

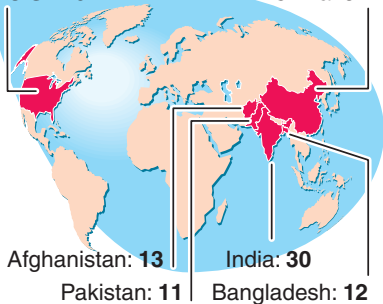
# Natural disasters on the rise

Natural disasters in 2005 rose to 360 worldwide – nearly 20 percent more than in 2004 – mainly due to an increase in floods and drought. In total, 157 million people were affected by disasters – suffering death, injury, requiring immediate assistance, or being evacuated – 7m more than the year before

## Countries most hit by disasters

U.S.: 16

China: 31



Afghanistan: 13

India: 30

Pakistan: 11

Bangladesh: 12

## Top disasters by number of deaths

Earthquake, **Pakistan** Oct **73,338**

Hurricane Stan, **Guatemala** Oct **1,513**

Hurricane Katrina, **U.S.** Aug **1,322**

Earthquake, **India** Oct **1,309**

Flood, **India** Jul **1,200**

Earthquake, **Indonesia** Mar **915**

Flood, **China** Jun **771**

Earthquake, **Iran** Feb **612**

Measles epidemic, **Nigeria** **561**

Flood, **Pakistan** Feb **520**

● Disasters in 2005 cost \$159bn – up 71% from 2004 – mainly due to \$125bn cost of hurricane Katrina

● Death toll in 2005 fell to 91,963 from 244,577 in 2004 when figures were swollen by impact of Asian tsunami