

Developing countries, and the poorest people who live in them, are the most vulnerable to climate change /UNDP

- Since 1975, 23 **mega disasters** killed **1.7 million** people, mainly in **developing** countries.
- Nearly one **billion Africans** account for **4%** of global **greenhouse gases** while **30 million Texans** create the same amount. /*African Union report*
- When **Christopher Columbus** landed in Hispaniola in 1492, **80 %** of the land was **forest**. Today it has been reduced to **7 %** in the same region.
- More than **five million people** die from waterborne **diseases** each year, **10 times** the number killed **in wars** around the globe.
- One third** of the world's population lives in **water-stressed countries** and more than **one billion** people do **not have** a UN recommended **50 litres** of water a day for **drinking, washing, cooking and sanitation**.
- The **mortality risk** from tropical cyclones is **200 times higher** in low income countries than in **developed countries**.
- One sixth** of the world's population is so poor, it produces **no significant** gas emissions at all. /*The Guardian newspaper*
- An estimated **842 million people**, mostly in sub-Sahara **Africa**, do not have **enough to eat**. Hunger and malnutrition **kill** some **10 million** people a year.
- Nearly **one third** of the world's population has **no electricity** or other modern energy supplies and another **one third** has only limited access.
- Agriculture absorbs **70%** of the world's water consumption. It takes **15 cubic meters** of water to produce **one kilo** of grain fed beef which is **eaten mainly** in developed countries.
- Natural disasters and environmental degradation, often caused by climate change, may displace **50 million people** in coming years.
- The World Commission on Water estimated an **additional US\$100 billion** a year will be needed to tackle water scarcities.
- Many **disasters** are **climate related**, particularly **floods, typhoons and cyclones**. /*IPPC report*

## COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE

2008: CYCLONE NARGIS APPROACHES MYANMAR COASTLINE WHERE IT KILLED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PERSONS.