





Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2015

**ESCAP** 

State of Disaster Resilience

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# Asia and Pacific is the world's most disaster-prone region



A person living in the region is 4 times at risk than those in Africa and 25 times than in Europe or North America.

#### **Protecting Development Gains** | Reducing Disaster Vulnerability and Building Resilience in Asia and the Pacific

The Asia Pacific Disaster Report, 2010



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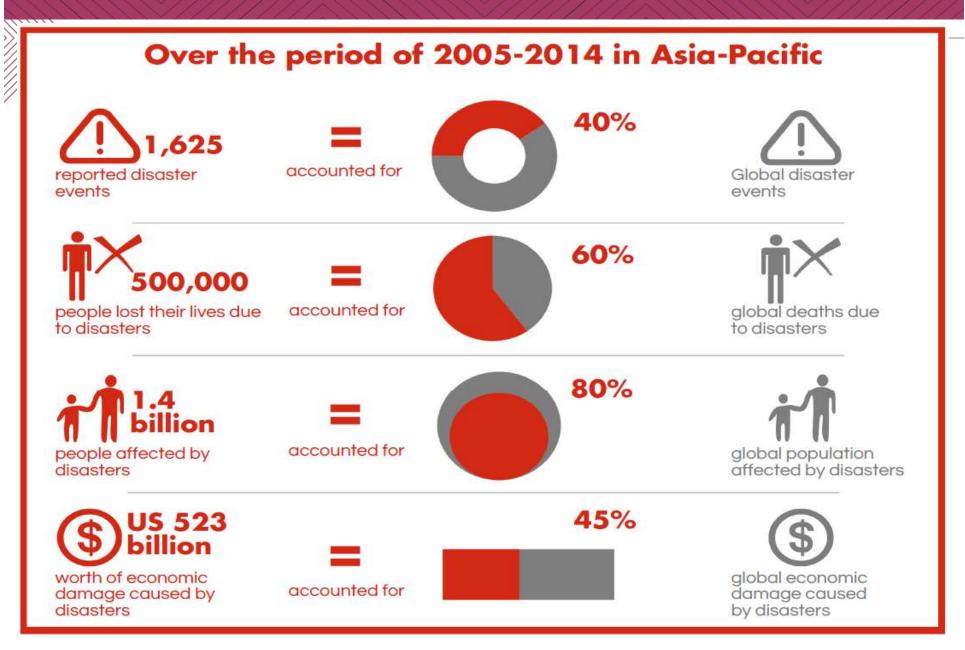
## OUTLINE



- Economic losses and damage are phenomenal and rising in Asia and the Pacific – building resilience is not a choice, but a collective imperative. And a key component of sustainable development
- Increasing threats from transboundary disaster risks, be it seismic fault lines, tropical cyclones, droughts or floods – particularly in South Asia
- Investing in disaster risk reduction is proven effective, but critical areas remain neglected – slow onset drought, early warning systems, and information management systems
- Regional cooperation is critical to address the growing threat of disasters

## Asia-Pacific: Building resilience is not a choice, but a collective imperative





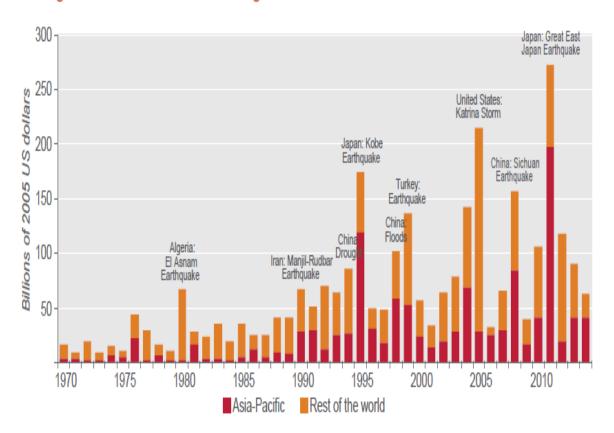
#### **Economic Damage is rising!**

Damage from disasters increased from \$52 billion in the 1970s to over \$523 billion in the last decade.

- Based on present trends, by 2030, annual losses in the region could average US\$160 billion a year.
- Least developed countries and small island economies are disproportionally affected
- Damage and loss, 2015 Nepal earthquakes: 33% of GDP

Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu: 64% of GDP

Damage from natural disasters rising, 1970-2014

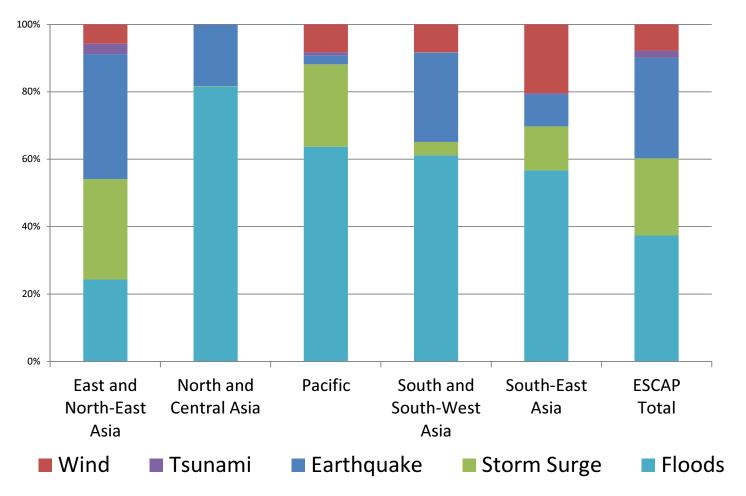


Source: ESCAP based on data from EM-DAT: The OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database. Available from http://www. emdat.be/ (Accessed April 2015).

Notes: Labels in the figure show major disasters that contributed to high damage and loss in selected years.

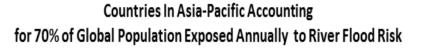
#### 2030 Average Annual Losses by Disasters in ESCAP subregions

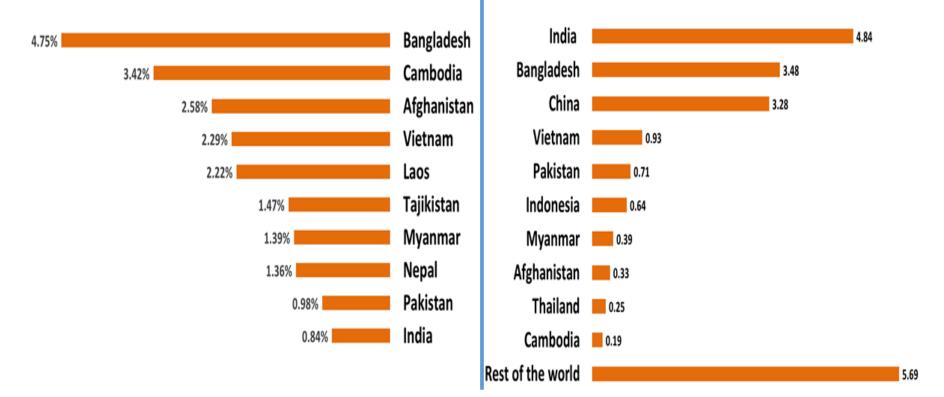
Floods, Earthquake and Cyclones – the most severe future disasters Floods in all sub-regions, while earthquake in East and North East Asia



### **River basin flood impacts: LDCs hit proportionately**

Countries in Asia-Pacific with Highest Percentage of GDP Affected Annually by River Floods





Estimated GDP affected by inland flooding as a percentage of country's total GDP

Annual expected population affected by river floods (millions)

Source: Adapted from World Resource Institute 2015



#### **Regional Multi-hazard Estimated Risk Map**

(Cyclone, Earthquake, Floods and Landslides)

