settlement in Jos-South L.G.A.

The result of the findings shows that:

- a) Topography, rainfall, drainage density, lineament density, geology, soil, slope steepness and landuse/landcover contribute significantly to groundwater prospects in the study area.
- b) Weightages of the factors that influence groundwater prospects in the study area shows that rainfall and lineament density were weighed the highest with 34% and 24% respectively, meaning that lineament density is the major contributor for ground water

prospecting in the study area. Drainage density and landuse/landcover were weighed the least with 2% and 3% respectively.

- c) The very good groundwater potential zones were identified in the Northern and Northeastern areas while the areas with low potential lie in the western areas.
- d) Very good groundwater potential zones constitutes 14.1%, good potential constitute 22.4%, moderate occupies 15.0% while fair and low constitute of 23.9% and 24.6% respectively.

### **5.3 Conclusion**

In this study, an integrated approach using GIS and remote sensing was adopted to find the potential sites for groundwater exploration in the alluvial aquifer. A weighted overlay model was implemented using eight different effective weighted parameters including; annual rainfall, geology, lineament density, soil, elevation, slope, land cover and drainage density. The groundwater potential map was obtained by algebraic summation of these effective parameters being multiplied by their effective weights. The use of remote Sensing techniques is a very cost effective approach in prospecting and in preliminary survey because the cost of drilling in random way is very expensive.

The final map of groundwater potential zones produced shows that the pattern of distribution for areas classified as very high potential zones are located within the Northern areas around Bukuru and Northeastern areas around Rayfield while areas with the high potential lie in the North central and Southern part around Gyel and Barakin Colombai respectively. The moderate and low groundwater potential areas are scattered all over the study area while very low groundwater potential areas are found in central areas around Dutsen Kato.

## 5.4 Recommendation

Proper groundwater management must be done for meeting the ever growing demand for water in the study area.

- a) Since the very good groundwater potential zones were identified in the northern and southern parts of the study area, it is important that the decision makers consider these areas when carrying out groundwater exploration.
- b) Groundwater potential zone mapping should be carried out for the entire country to serve as a guide for water resource agencies.
- c) The scarcity of water in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State warrants for a detailed investigation of the groundwater potential characteristics of the area so that an exploration guide as well as sustainable groundwater management strategy can be developed.
- d) Remote sensing data and GIS are powerful tools to improve our understanding of groundwater systems. They provide continuous detailed terrain information and allow the mapping of features significant to groundwater development therefore it is important to incorporate them in the data collection stage of groundwater exploration works.
- e) There is the need for accurate estimate of the available subsurface resources for the importance of proper planning to ensure the continued availability of water.
- f) Results obtained from the present study work are very good. Therefore, more study should be done such as groundwater recharge, groundwater pollution in order to protect the groundwater potential zone.

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