

# Climate change: it's us

Scientists say climate change is already happening and temperatures will go on rising. They expect more extreme and more erratic weather. Sea levels will rise. Hundreds of millions of poor people in poor countries will be hit hardest.

## We all have to live with the consequences

The Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre was set up in 2002 to help National Societies design programmes to reduce the risk of disasters that take climate change into account. They might include first aid training, early warning systems, flood shelters and reforestation to prevent landslides. Our media and fieldwork also raise awareness of this vital issue. Climate change: it's us. [www.climatecentre.org](http://www.climatecentre.org)

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# Heatwaves

Heatwaves multiply, endangering hundreds of thousands, especially the elderly and disabled

# Floods

More heavy rainfall causes destructive floods, landslides and contamination of water supplies

# Storms

Tropical storms get more intense, with higher wind speeds and more rainfall

# Drought

Prolonged droughts threaten food security and water availability

# Sea level rise

Coastal flooding becomes more frequent and salt-water intrusion threatens water supply and food production

Disease-carrying mosquitoes and tics move to new areas, malaria and dengue fever spread

# Disease

