

Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators

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Expected outcome

• The substantial reduction of disaster losses, in lives, and in the social, economic and environmental assets of countries(over the next 20 years)

Para. 11 of zero-order draft



Proposed Targets

- Reduce disaster mortality (XX%)
- Reduce number of affected people (XX%)
- Reduce disaster economic loss (XX%)
- Reduce disaster damage to health and educational facilities (XX%)
- Increase number of countries with national and local strategies (XX%) (Input target)

Paragraph 13 of the zero draft



Issues

- Do targets cover all relevant sectors (for example housing, transport, agriculture)?
- What level of progress is motivational but also realistic and credible?
- Are the targets global, national or both?



Indicators

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Need to adopt clear and unambiguous definitions:

- What hazards to include or not?
- Define loss attributes: for example, mortality relatively unambiguous; affected people very fuzzy.
- Economic loss: direct, indirect, wider or macroeconomic effects.
- All disasters or those that are officially declared?



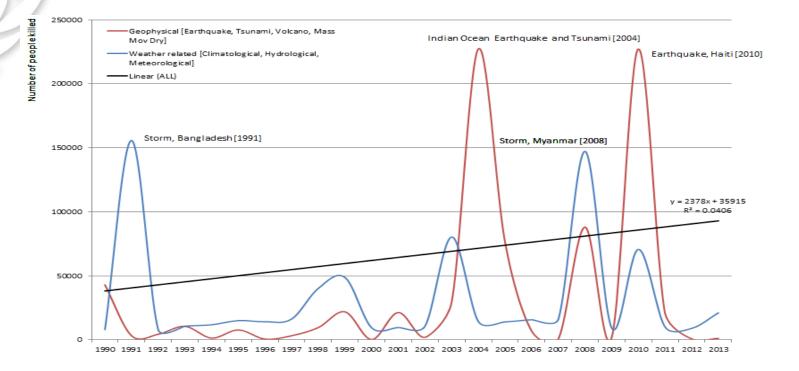
Can progress be measured?

- Most mortality concentrated in infrequent, high-intensity disasters that distort any decadal trend
- Recurrent lower-intensity disasters may provide a better view of underlying trends in the short term



Global disaster mortality

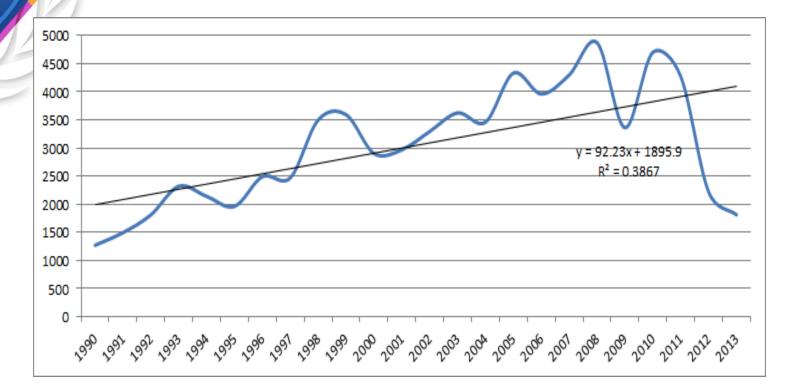
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Internationally reported disasters, EM-DAT (CRED) Trend (r2 = 4%) VERY LOW CONFIDENCE



Mortality in smallerscale disasters



Nationally reported disasters from 80 countries. TREND (r2 = 38%) MEDIUM LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE



Do we have the data?

- Global databases do not capture many smaller disasters
- Insurance databases not publicly accessible
- National disaster databases, currently available in about 80 – 90 countries. No global coverage, heterogeneous quality.



How do we implement?

- Periodicity: every 2, 3 or 4 years?
- Need for capacity building to monitor disaster loss and damage in those countries that currently do not publish data.
- Coordination of monitoring, scientific validation.



Thank you very much

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