



# Disaster related statistics and Disaster Risk Financing

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# Introduction

- Disasters caused by natural and man-made hazards have a significant impact on societies and economies worldwide.
- In the last two decades, 62 million people were Directly affected by disasters in countries without an operating early warning system (2023 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction).
- The frequency of disasters is increasing, and developing countries face higher risks.
- The number of People exposed to extreme weather events (flood, drought, cyclone, or heatwave) an increase from 4 billion in 2010 to 4.5 billion in 2019 (World Bank: Policy Research Working Paper 2023).
- Mis-and disinformation is perceived as the greatest short-term risk the world faces, followed by extreme weather event (Global Risks Report 2025).
- The ability to understand, monitor, and respond to these events is crucial for effective DRM and mitigation efforts.
- Disaster-related statistics plays an important role in informing decision-making, formulating policies, and allocating resources for disaster prevention, preparedness and response.

# Global disaster losses by continent

Disasters undermine development gains and Its Adverse effect is an equal.

Proportion of Economic Losses by Continent in 2023



Source: CRED (2024). 2023 Disasters in Numbers

Development  
i.e. GDP  
Growth %  
annual rate



# Hazard and Disasters in Ethiopia



Afar Region, Dulech Wereda,  
Dofan Mountain- Volcano



- More than 58,000 people have left their homes.
- The roads are damaged.
- Around 16 schools destroyed, 21 damaged
- Kesem Sugar Factory damaged and all employees (Around 4,000) forced to flee, leaving them displaced.

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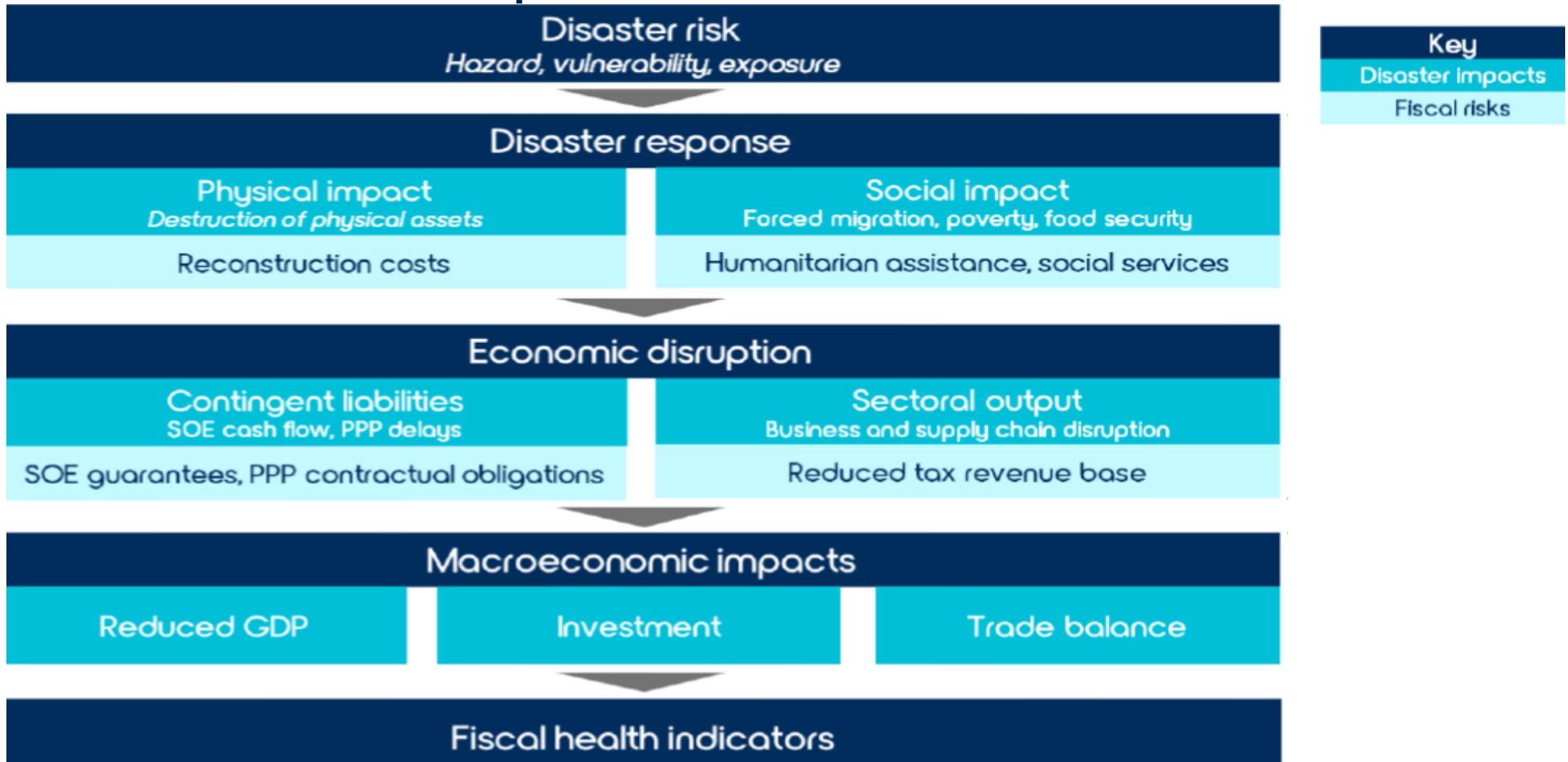


- More than 230 people have reportedly died and more than 14,000 affected by landslide incidents on 21 and 22 July 2024 in Gofa Zone, South Ethiopia;



- Over the past three years, 3.3 million livestock have perished, approximately worth 3.3 billion birr due to climate-related humanitarian crises happened for three (2021-2023) Years in Borena, Oromia Region.

# Disaster Impact and Fiscal Risk



Source: Vivid Economics

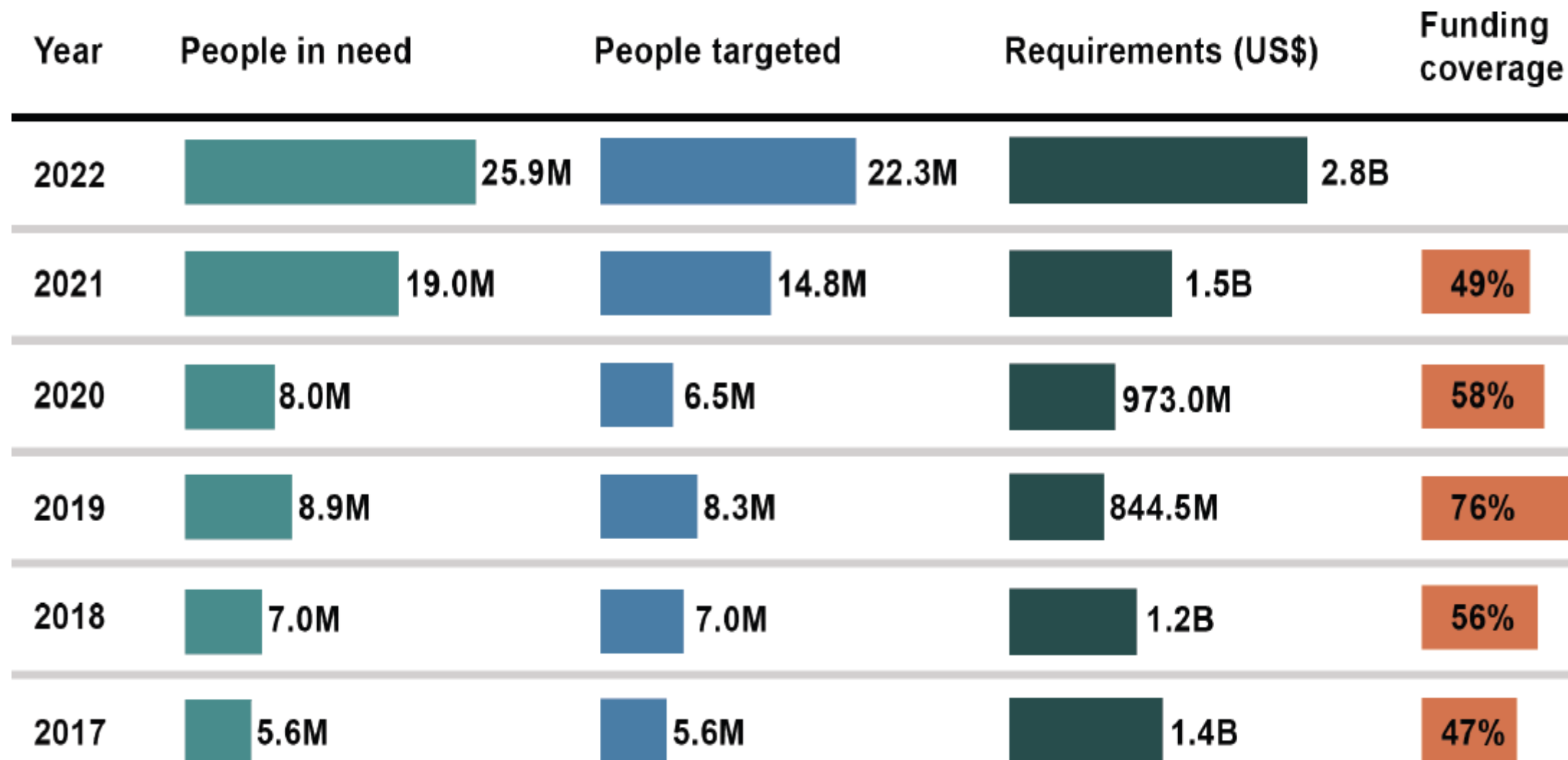
## Fiscal impacts of varying levels of Drought and flood

| Drought return period | Agriculture gross value added (GVA) loss (%) | Hydropower loss (%)   | GDP loss (%) | Loss of general government revenue* (%) | Additional number of people in need of assistance** | Expenditure need (US\$ million) |                                |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 in 5                | 0.26   | 1.33                  | 0.26         | 0.17                                    | 7,464,880   | 797.25                          |                                |
| 1 in 10               | 0.58   | 3.18                  | 0.57         | 0.38                                    | 9,522,784   | 1,017.03                        |                                |
| 1 in 30               | 1.16   | 6.02                  | 1.14         | 0.76                                    | 12,668,642  | 1,353.01                        |                                |
| 1 in 38               | 1.26   | 6.67                  | 1.24         | 0.83                                    | 13,163,119  | 1,405.82                        |                                |
| 1 in 50               | 1.42   | 7.37                  | 1.39         | 0.93                                    | 13,904,835  | 1,485.04                        |                                |
| 1 in 100              | 1.79   | 9.44                  | 1.76         | 1.17                                    | 15,262,800  | 1,630.07                        |                                |
| Flood return period   | Agriculture GVA loss (%)                     | Other sector loss (%) | GDP loss (%) | Loss of general government revenue (%)* | Cost of humanitarian aid (US\$m)**                  | Cost of reconstruction (US\$m)  | Total cost of disaster (US\$m) |
| 1 in 10               | 0.18   | 0.19                  | 0.52         | 0.19                                    | 32.50   | 91.32                           | 123.82                         |
| 1 in 30               | 0.20   | 0.32                  | 0.62         | 0.32                                    | 59.94   | 112.45                          | 172.39                         |
| 1 in 50               | 0.22   | 0.41                  | 0.67         | 0.41                                    | 74.55   | 123.70                          | 198.25                         |
| 1 in 100              | 0.24   | 0.71                  | 0.76         | 0.71                                    | 99.01   | 145.81                          | 244.81                         |

Source: DRM-Financing Strategy (MOF, Disaster-Related Fiscal Risk quantification Model)



# Ethiopia's appeals for international assistance, 2017–2022



Source: OCHA 2022c. of Ethiopian Climate and disaster risk Finance diagnostic 2022

# Disaster Risk Financing methods and instruments

## DRF instrument: EX-ante, Ex-post and Risk Transfer



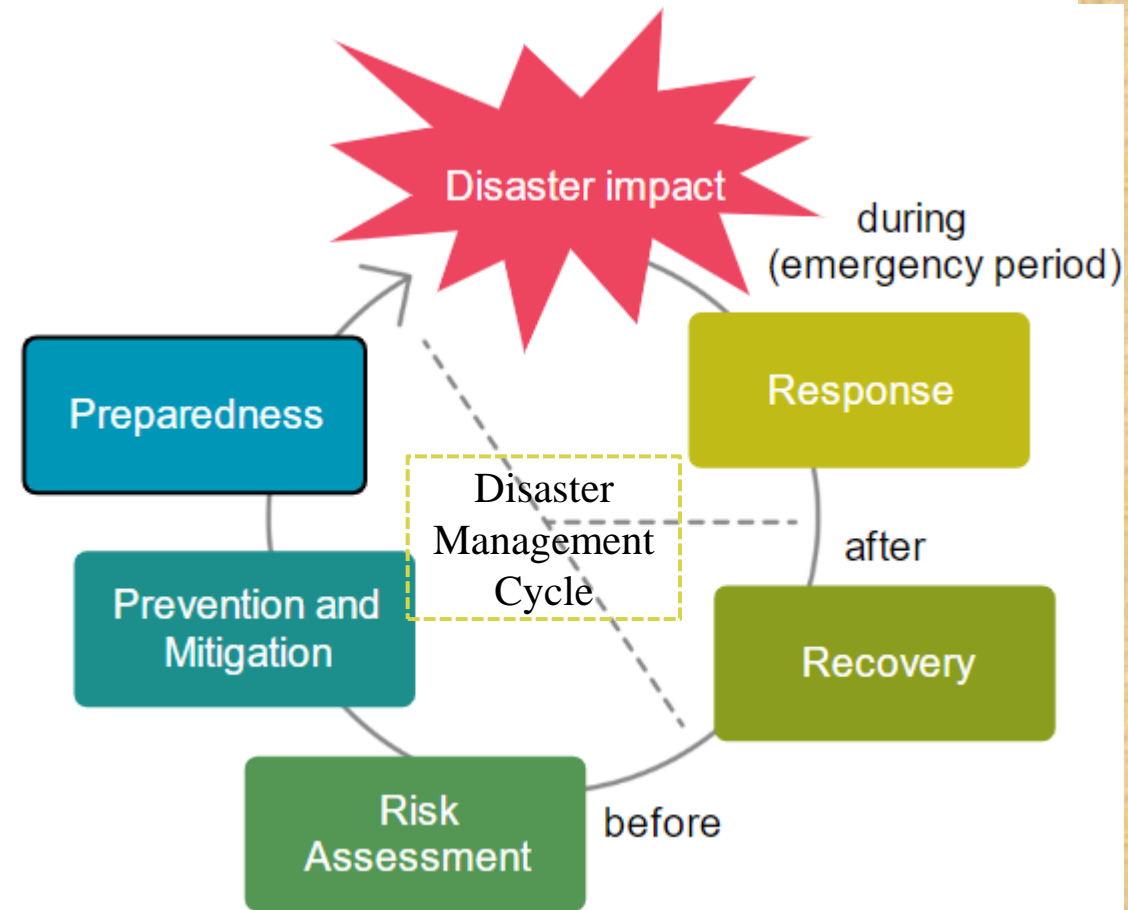
- ❖ Contingency budget
- ❖ Budget reallocations
- ❖ Risk transfer instruments
- ❖ Establishment and administration of the Green Legacy initiative and degraded land rehabilitation special fund Proclamation 1361/2017 (between 0.5% to 1% of the federal Annual budget). Also, Support from development partners, civil society and the private sector expected.

- ❖ External grants from development partners:  
Example
  - ◎ Bilateral (Denmark, Norway, UK, Austria)
  - ◎ Multilateral Climate Finance (GCF, Adaptation Fund)
  - ◎ International Development Finance (World Bank) and
  - ◎ international organization (EU and UNDP)

# Disaster related statistics

- ❖ Standardized, high quality, integrated statistics is a high demand at the local, national and international levels to inform all phases of the **disaster risk management cycle**.
- ❖ Furthermore, disaster related data used for:
  - ❖ Resource allocation: COP27 (L&D Fund)
  - ❖ To prepare the NDC (UNFCCC)
  - ❖ Research institutions and policy analysts

**Various literatures shows an Average return of \$32 for every \$1 invested in strengthening data systems**



# Opportunities: Frameworks, Agreements, Strategies and Policies

## Regional and Global

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development
- Paris Agreement- UNFCCC
- Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want
- African Union Green Recovery Action Plan 2021-2027
- African Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022-2032)

## Local

- ♣ Climate resilient green economy (CRGE) strategy
- ♣ National Adaptation Plan
- ♣ Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)
- ♣ Long-term Low Emission and climate resilient development strategy (2020-2050)
- ♣ Guidelines for quantifying disaster-related fiscal risks
- ♣ Disaster risk management (DRM) policy
- ♣ Disaster risk management financing strategy (2023–2030)

# Challenges

- Lack of harmonized disaster related Statistics
- Miss information (over and/ or under estimation)
- Lack of capacity to interpret information
- Absence of alignment of Disaster action (**CCA & DRR**) with development plan and budgeting
- Lack of resource tracking system
- Poor coordination (Vertically and Horizontally)
- Lack of actionable commitments and Agreements
- Unclear threshold, disaggregation and standardization,
- Lack of data sharing mechanism



# Policy Recommendation

- **Integrated DRR with budgeting, and planning.**
- Promoting Disaster related statistics both from national potentials, and international cooperation's
- All those disaster related financing data should be integrated with **national statistical systems**
- Capacity Building
- Data sharing regulation (mechanism)
- Engage new technologies (**Server, gadgets**)
- Engaging and coordination among lead agencies including government and private sectors

Thank you

