

# WATER AND DISASTERS

During the period 2000 to 2006,  
a total of **2,163** water-related  
disasters



were reported globally in the Emergency Disasters Database,

killing more than **290,000** people,  
affecting more than

**1.5 billion,**

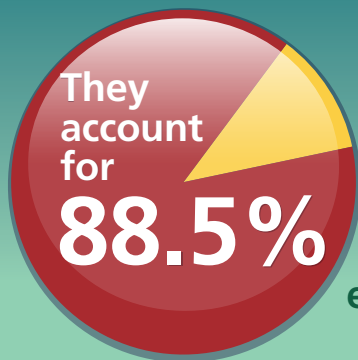


and inflicting more than

**US\$422 billion**  
of damage



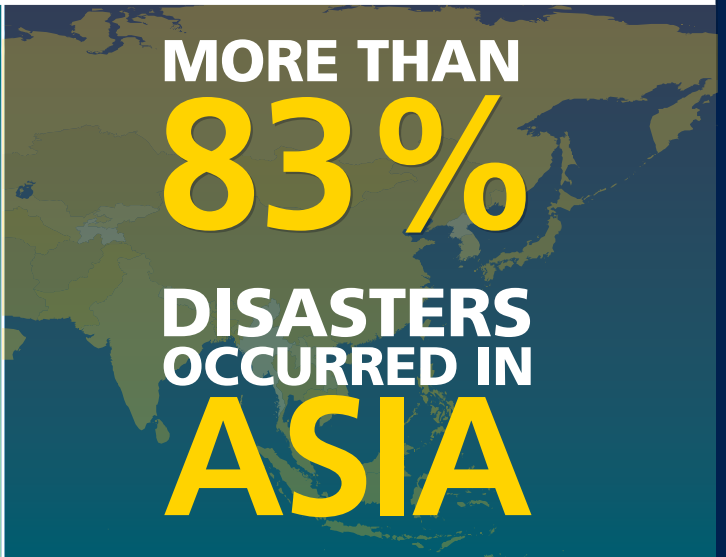
Floods, droughts and windstorms  
have been the most frequently  
occurring disaster events since 1900



They  
account  
for  
**88.5%**  
of the thousand  
most disastrous  
events.

MORE THAN  
**83%**

DISASTERS  
OCCURRED IN  
**ASIA**



Since 1900 more than  
**11 million**  
people have died as a  
consequence of drought

and more than  
**2 billion**  
have been affected by drought,  
more than any other  
physical hazard