INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT MONITORING CENTRE (IDMC)

2018 – Disasters

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Disaster displacement is a global challenge

More than **7500** geolocalised data points from . . .

more than **1500** disaster events triggered internal displacement across **142 countries**

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A new way of thinking about disasters

To understand disasters we must not only know about the types of hazards that might affect people, but also the different levels of vulnerability of different groups of people. This vulnerability is determined by social systems and power, not by natural forces. It needs to be understood in the context of political and economic systems that operate on national and even international scales: it is these which decide how groups of people vary in relation to health, income, building safety, location of work and home, and so on.

We need to see disasters as primarily social, rather than natural, phenomena.

Figure 2.2: Factors and relationships that influence disaster risk

A new way of thinking about disaster risk

Figure 2.3: Old and new ways of understanding disaster response in relation to disaster risk

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Most recorded displacement has occurred in the Asia-Pacific Region

55% of displacement occurred in **East Asia and Pacific**

18% of displacement occurred in **South Asia**

Typhoon Mangut alone displaced **3.18** million people

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Disaster displacement risk

Of the **13.9 million** people at risk of becoming displaced each year, **9.24 million** live in the Asia-Pacific region

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Regional context and trends

- **Population growth and urbanisation**
- **Economic growth**
- **Unequal distribution of wealth**
- **Improved disaster responses**
- **High spending on disaster response, but relatively little on DRR**
- **Conflict exacerbating high levels of vulnerability**

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

DISASTERS 45.8%
CONFLICT 6%
OF THE GLOBAL TOTAL

5 COUNTRIES WITH MOST NEW DISPLACEMENT (conflict and disasters)

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SOUTH ASIA

DISASTERS 15.1%
CONFLICT 5.4%
OF THE GLOBAL TOTAL

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Sources

75%

National and local governments are the key providers of disaster displacement data

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