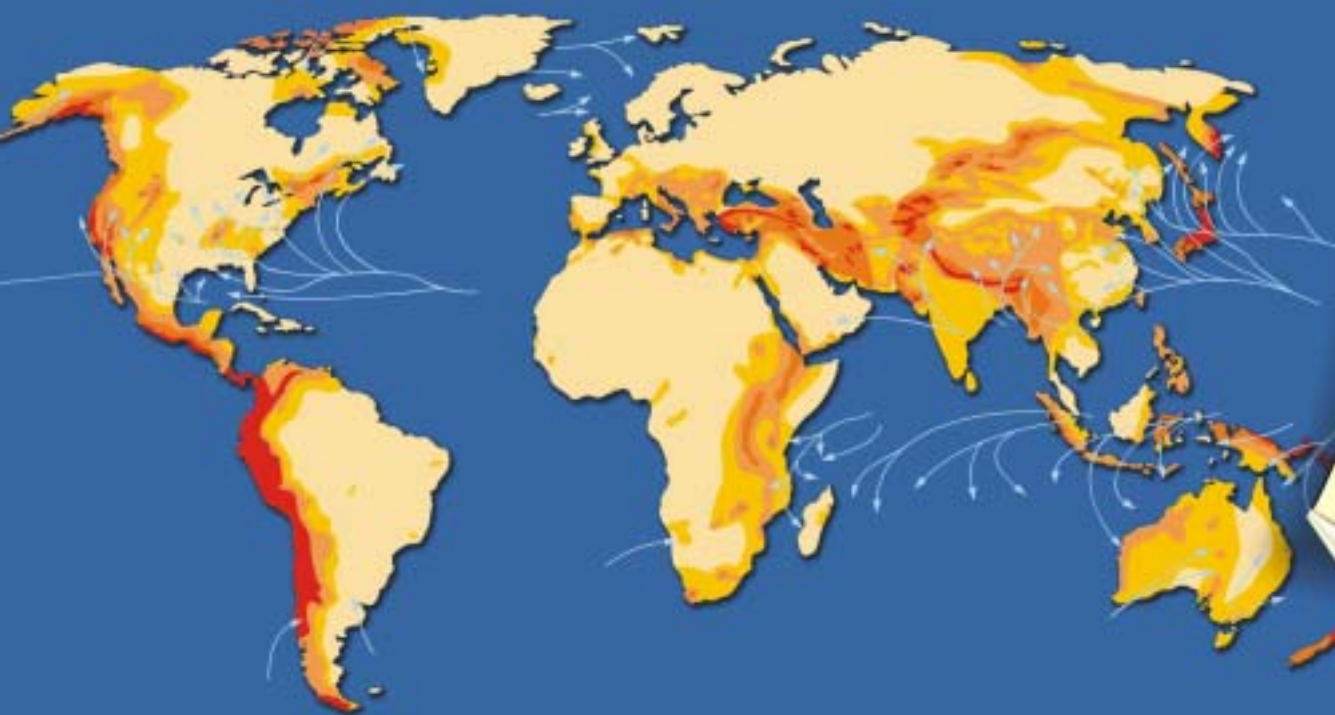


Status and challenges of the ISDR – building on findings of **Living with Risk**

A global review of disaster
reduction initiatives



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International Strategy
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for Disaster Reduction

**Asian
Conference
on Disaster
Reduction
2003
Kobe
15-17 January**

Salvano Briceño
ISDR Director

Mandate for *the review of the implementation of the Yokohama Strategy and Plan of action*

- UN General Assembly Resolutions in Jan. 2001 (56/195) and Jan. 2003 (57/L.21)

“Requests the Secretary-General, with assistance of the inter-agency secretariat for ISDR to plan and coordinate, in consultation with governments and relevant organizations of the UN system, including international financing institutions, the 2004 review of the Yokohama Strategy”

Why an International Strategy for Disaster Reduction?

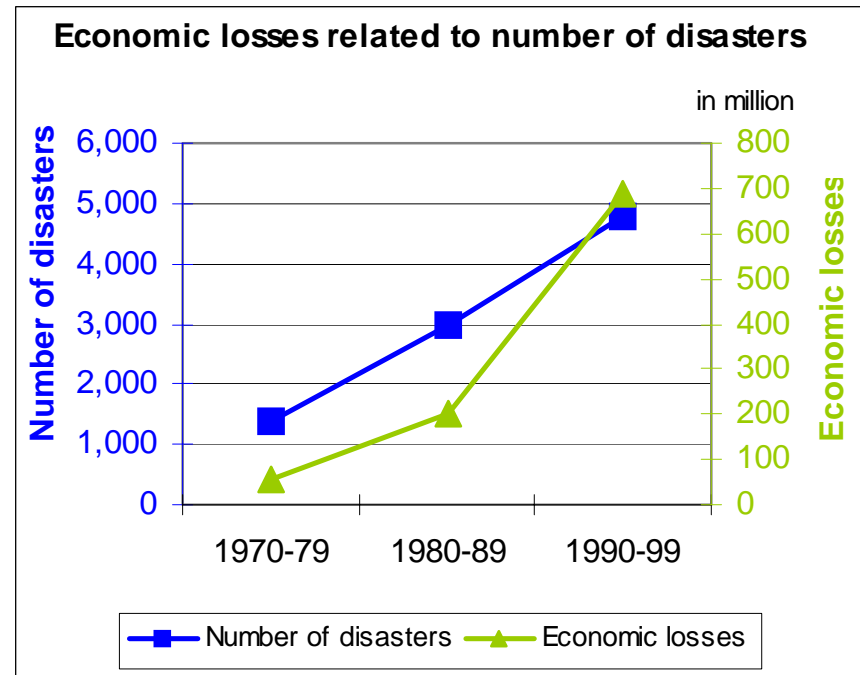
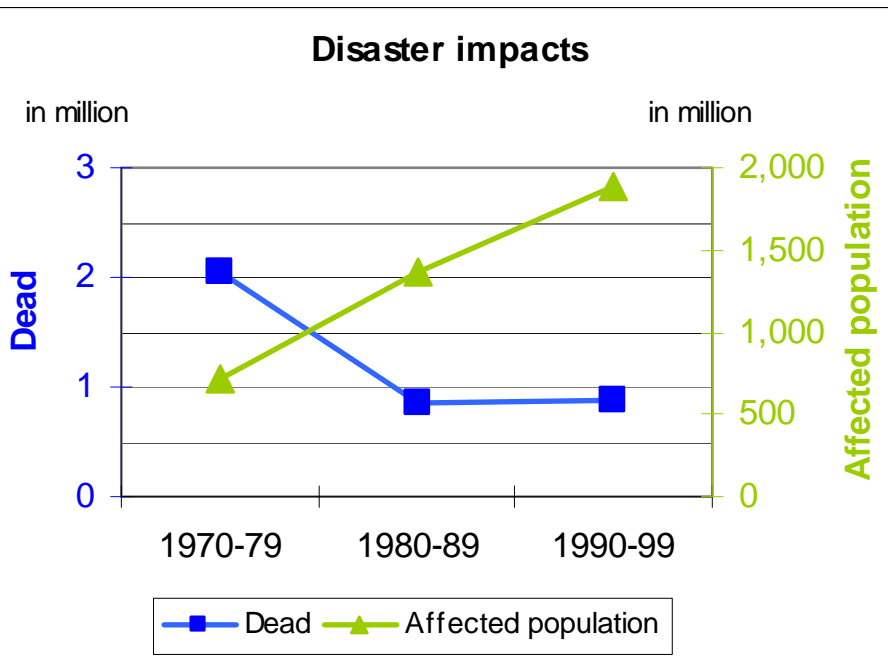
“Disasters remain an obstacle for development”.

- Raise public awareness
- Increase commitment from public authorities
- Stimulating interdisciplinary and intersectoral partnerships in this respect
- Improve scientific and technical knowledge

“ISDR aims at promoting the **building of resilient societies to withstand disasters from natural hazards and related environmental and technological disasters**”

Current trends in impact of disasters

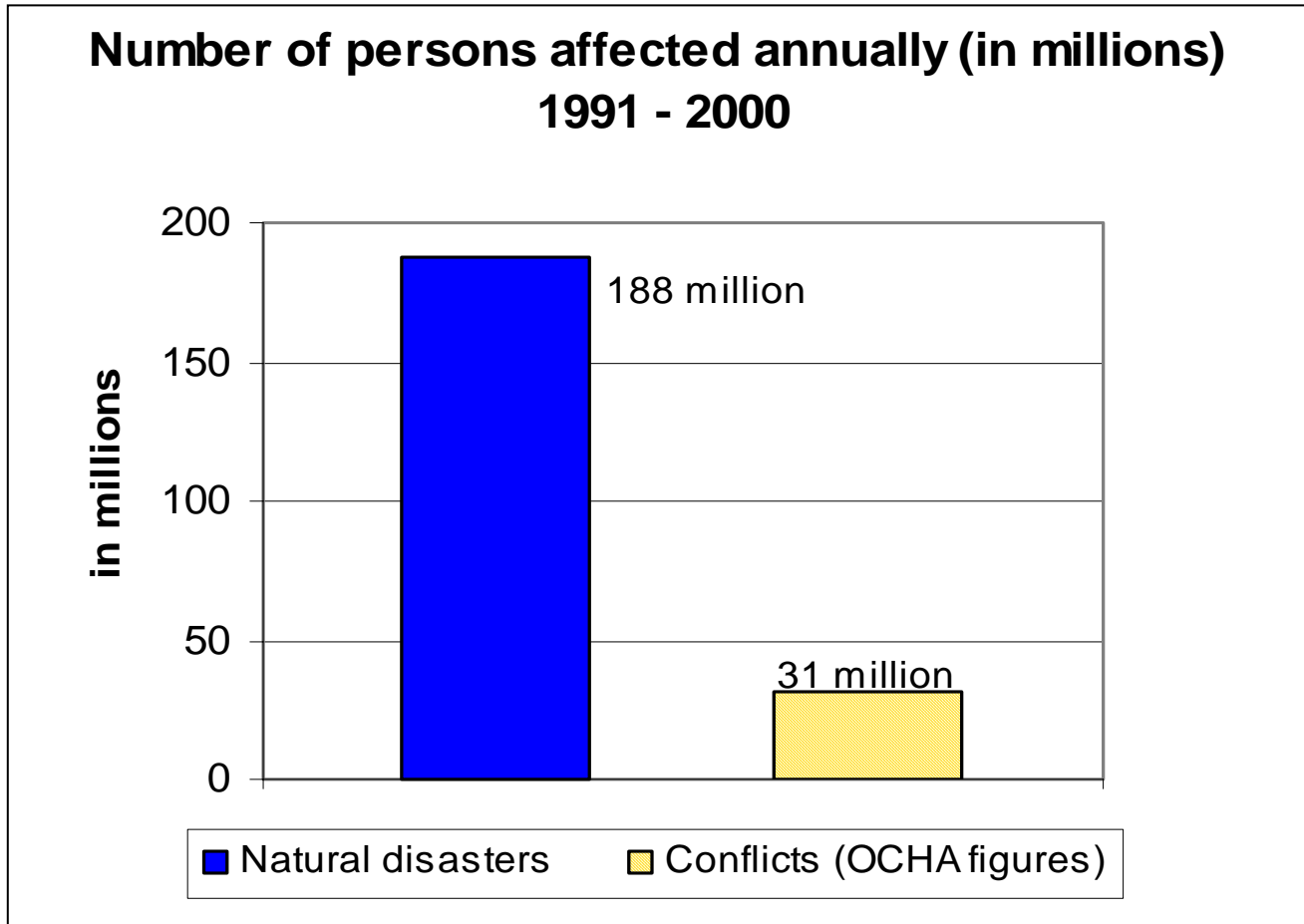
Less people dead by disasters, but increased number of disasters, economic losses and affected population.



Source: OFDA/CRED International
Disaster Database

Trends in impact of disasters vs. conflict

More than 90% of disaster related deaths in developing countries



Why A global review of the implementation of the Yokohama Strategy and Plan of action?

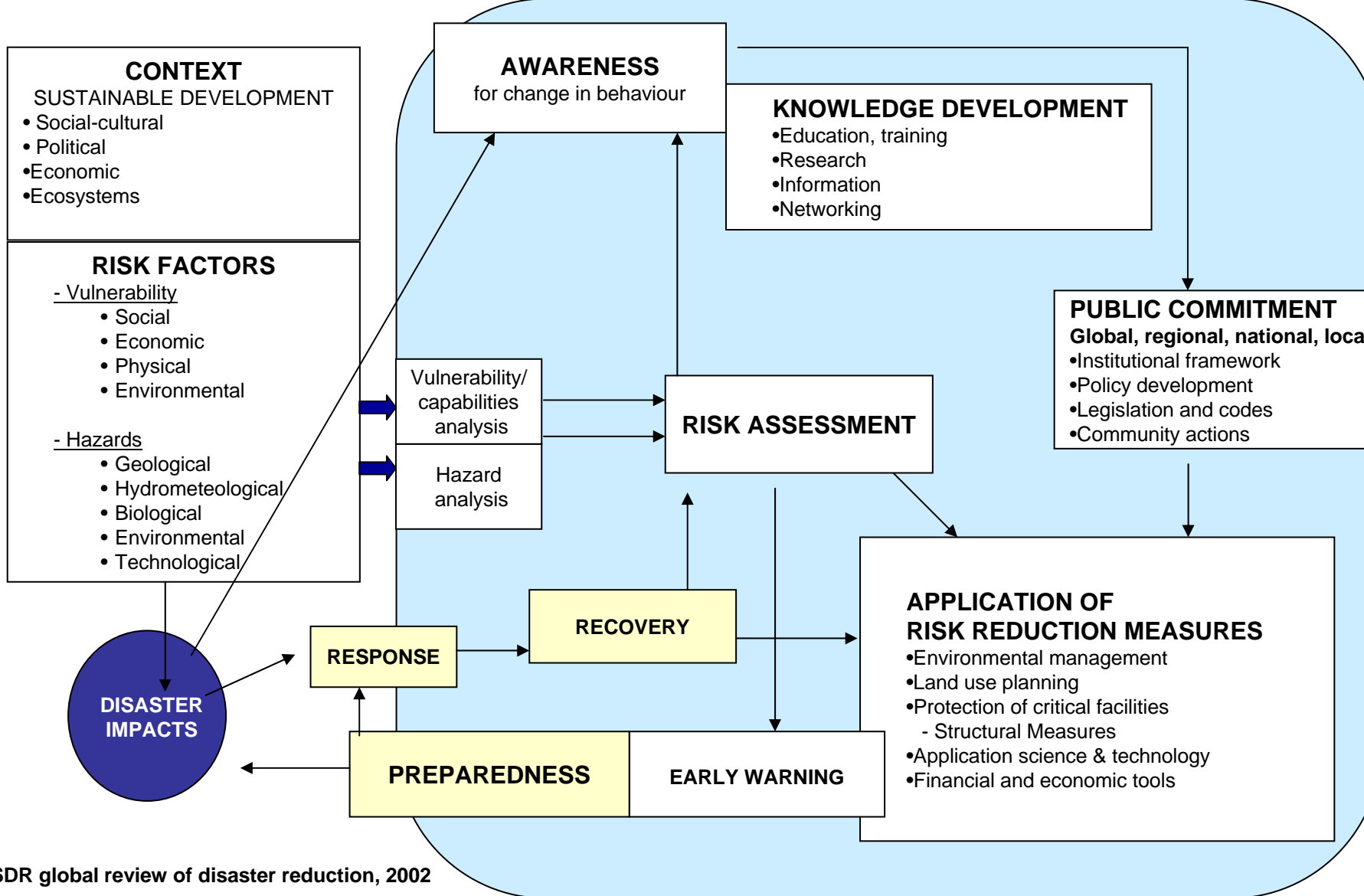
- To gain **political commitment** for IMPLEMENTATION and financial allocation for disaster reduction, which also links to the outcome of WSSD and the UN Millenium Development Goals
- To serve as **guidance** for policy makers and practitioners in disaster risk reduction and related areas, foster knowledge development
- To **develop a monitoring and review system** for assessing progress over time to support local, national, regional and global development of disaster reduction

Milestone events to build on

- **Yokohama World Conference on Disaster Reduction, 2004** (mid- term review of IDNDR).
Adoption of Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action
- **IDNDR Programme Forum- end of Decade (1999)**
- **Regional meetings and foras** for exchange and capacity enhancement developing since (ADPC, ADRC, SOPAC, ASEAN, SAAREC, ESCAP....)
- **Thematic meetings** (global and regional scope, urban disaster mitigation (AUDMP), climate and water related, early warning-Potsdam 1998, space technology...)
- **Sustainable development and climate change** (Regional meetings leading to WSSD, Johannesburg

Living with Risk- A global review of disaster reduction initiatives, 2002

FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



Regional examples of frameworks:

Asia

Total Disaster Risk Management

concept and application-

holistic approach to disaster reduction in shaping

Pacific

Comprehensive Hazard and Risk Management (CHARM),

strategy adopted by Pacific island States

Review status of:
Regional cooperation,
national and local implementation

REVIEW content: Building on the Yokohama Strategy and first global review of disaster reduction (LwR, ISDR)



Living with risk - focus on disaster risk reduction

- 1.1 Setting the scene - understanding disaster risk reduction
- 1.2 Contexts and processes linked to disaster risk reduction: sustainable development (environment, social and economic development, cultural contexts)



Risk awareness and assessment

- 2.1 Understanding the nature of risk
- 2.2 Emerging trends in disaster impact, hazards and vulnerability patterns
- 2.3 Risk assessment

Policy and public commitment: the foundation of disaster risk reduction

- 3.1 Institutional frameworks: Policy, legislation and organizational development for **national and local** decision-making.
- 3.2 Regional cooperation, interaction and experience
- 3.3 Community action



Building understanding: development of knowledge and information sharing

- 4.1 Information management and communication of experience
- 4.2 Education and training
- 4.3 Research
- 4.4 Public awareness





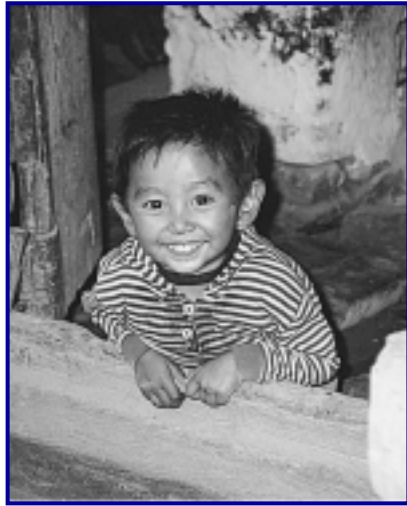
A selection of disaster reduction applications

- 5.1 Environmental management
 - 5.2 Land use planning
 - 5.3 Protection of critical facilities
 - 5.4 Networking and partnerships
 - 5.5 Financial and economic tools- safety nets
 - 5.6 Early warning systems
- Add: poverty reduction policies with risk management approach



Related international commitments and the UN role in disaster risk reduction

- 6.1 Selected international development agendas and commitments (Ex: Sustainable development; climate change)
- 6.2 UN agencies and scope of activities – clearer definition of scope and complementarity



Challenges for the future

Current development practices do not necessarily reduce communities' vulnerability to disasters.

- Proposes a monitoring framework to assess progress over time.
- To be further developed into a monitoring, review and assessment tool for all actors.
- Review of implementation of Yokohama Strategy

The Chinese characters:

危机

Crisis =
threat +
opportunity

As conditions change, so can attitudes.
New thinking must provide the solution.

The process 2003 – 2004 (2005)

Regional reviews, national input

- Kobe (ADRC)
- Fiji (SOPAC, Pacific)
- ADPC, ADB, ESCAP, UNDP and other related fora
- Early warning
- others

Monitoring and review framework, indicators

Second version of *Living with Risk-global review*, with UNDP, ProVention, regional and national organizations

Final global event, political commitments

Pending definition of location and time (end of 2004 beginning 2005)
To UN General Assembly endorsement

Next steps (2003)

- Feed-back from experts, countries, organization on **monitoring and assessment framework** (*Living with Risk and UNDP vulnerability index*) with IATF working groups support
- Thematic and regional reviews:
 - **Water risk:** Participation in 3rd World Water Forum, Kyoto (March)
 - **Early warning:** Regional consultation and global conference Oct 2003 (Germany)
- Planning for final event, Kobe, Geneva ...

Expected outcomes (2004-2005)

- **A programmatic document**- identifying gaps, and means to bridge these gaps, resources required
- **A set of guidelines for a programme of action** for practical application of disaster reduction
- Second version of an **inventory and review of disaster reduction initiatives** (*Living with Risk*), and a monitoring framework with targets and indicators
- **Political declaration** (commitment) carrying forward the Yokohama message of 1994