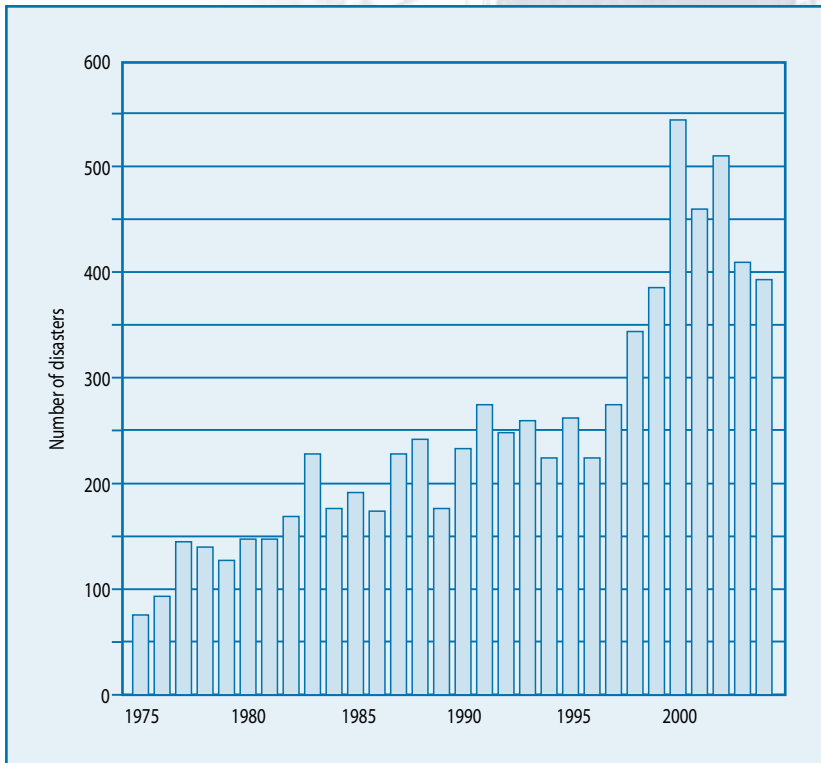




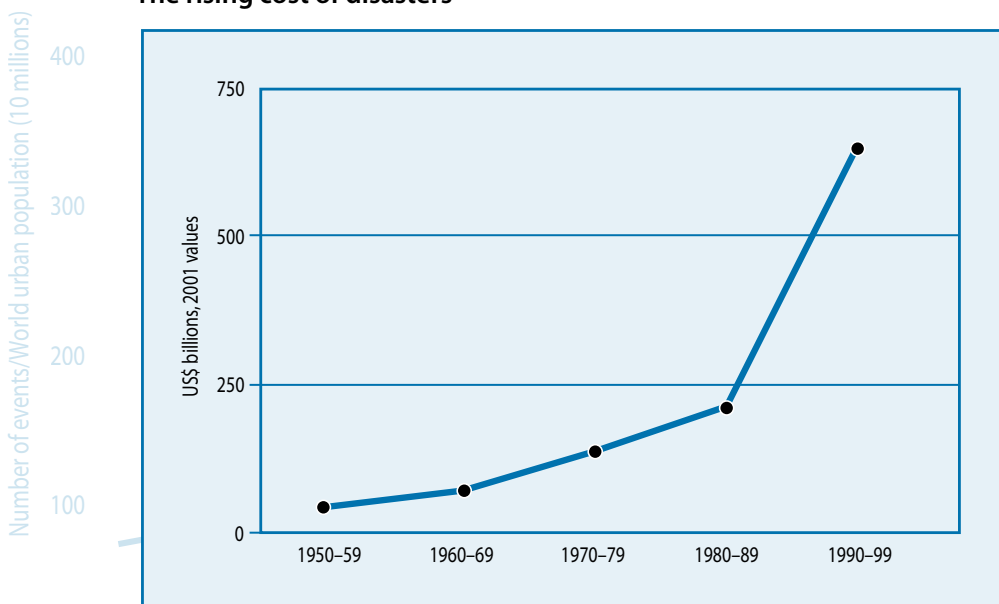
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Natural disasters are increasing



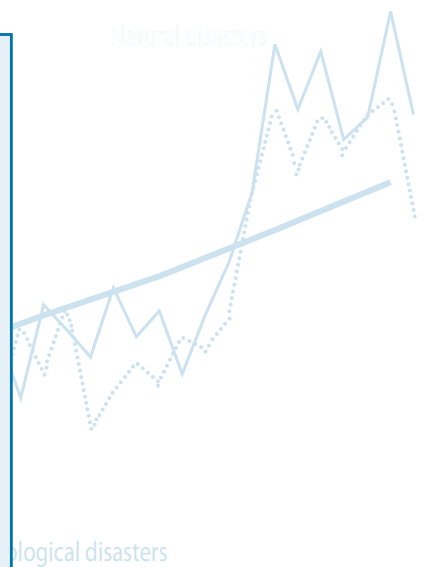
Source: World Bank, 2006a, p4

The rising cost of disasters

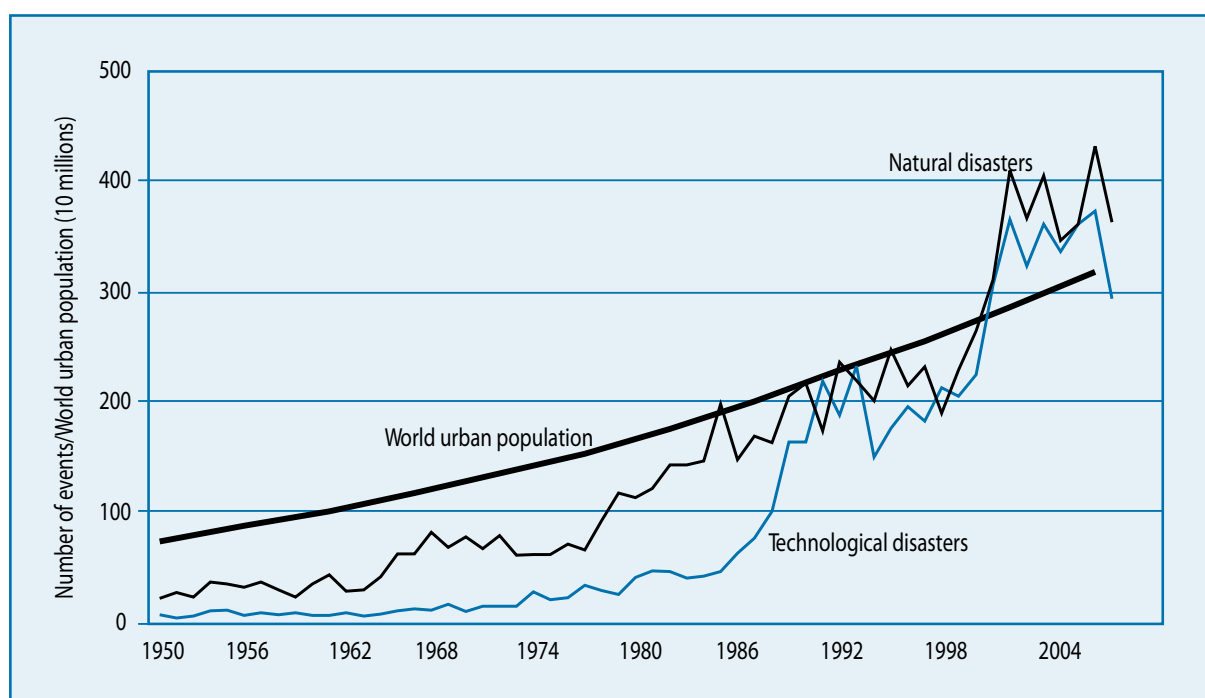


Note: The data is for 'great' disasters in which the ability of the region to help itself is distinctly overtaxed, making interregional or international assistance necessary.

Source: World Bank Independent Evaluation Group, 2006, p5.



Recorded disaster events and world urban population (1950–2006)



Data Sources: EM-DAT, CRED database, University of Louvain, Belgium, www.emdat.net; United Nations, 2005

Global extent and impacts of disasters by hazard type (total 1996–2005)

	Number of events	Mortality	People affected	Economic damage (US\$ millions, 2005 prices)
Avalanches/landslides	191	7864	1801	1382
Earthquakes, tsunamis	297	391,610	41,562	113,181
Extreme temperatures	168	60,249	5703	16,197
Floods	1310	90,237	1,292,989	208,434
Volcanic eruptions	50	262	940	59
Windstorms	917	62,410	326,252	319,208
Industrial accidents	505	13,962	1372	13,879
Miscellaneous accidents	461	15,757	400	2541
Transport accidents	2035	69,636	89	960

Source: EM-DAT, CRED database, University of Louvain, Belgium, www.emdat.net