

Asia Pacific Regional Priorities –

Heat (*“the most ignored and rapidly rising climate risk”*) in focus

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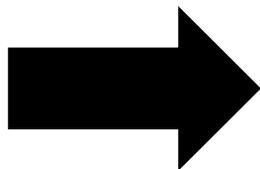
Tomorrow will be worse...

- 147 million people may be at risk of flooding by 2030
- Increased intensity of tropical cyclones, with more category 4 and 5 storms by the end of the 21st century
- Nearly 190 million people now occupy land below projected high tide lines for 2100
- **48% of the global population may be exposed to extreme heat (temperatures above 37°C) for at least 20 days every year by 2100**

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Heatwaves – a cross-cutting priority in Asia Pacific

5 Global challenges in S2030



5 Strategic Priorities

1. **Climate and environmental crises**
2. **Evolving crises and disasters**
3. **Growing gaps in health and well-being**
4. **Migration and identity**
5. **Values, power and inclusion**

Strategic Priority 1: Climate and Environmental Crises

Indicator: # of people better protected from heat in cities and towns

Global Target: 250 million by 2025 in at least 150 cities and towns

Note: Baseline to be established in 2021

Heatwaves related regional priority actions

- Set up a multi-sectoral working group on heatwaves (health, livelihood, DRR)
- Support knowledge exchange and capacity enhancement
- Provide technical support and quality assurance for heat action plans and heatwave EWEA systems linked with local/national meteorological systems
- Develop/maintain a pool of resource persons from IFRC network for internal / external advocacy activities
- Through collaboration: innovate, catalyze, share learning, facilitate peer support, scale-up actions
- Promote and support NS in developing climate-smart and multi-hazards Contingency Plan including Heatwaves

Heatwaves - Focus Countries 2021

Southeast Asia	East Asia	South Asia	Pacific
Vietnam	Japan	Bangladesh	Fiji
Myanmar	South Korea	Afghanistan	Solomon Island
Laos	Mongolia	Pakistan	Vanuatu
Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei	DPRK	India	Samoa
Cambodia		Maldives	Micronesia
Thailand		Nepal	
Indonesia			

- HW listed as a hazard
- Activities planned related to HW
- Key activities focused on HW

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