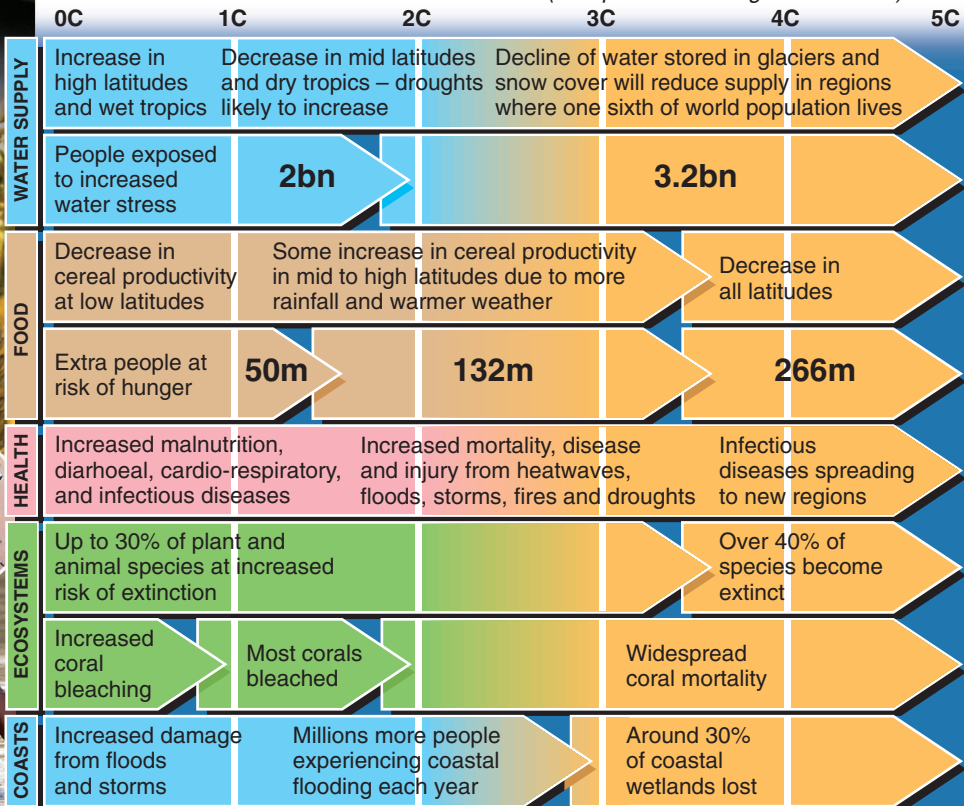


Impact of climate change

Scientists warn that climate change is so far advanced that serious damage to the planet is now inevitable and that action to limit its impact will allow us to choose only if that damage is moderate or severe. While some areas may benefit in the short term, the world's poorest people will be worst hit by the spread of disease and malnutrition

KEY IMPACTS BY TEMPERATURE INCREASE (Compared to average for 1980-99)



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