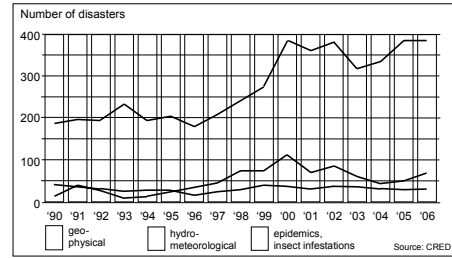


## Preparedness for climate change

Red Cross/Red Crescent Centre on Climate Change  
and Disaster Preparedness

## Disaster trends since 1990



## Disaster Response & Preparedness for Response

Traditional Red Cross territory....

- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)
- Field Assessment and Coordination Teams
- ERU's
- Regional Disaster Response Teams
- Emergency Response Teams
- Simulations & training
- Regional Logistics centres



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### Disaster management and climate change


Climate change an emerging topic for most of the actors in the humanitarian community, because:

- New issue, no infrastructure to absorb it
- Other urgent issues (conflicts, HIV/AIDS)
- Environmental connotation
- Difficult to translate the climate uncertainties into action

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### Climate change leads to new, or more urgent questions for the Red Cross/Red Crescent

- How to deal with an increasing intensity and frequency of disasters?
- How to handle new and unknown risks?
- How to use knowledge about climate change to enhance our work?
- What can we do more of, differently or better?




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### Seven steps to climate risk reduction

- Raise awareness;
- Establish and enhance partnerships;
- Preliminary climate risk assessment;
- Assess priorities and produce an action plan;
- Highlight climate-related vulnerability with other actors;
- Document and share experiences and information;
- Advocacy: shape the global response to climate change.

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### Current involvement



Region	Countries
North America	Netherlands
Central America	Bulgaria, Macedonia
South America	Jamaica, Trinidad & T., Bahamas, St. Kitts and N., Antigua and B., Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Colombia, Bolivia, Argentina
East Africa	Uganda, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania
South Asia	Uzbekistan, Kirgizia, Bangladesh, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Kiribati, Solomons, Tuvalu, Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands
Madagascar	Zimbabwe, Madagascar

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**Samoa Red Cross 2005 - present**  
Climate change and disaster preparedness

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**Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment  
as a tool for addressing climate risk**

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**First conclusions**

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- Climate risk reduction is a key entry point for cooperation between the humanitarian, development and environmental communities
- This is necessary and possible at ALL levels (international, national, local and community level)
- Climate change related & extreme events can be the trigger for change.
- Climate risk reduction strategies and programmes have to be embedded in and beneficial to ongoing programmes.

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**Nairobi Work Programme**

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We are committed to addressing climate risks:

- International Conference 2007
- Assisting National Societies understand and address climate risks
- Utilising and improving the VCA tool
- Working from global to local and back again
- Committed to scaling up disaster risk reduction – a culture of prevention
- Creative communication
- Need to improve involvement of health

- [www.climatecentre.org](http://www.climatecentre.org)
- [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)