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There remains a frightening lack of **LEADERSHIP** ... The question is not whether climate change is happening or not, but whether, in the face of this emergency, we ourselves can change fast enough.

—Kofi Annan, Seventh United Nations Secretary-General



PLANET PREPARE

2008 World Vision **Preparedness Study**

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Island of Matsungan, Papua New Guinea

Matsungan, Papua New Guinea: Island Chief John Kela (right) standing on what he says was formerly dry ground.

Photo: Johannes Luetz

Chief Kela: "What will the future hold for our children and grandchildren?" Island Chief John Kela (right) doesn't understand the science of climate change. But he sees that the ocean surrounding his island is rising.







Carteret Islander and Director of Tulele Peisa NGO, Papua New Guinea

Photo: Pip Starr

Ursula Rakova: "Storm surges regularly overtop our islands – then the sea and low-lying land become 'level.' The time for adaptation and mitigation has run out. The time for migration and relocation has come. Resettlement is underway. It is so sad to leave."





Group of "climate change refugees" who abandoned their coastal village "because of rising sea levels."





Albert Nai: "The bush is better than the beach!" (At his new home with two of his grandchildren)



Mohammad Shamsuddoha: "Bhola – Bangladesh's biggest island – is eroding at a

phenomenal rate. From a size of 6,400km² in the 1960s, Bhola is now only half its original size."

(General Secretary Equity & Justice Working Group)

Bhola Island, Bangladesh

ajumuddin, Bhola, Bangladesh: (Photo: Johannes Luetz)





Abdul Mannan: "The place where I was born lies 5 kilometres out in the sea. I've already moved my home and family four times. People are constantly moving back." Community elder Abdul Mannan (centre) points out signs of extreme erosion.



Abdul Mannan:

"People are constantly moving back. This family left last week. Only the toilet pit is left." Bhola Island, Bangladesh

Tajumuddin, Bhola, Bangladesh: (Photo: Johannes Luetz)





PhD Research: Climate Change MigrationPhD Candidate: Johannes M Luetz



PhD Study: Climate Migration

"If emissions follow a business-as-usual scenario, sea level rise of at least two meters is likely this century. Hundreds of millions of people would become refugees." —Dr. James Hansen, Director NASA Goddard Institute, Adjunct Professor Columbia University

Photo: Pip Starr





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I. Ten Pressures

- 2. One Remedy
- 3. Global Challenge





The Copenhagen Diagnosis, 2009: Updating the World on the Latest Climate Science

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I. Longevity of CO₂



Boeing 767-300

It Jet Fuel Burned = 3.157t CO₂ Emissions

(Photo: Adrian Pingstone)

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I. Longevity of CO₂



Top of Atmosphere as seen from space at 335km altitude (Photo: NASA Earth Observatory)

Per-capita emissions for Canada GRF trip: 1.4t CO₂

* 2.7 (Radiative Forcing Index, RFI) = ~ 3.8t CO₂

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I. Longevity of CO₂



Slow decay of fossil fuel CO₂ emissions



The fraction of CO_2 remaining in the air, after emission by fossil fuel burning, declines rapidly at first, but 1/3 remains in the air after a century and 1/5 after a millennium.

(Atmos. Chem. Phys. 7, 2287-2312, 2007).

2. Environmental Degradation



Annual Deforestation: 73,000km² (Area = nearly 2x Switzerland)



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Sinazongwe, Zambia

What looks like a desert or seashore is a field where crops were planted last season. Floods washed away both crops and soil, leaving only sand and a bleaker outlook on the future.

3. Accelerating CO₂ Emissions





The Keeling curve is an essential piece of evidence of anthropogenic greenhouse gas increases. The longest such record exists at Mauna Loa, Hawaii.

(Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration -- ftp://ftp.cmdl.noaa.gov/ccg/co2/trends/co2_mm_mlo.txt).

3. Accelerating CO₂ Emissions







Global CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels



4. Declining CO₂ Removal



Forest canopy on Barro Colorado Island, Panama (Photo: Christian Ziegler)

Emissions absorbed by "CO₂ sink" reservoirs have likely decreased by 5% in the past 50 years

4. Declining CO₂ Removal



North Atlantic CO₂ sink decrease ~50% since 1990 Southern Ocean No CO₂ sink increase since 1981

Photo: Tammy Peluso

4. Declining CO₂ Removal



Deforestation in the Amazon (Photo: Luoman)

Synthesis:

CO₂ emissions increasing
CO₂ removal decreasing

Result: Amplified global warming ~5-30%



Mean temperature change between 1950's and 2000's



Among
top 10
warmest
years
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
2007
2008
2009





Global average temperature 1850-2009





Global temperature change 1980-2009







Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC):

- I. More heat waves over wider areas (droughts)
- 2. More frequent heavy precipitation events (floods)
- 3. More intense tropical cyclone activity (storms)





South Africa * Western Cape 21 July 2003

"Climate change will make it harder to manage the world's water. People will feel many of the effects of climate change through water. The entire water cycle will be affected. While the world as a whole will get wetter as warming speeds up the hydrological cycle, increased evaporation will make drought conditions more prevalent. Most places will experience more intense and variable precipitation, often with longer dry periods in between. The effects on human activity and natural systems will be widespread." —World Bank, World Development Report 2010

Photo: NASA



2. Floods

Precipitation rate increase by 5-10% per °C warming

66 When it rains, it pours

Khailshabunia (Bangladesh) under water

Photo: Amio Ascension / World Vision



2007: 42.21% of country flooded



Bangladesh, world's largest river delta: **One-third floods** annually during the monsoon. Extreme floods cover up to twothirds of the country.

Bangladesh Space Research and Remove Sensing Organization (SPARRSO). Satellite image: August 2,3,4,5,7 & 8, 2007





DRIEDUP

Kerkorisogal, Kenya: Children learn English under a tree, taught by teacher James Nakure Etot (36). Kerkorisogal is named for the river that runs through it. But the river hasn't flowed in a year and a half. Ekurichanait Naborkut (34), head teacher at Kerkorisogol School, says hunger often hits his classroom hard: "When there is no food, the children become sleepy and are absent."





Cainta / Pasig, Philippines: Two days after Typhoon Ketsana/Onday's landfall, World Vision Philippines, with the help of a Coast Guard helicopter, drops 75 relief packs. Flood waters remain high, trapping thousands of people. (September 2009)

WATEREDDOWN



3. Storms

"What we are witnessing is not an aberration, but rather a 'curtain raiser' on the future. These events are not abnormal; they're what I call the 'new normal.' The number of recorded disasters has doubled from approximately 200 to over 400 per year over the past two decades. Nine of out every ten disasters are now climate related. Last year, my office at the UN issued an unprecedented 15 funding appeals for sudden natural disasters, five more than the previous annual record. 14 of them were climate-related."

-Sir John Holmes, UN Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

Photo: Kirill Putchenko


Tropical Storm Ketsana over the Philippines, 26. September 2009

> New Study: 1°C global warming = 30% increase in tropical cyclones

Photo: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



Hurricane-Ready Oceans

Photo: NASA Earth Observatory

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Hurricane Tracks 1985-2005

Photo: NASA / Nilfanion

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4. Storm Surges

Irrawaddy Delta Before Cyclone Nargis

15 April 2008

Photo: NASA/MODIS Rapid Response Team

Storm Surges: Most lethal aspect of wind storms. Hydrological conditions can lift sea level by multiple metres and drive a massive flood of sea water many kilometres inland.



Irrawaddy Delta After Cyclone Nargis

Photo: NASA/MODIS R

5 May 2008

World Bank Natural Disaster Hotspots Report: "By far the most certain aspect of climate change that will influence surge characteristics is global-mean-sealevel-rise ... The overall conclusion is that the surge hazard will evolve significantly during the 21 century."



Ocean heat uptake 50% higher than previous calculations







Thermal expansion: 40% sea level rise (1961-2003)

Photo: Tammy Peluso



Land-based melting ice: 60% sea level rise (1961-2003)

Calving Glacier in the Polar Region (Photo: Vera Bogaerts)



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Minimum arctic sea-ice decline from 1979 to 2007

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Observed and modeled Arctic sea-ice decline





While Arctic sea-ice decline is sea level neutral, proximity to Greenland is a cause for alarm

Coming Soon: Ice-Free Arctic Summers

Greenland ice-melt since 1979





2002-2009: Greenland ice mass loss doubled

2007: melting area 50% of total ice sheet

6.6 metres: Greenland's total SLR potential



kilometers

2006

(Source: Copenhagen Diagnosis 2009)

Greenland: Jakobshaven Isbrae ice shelf calving since 1851

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2005

2003

1913

1902

1931

1929

2002

964



Antarctic Warming trend (°C/decade) from 1957-2006

SLR: 7m

Source: Copenhagen Diagnosis 2009)

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0.05

0.10

0.15

0.20

SLR:

50m

0.25



Destabilisation of floating ice shelves is widespread along Antarctic Peninsula

Antarctic ice shelf

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(Photo: Armin Rose)



2002: Larsen B Break-Up

7 Collapses in last 20 years

(Photo: Armin Rose)



Global sea level change 1970-2010





SLR by 2300: up to 5m

Future sea-level projections





Real Life Examples WATER IS LIFE Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Fourth Assessment Report, 2007: "By mid-century, climate change is expected to reduce water resources in many small islands ... to the point where they become insufficient to meet demand during low-rainfall periods."



Figure 1: Normal sea level



Island Submergence



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Island Submergence

Figure 2: Rising sea level Coastal erosion, higher sea level, ncreasing Population Density Well Well Loss of agricultural land from groundwater and soil salinisation Freshwater Rising brackish water, salty well water Seawater Design: Tay Xiu Yi





Luke Rutsie (36), Petats: "The well

water tastes very salty – islanders now use it only for cooking and bathing."



Papua New Guinea, Island of Pororan, contaminated closed well



Photo: Johannes Luetz

Francis Giran (59), Pororan: "The well

water has become salty and unfit for consumption. This World Vision-built pump is brown with rust."





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Photos: Tulele Peisa, Courtesy Pip Starr and Ursula Rakova





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Slicing through

Photos: Tulele Peisa, Courtesy Pip Starr and Ursula Rakova





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Photos: Tulele Peisa, Courtesy Pip Starr and Ursula Rakova





Ursula Rakova: "After Huene was sliced in two, my family settled on Huene One (right). There are three houses there. On Huene Two (left) there are only gardens. The channel keeps widening."







ISLAND ADAPTATION THROUGH SEA WALLS?

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Island Fact I: uninhabitable long before submergence
Island Fact 2: difficult to "adapt/protect" long-term
Island Fact 3: eventually evacuation only escape route
Island Fact 4: 10 million islanders affected in Asia Pacific





Mohamed Nasheed, President of Maldives:

"We do not want to leave the Maldives, but we also do not want to be climate change refugees living in tents for decades."



Dhuvafaaru, Maldives

Island of Dhuvafaaru, Maldives (Photo: Johannes Luetz)



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8. Historical Emissions



"Granny Maria" – 1958

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Lloyd Alexander, 1958

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40% of total emissions still airborne today (~ 5,200 kg CO₂) as "historical emissions"





Cumulative CO₂ Emissions 1850-2006

Rank	Country	Mt CO ₂ e	% of World Total
Ι	United States of America	333,747.8	29.00%
2	European Union (27)	305,750. I	26.57%
3	China	99,204.2	8.62%
4	Russian Federation	93,081.6	8.09%
5	Germany	[80,377.0]	[6.99%]
6	United Kingdom	[68,235.8]	[5.93%]
7	Japan	44,535.2	3.87%
8	France	[32,278.6]	[2.81%]
9	India	27,433.6	2.38%
10	Canada	25,133.1	2.18%
Top I0	Cumulative Total	928,886	80.71%

CAIT, World Resources Institute

CAIT GHG data are derived from CDIAC, EDGAR, EIA, EPA, Houghton, IEA, and WB.



I.3°Celsius

Global average temperature 1850-2009





⁶⁶ Unchecked climate change outside the 2°Celsius guard rail entails great risk. The negative consequences would pose unprecedented challenges for humankind.

German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU)



Reconstructed, observed and future warming projections





** There is a window of opportunity for avoiding the most damaging climate change impacts, but that window is closing: the world has less than a decade to change course. Actions taken – or not taken – ...will have a profound bearing on the future. ,,

2007/2008 UN Human Development Report







- 160 million live within I metre of sea level
- Coastal population densities:
 3x higher than global average

Low Elevation Coastal Zone (LECZ):

Red shaded areas denote densely settled population centres no higher than 10 metres above sea level.

Coastal Hazards

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Clometre



(Source: Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University)

Persona per sq km	<25	25-100	100-250	255-550	505-1,000	>1.000
within LECZ					Acres 1444	
outside LECZ						





Jakarta: One of many cities that needs to prepare for sea level rise. With 40% of the city below sea level, there have already been calls to relocate the Indonesian capital to Bandung, 180km away.





Jakarta: With its 13 rivers floods in Jakarta can be devastating. The February 2007 flood made 450,000 people homeless. More than 70 percent of the city was inundated.



Bangladesh (Population 160 million): most densely settled nation on Earth (discounting islands and city states)



Low Elevation Coastal Zone (LECZ): Dark red shaded areas denote densely settled population centres no higher than 10 metres above sea level.

Graphic: Centre for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University

India

Summary



200 million climate exiles by 2050 (Norman Myers)

"Our results reveal that hundreds of millions of people in the developing world are likely to be displaced by Sea Level Rise within this century." (World Bank Study)

> Darfur Blanck Feeding (Photo: World Vision)

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Ten Pressures



Longevity of CO₂ **Environmental Degradation** Accelerating CO₂ Emissions Declining CO₂ Removal **Escalating Temperatures Rogue Weather** Sea Level Rise **Historical Emissions** Inertia of the Climate System

Population Pressures

One Remedy



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Courage is not the absence of fear – it is inspiring others to move beyond it.

> —Nelson Mandela, Lessons of Leadership





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The Bad News



Global warming cannot be reversed due to the long life-time of CO_2 in the atmosphere. This is because CO_2 cannot be extracted from the atmosphere in massive amounts.

The Good News



Global warming can be completely stopped. The temperature at which global warming will finally stop depends mainly on the total amount of CO_2 released into the atmosphere since industrialisation.

The Challenge



The sooner emissions stop, the lower the final warming will be.

Zero Emissions? Zero Regrets!

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Emissions pathways leaving 67% chance of limiting global warming to 2°C



Can we do it?



Annual per-capita CO₂ emissions below I ton

A decarbonised global society with near-zero emissions of CO_2 needs to be reached by 2050 (I Person = It CO_2)





2010 → Per-capita CO₂ emissions from Canada trip: well over 1 ton

2050 → Total annual per-capita CO₂ emissions: well under I ton

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"We need to be the change we wish to see in the world."

—Gandhi

(Photo: Jean Schweitzer)

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... indecision brings its own delays, And days are lost lamenting o'er lost days. Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute — What you can do, or dream you can, begin it, Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Only engage, and then the mind grows heated — Begin it, and the work will be completed!

> —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German Playwright, Poet, Novelist and Dramatist (1749-1832)





Thank You!



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