



DISASTER
ZONE

PRESENTATION

To accompany the
Disaster Zone resource
for secondary schools





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WHAT HAPPENED HERE?



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TROPICAL STORM



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Children play on the beach created when floods from tropical storm Agatha opened a new estuary in 2010. Communities who live on the Pacific coast of Guatemala are at risk of flooding every year.



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EARTHQUAKE



The devastation in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, following a massive earthquake that struck on 12 January 2010.

FLOODS



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Many areas of the Philippines are vulnerable to flooding and other extreme weather events – around 20 typhoons hit the country every year.

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

Questions for discussion

- ⚠ What do the pictures show?
- ⚠ What do they not show?
- ⚠ In what ways might the impacts of different disasters be similar?
- ⚠ In what ways might they be different?
- ⚠ What have we learnt?
- ⚠ What information would we need to understand a disaster situation properly?



DEFINING DISASTER

Questions for discussion

- ⚠ What is the difference between a hazard and a disaster?
- ⚠ What might the impacts of a disaster be?
- ⚠ If a disaster causes damage, but does not kill anyone, is it still a disaster?
- ⚠ If an event only affects a few people, is it still a disaster?

DEFINING DISASTER

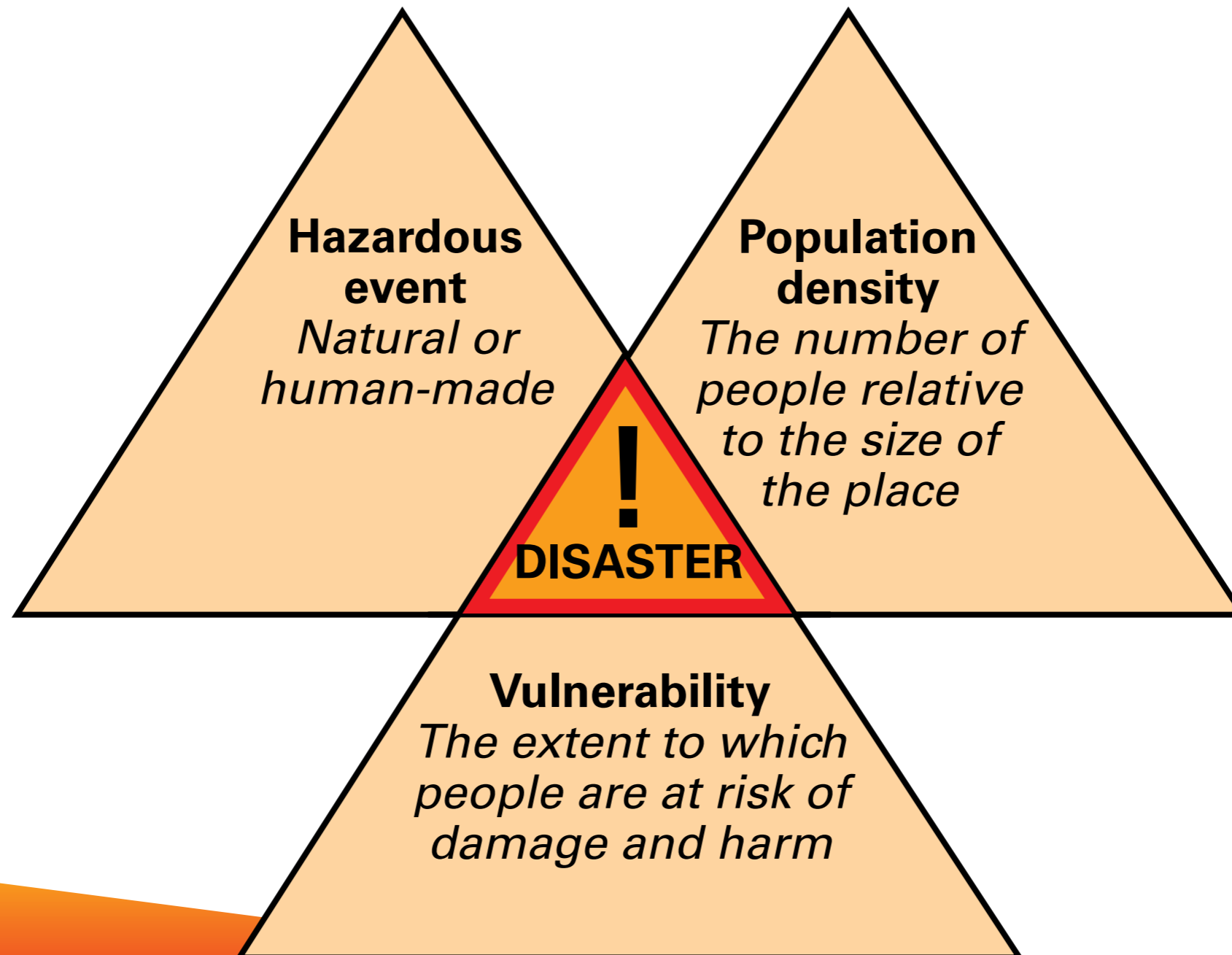
Disasters are usually defined as events on a significant scale that cause harm to people through injury or death or through damage or loss to their property, environments or livelihoods.



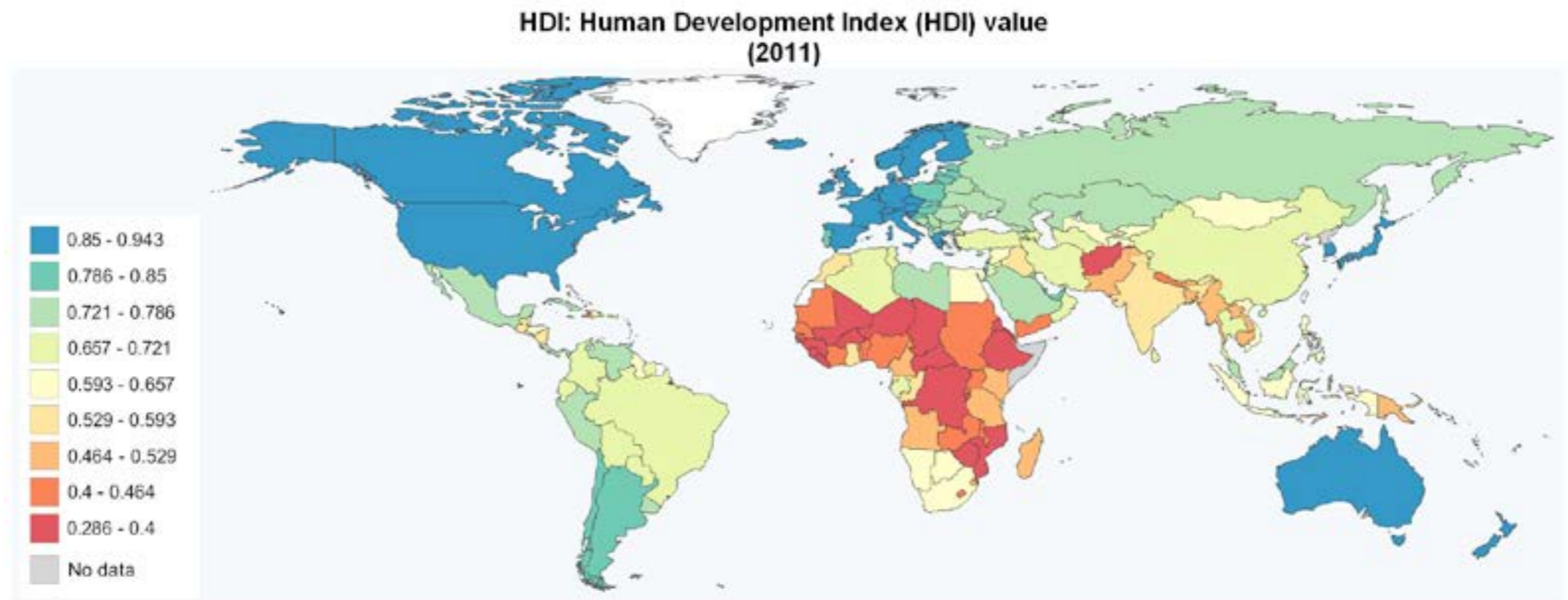
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WHAT MAKES A DISASTER?



MAP OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT



Source: UNDP hdr.undp.org/en/data/map

Is there a pattern between disaster death tolls and economic development?

DISASTERS IN THE NEWS

Questions for discussion

- ⚠ Do the majority of articles describe disasters in Britain and Ireland or disasters overseas?
- ⚠ Is there any difference in the way that disasters in Britain and Ireland and disasters overseas are reported?
- ⚠ Is there any difference in the way that the same disaster is reported in different newspapers?



DISASTERS IN THE NEWS

Questions for discussion

- ⚠ Can you identify what help was provided to people experiencing disaster in Britain and Ireland?
- ⚠ Can you identify what help was provided to people experiencing disaster overseas?
- ⚠ Who provided this help?
- ⚠ Is it clear what made people vulnerable to disaster in the first place? And were those things different in different countries?



POVERTY AND DISASTERS

Not all disasters are equal

[Click here to download the Earthquake Animation](#)

Why might the death toll in Haiti have been so much higher than in Chile?

POVERTY AND DISASTERS

'Earthquakes don't kill people, buildings do.'

Elizabeth Hausler, seismologist



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COPING WITH DISASTER

Questions for discussion

- ⚠ After a disaster, which things would be most important in the first few days and which would be most important for the longer term?
- ⚠ Do the needs of people affected by disaster change over time?
- ⚠ What things would help to protect people from future disasters?





COPING WITH DISASTER

Questions for discussion

- ⚠ What are the emotional, as well as physical, impacts of a disaster?
- ⚠ Who should be responsible for providing the things that people need to cope with disasters?
- ⚠ From where should resources, such as the money, equipment and labour, come to provide the things people need after a disaster?

CASE STUDY: EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

The following resources will help you to explore the impact of the 2010 earthquake on Haiti:

-  Haiti case study
-  Film clips.

Use the 'Disaster analysis' worksheet to help explore this disaster.



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CASE STUDY: FLOODING IN THE PHILIPPINES

The following resources will help you to explore the impact of the 2012 flooding in the Philippines:

- ⚠️ Philippines case study
- ⚠️ *Big River Rising* multimedia resource.

Use the 'Disaster analysis' worksheet to help explore this disaster.



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ARE DISASTERS NATURAL?

Questions for discussion

- ⚠ What human factors were shown to have made both the earthquake in Haiti and the flooding in the Philippines more disastrous?
- ⚠ How might the risk of future disasters be reduced?

CLIMATE CHANGE

-  How does climate change blur the distinction between 'human-made' and 'natural' disasters?
-  What role might new technologies play in reducing environmental disasters?





RESPONDING TO A DISASTER

There are lots of ways you can help respond to disasters.

- ⚠ For more information on emergencies that Christian Aid is responding to right now, visit christianaid.org.uk/emergencies
- ⚠ Can you think of any creative ways to raise awareness about emergencies?