

# INEQUALITY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE RESILIENCE OF SOCIETIES

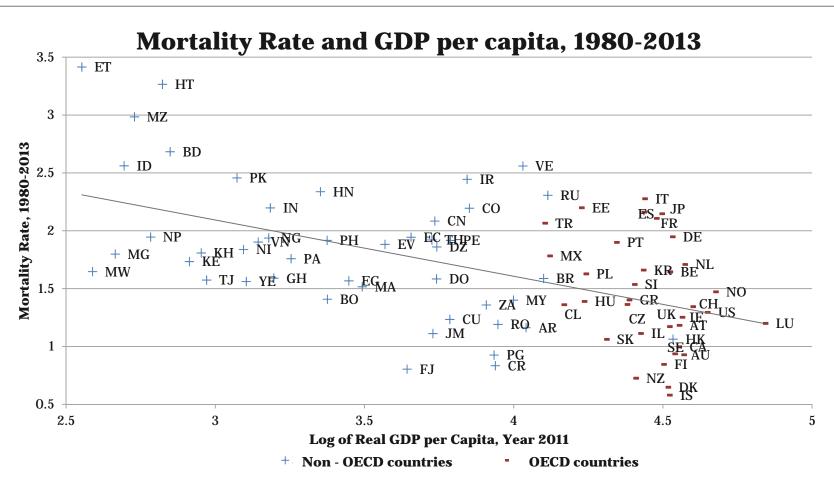
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# OECD countries made substantial progress in reducing mortality rates

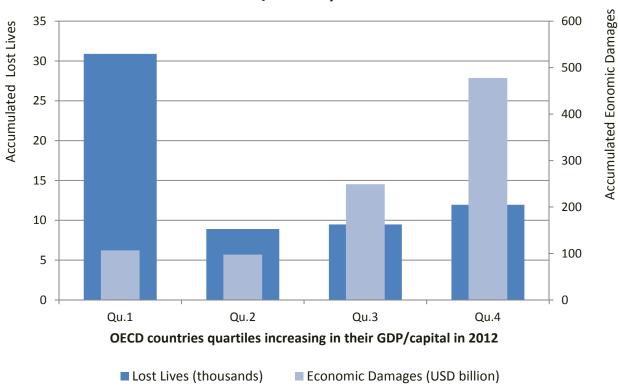


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#### Inequality across OECD countries

#### Lost Lives and Economic Damages per OECD Income Quartile, 1995-2010



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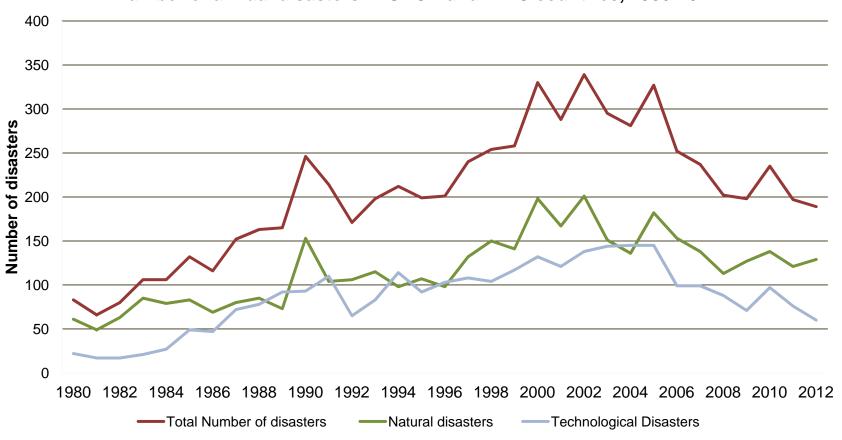
### Frequency and severity of major crises have been increasing in many countries

- USD 1.5 trillion in economic damages from manmade and natural disasters in OECD and BRIC countries over the last decade
- Some disasters caused economic losses in excess of 10% - 20% of GDP (Chile, NZ), but it's especially local economies that are hit hard
- Persistent socio-economic vulnerabilities persist and in many cases have increased disaster risk



### Total disasters increased from around 100 per year 1980's to 200-300 annually since 2000

#### Number of annual disasters in OECD and BRIC countries, 1980-2012

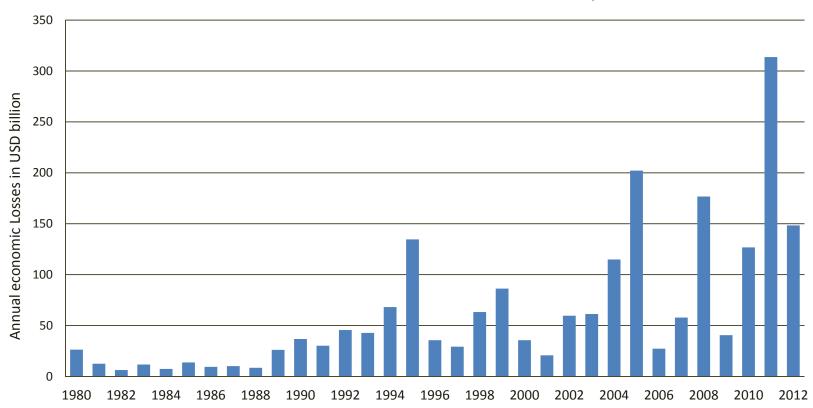


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### Major disasters produced significant economic losses

#### **Economic Losses across OECD and BRIC countries, 1980-2012**

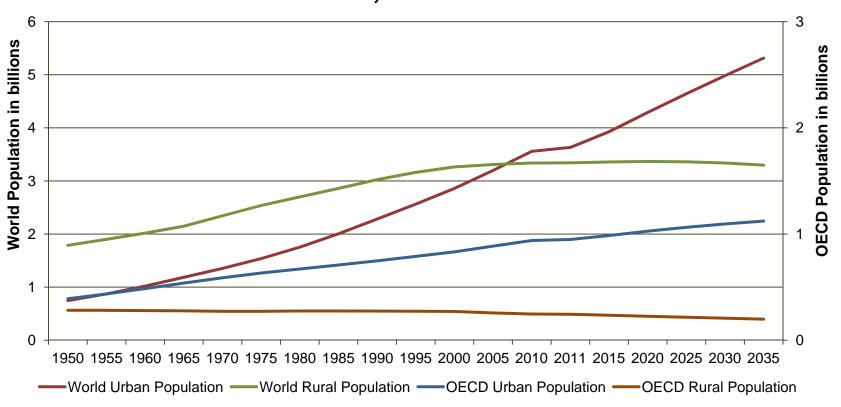


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### Risk drivers: Rapid urbanization and higher concentration of assets in urban areas

### Urban and rural population in the world and the OECD, 1950 - 2030



Source: Calculations based on data from the UN DESA (2013), "World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision, Highlights and Advance Tables" United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division Working Paper No. ESA/P/WP.228, http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/Documentation/pdf/WPP2012\_HIGHLIGHTS.pdf



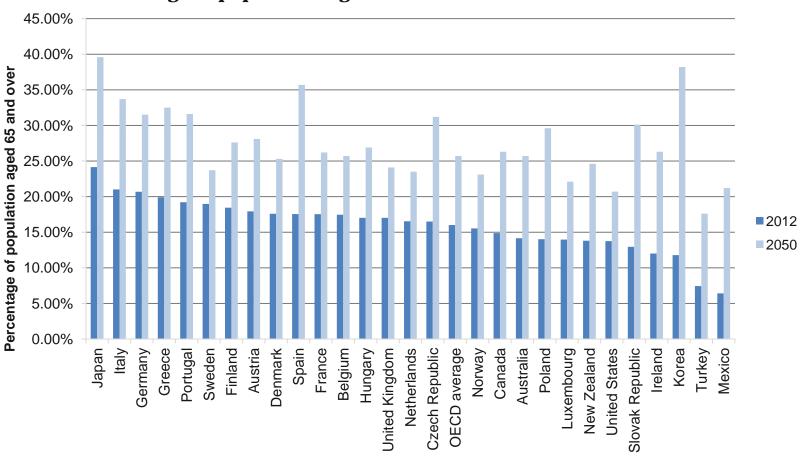
### The socio-economic vulnerability of elder populations in OECD countries

- **Hurricane Sandy (20212):** Half of the total fatalities were people above the age of 65 years.
- **Hurricane Katrina (2005):** 71 % of the total fatalities were people above 60 years old
- **European heat wave (2003):** Most fatalities were elderly people who died alone in their homes unable to cope with the high temperatures



## Risk drivers: Ageing societies increase social vulnerability

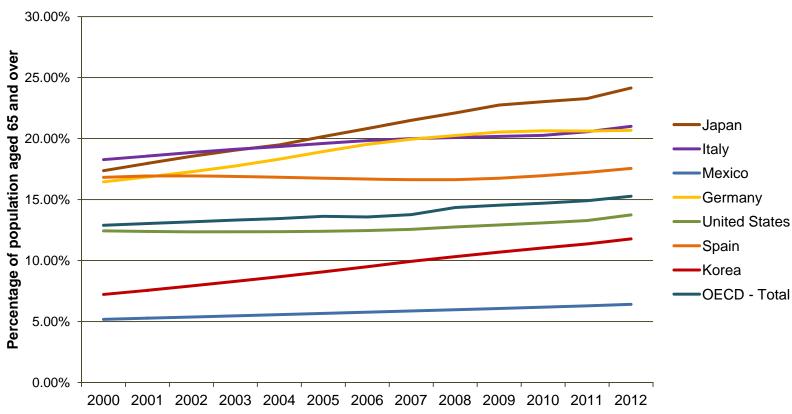
#### Percentage of population aged 65 and over across OECD countries



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### Increasing ageing society during the last decade

#### Percentage of population aged 65 and over across OECD countries, 2000-2012



Source: OECD (2014), "Demography and Population" database, OECD publishing, retrieved from http://stats.oecd.org/



# OECD Recommendation on the Governance of Critical Risks

- Establish a comprehensive, all-hazard and transboundary approach to risk governance at the national level
- 2. Anticipate and build preparedness through foresight capacities and financing frameworks
- 3. Raise awareness to foster whole-of-society investments in prevention
- 4. Develop adaptive and inter-agency crisis management capacities
- 5. Include principles of good governance in risk management decision-making including transparency, accountability and continuous improvement



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