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# **Proposal of Establishing the Disaster Preparedness ISO**

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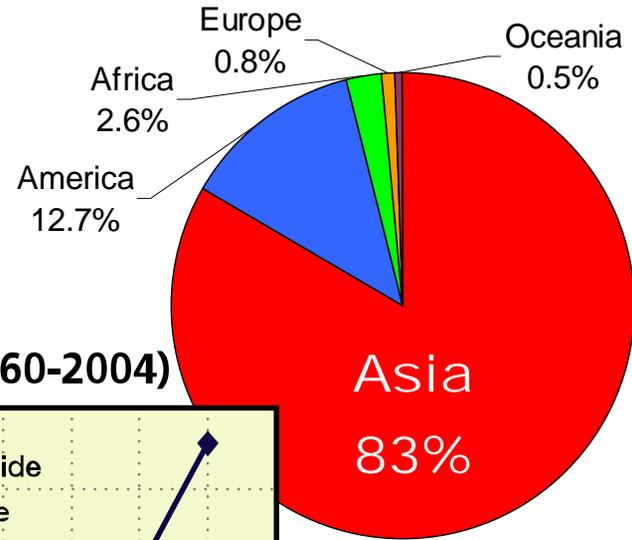
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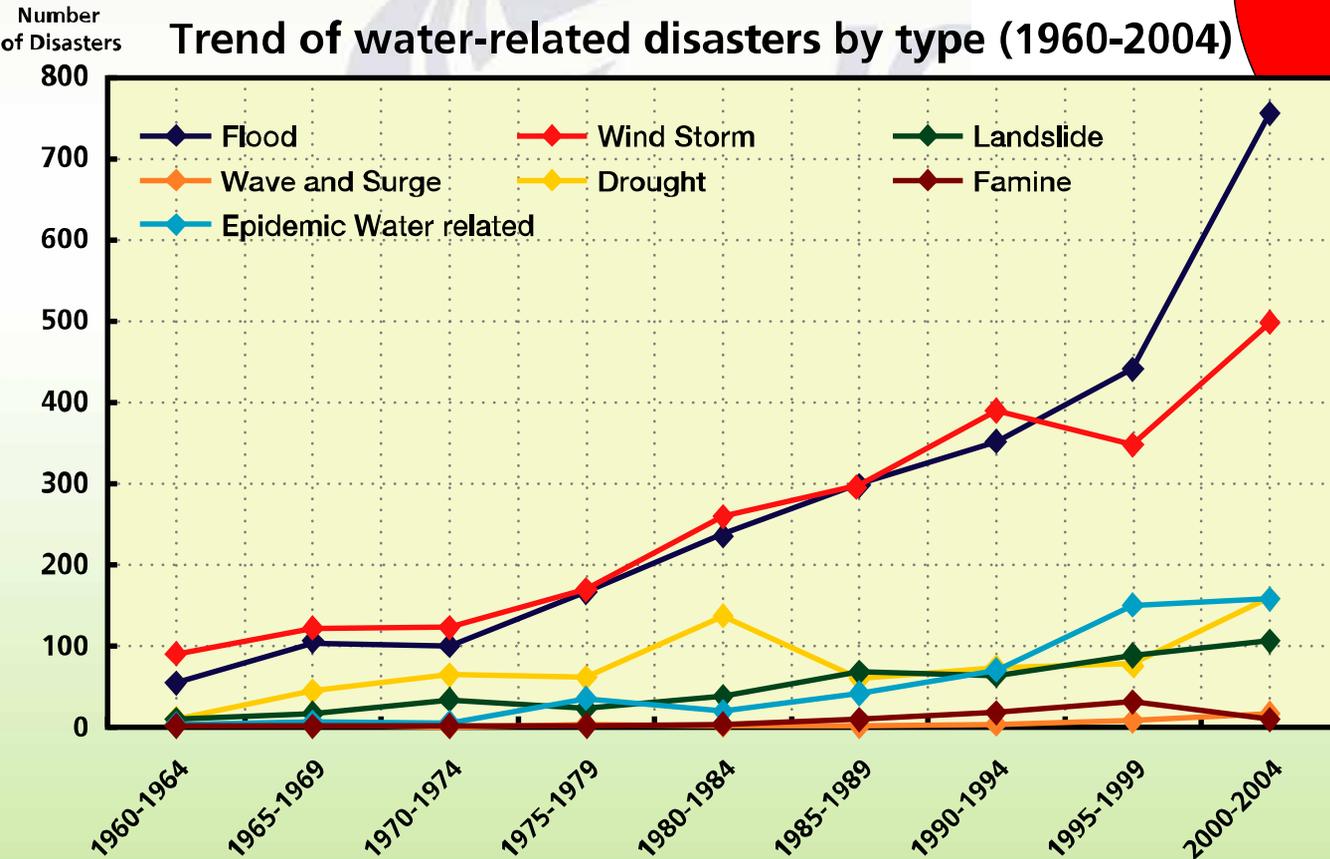


**Disaster Risk**  
**= Natural Hazards**  
**x Societal Vulnerability**  
**/ Coping Capacity**

Percentage of Killed People by Water-related Disasters (1980-2006)



Trend of water-related disasters by type (1960-2004)



## Vulnerability by Development and Life Style



**Fukuoka Flood in 1999**

(Source : MLIT)

# Vulnerability by Poverty and Governance



Jakarta, May 2007 by K. Takeuchi

# People are not well prepared

- What to do before, during and after hazards?
- People/communities know hazards are coming and like to do preparation. But they either do not know what to do properly or have not committed to do so.
- We need some instructions and mutual encouragement for preparedness to save large human and economic losses.

# The Hyogo Framework for Action Priorities for Action

1. Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and a local priority with a **strong institutional basis** for implementation.
2. Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance **early warning**.
3. Use knowledge, innovation and **education** to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels.
4. **Reduce the underlying risk factors.**
5. Strengthen **disaster preparedness** for effective response at all levels.

# **Strong institutional basis for disaster preparedness**

It is necessary to establish a **common mechanism by which a community is encouraged, directed and learn each other to take a rational procedure to make themselves prepared** for warning, information dissemination, evacuation, refugee sheltering, refugee support, recovery, receiving official and volunteer helps, etc. etc.

# Disaster Preparedness ISO

**A set of International Standards to guide communities to prepare for their anticipated hazards to minimize their negative impacts on people, properties and activities and lead quick recovery after they occur.**

Such standards should not be like a building code or thresholds of infrastructure levels or facilities/equipments to be installed but rather a set of institutional procedure and daily exercises for communities to commit to follow.

# Design of Disaster Preparedness ISO

Such standard procedure may be designed under the following principles:

- (1) Designed according to the **local reality** and manageable within the local context and administrative framework
- (2) Decided, implemented, checked and revised by the community authorities regularly and have a built-in mechanism for continuous improvement in a **positive spiral based on plan-do-check-action cycle**.
- (3) Linked with and **consistent with the national** and regional emergency management **scheme**.
- (4) **Supported by the best practicable disaster forecasting system** of the nation/region.
- (5) **Internally reviewed** and checked regularly by the responsible committee chaired by the city mayor/provincial governor.
- (6) **Externally reviewed** regularly by the competent experts group.

# Steps to Be Taken for Designing Local Disaster Preparedness ISO

Such procedure may be designed by the following steps:

- (1) Community defense **committee**
- (2) **Goal** of the locality
- (3) Annual or biannual objective of **improvement action**
- (4) Administrative, technical and financial **resources**
- (5) **Role share and procedure** centered at the local disaster management office
- (6) **Exercises** and training
- (6) **Reviewed** regularly and licensed/**re-licensed**

# Societal paradigm shift is necessary to adapt for higher risk environment

- Climate change is a matter of the present and not of the future.
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction is a must but not a cure.
- Society is becoming increasingly vulnerable to all natural disasters.
- **Adaptation to the new higher risk environment by Disaster Risk Reduction is the only option available for us.**

**Let us paradigm-shift for  
better prepared disaster  
conscious society!**



**Thank you**