

Affected by Disasters



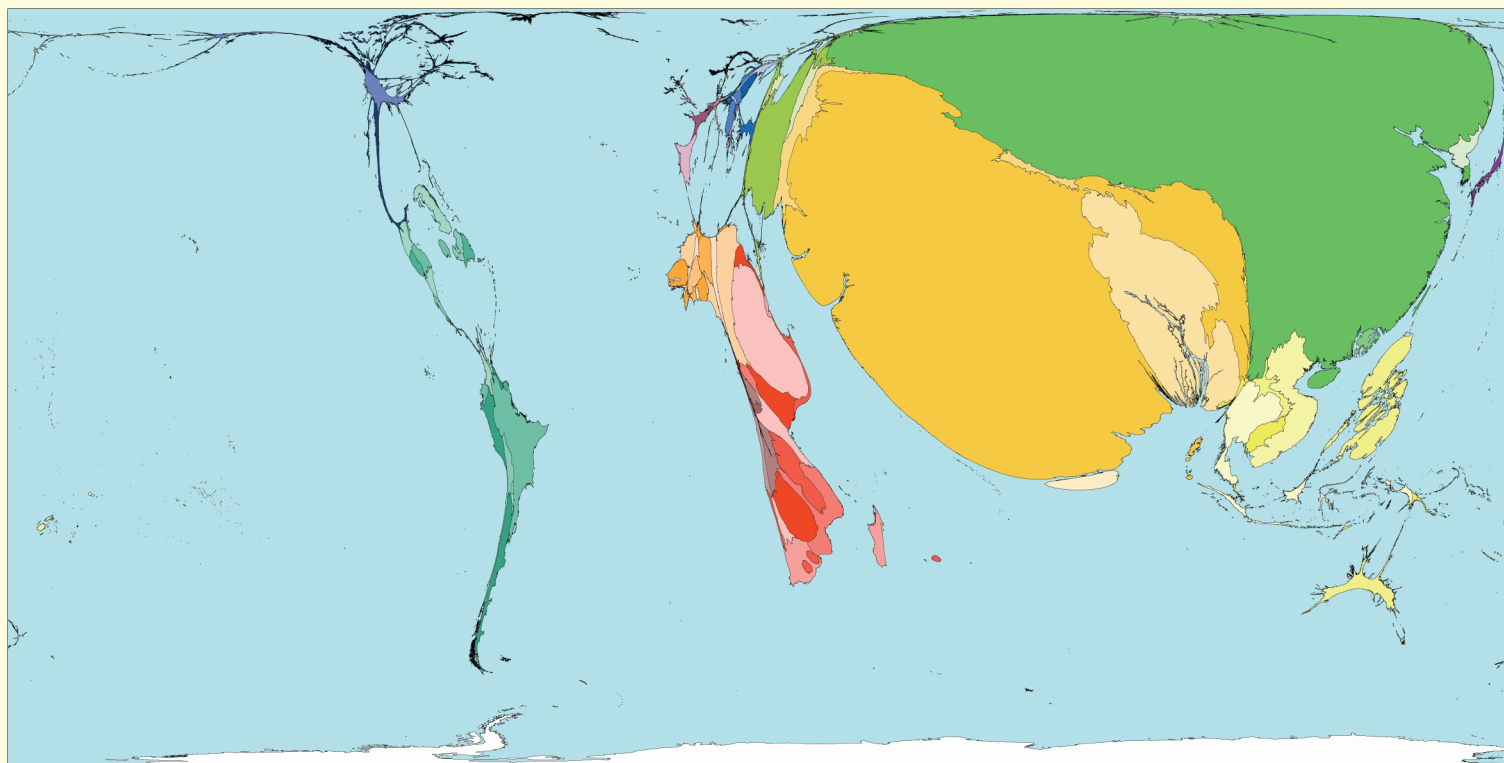
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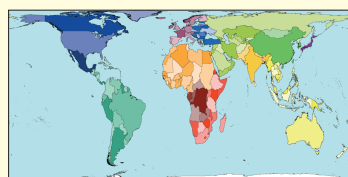
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Disasters are events that overwhelm local capacity, causing destruction and suffering, and necessitating a request for outside help. Disasters include droughts, epidemics, volcanoes, storms, fires, and events caused by accidents or indirectly caused by wars. Being affected by a disaster here means requiring assistance to survive, for example shelter, water, sanitation, medication and food.

Of all people affected by disasters between 1975 and 2004, 43% live in Southern Asia, 41% live in Eastern Asia, and 5% live in Southeastern Africa.

Territory size shows the proportion of all people worldwide affected by disasters between 1975 and 2004, that live there. Being 'affected' includes requiring emergency assistance for basic survival, and catching an infectious diseases not usually found there.



Land area

Technical notes

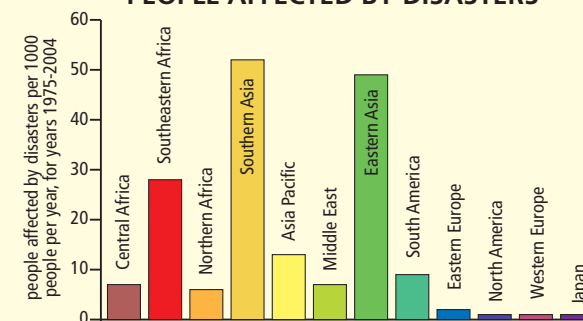
- Data and definitions are from the United Nations Environment Programme (2005).
- *In 78 territories the average was 1 affected person per thousand people per year.
- See website for further information.

MOST AND LESS DISASTER-AFFECTED PEOPLE

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Botswana	79.32	113	United States	1.37
2	Bangladesh	71.32	114	Turkey	1.36
3	Zimbabwe	71.10	115	Japan	1.30
4	Mauritania	68.49	116	Syrian Arab Republic	1.26
5	Malawi	64.62	117	Serbia & Montenegro	1.23
6	Djibouti	64.58	118	Republic of Korea	1.14
7	India	57.59	119	Taiwan	1.13
8	Swaziland	53.82	120	Lebanon	1.10
9	Mozambique	52.73	121	Puerto Rico	1.09
10	China	52.62	122	Nigeria	1.06

those affected by disasters per thousand people per year 1975-2004*

PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DISASTERS



“We cannot prevent disasters ... What we hope to do is to be more proactive, to be better prepared so that we can react better, faster.”

Winston Choo, 2006