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WorldRisk Report 2015: Food Insecurity Increases Disaster Risk



17 November 2015: The UN University (UNU) has launched a report addressing the consequences of extreme natural events in 171 countries, and the connection between food security and disaster risk. Upon the report's launch, Peter Mucke, Managing

Director of the WorldRiskReport 2015, said crises and disasters cause hunger, the "catastrophic effects of natural hazards" can be decreased by ensuring that people are fed, and hungry people are more vulnerable to disasters, wars and conflicts.

Mucke also underscored that the internationally agreed objective of zero hunger by 2030 can be achieved, but that unequal distribution of agricultural products along with food waste and losses have contributed to the current hunger situation.

The report explains that 2.5 billion people depend directly on agriculture for their survival, and if their harvests, livestock or means of transportation are negatively affected by a natural hazard, their livelihoods are at risk. Additionally, limited resources hamper people's ability to respond effectively to a natural disaster. An investment in food security, the report explains, reduces the vulnerability of societies to natural hazards and conversely, an investment in disaster risk reduction (DRR) positively impacts on food security.

The report also contains a 'WorldRiskIndex,' which evaluates the exposure to natural hazards faced by 171 countries and assesses the vulnerability these countries must deal with when faced with such hazards. According to the index, Vanuatu faced the highest risk in 2015, with Tonga and the Philippines ranking second and third, respectively.

The report also includes chapters on, *inter alia*: food insecurity and risk assessment, and subsections on: how disasters and crises affect food security; how food insecurity

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The report concludes that the international community must invest in countries' food security to reduce vulnerability to disasters, and provides recommendations regarding policies to make food security more resistant to crises and to ensure it is central to disaster prevention. The Alliance Development Works and UNU's Institute for Environment and Human Security wrote the report. [Publication: [WorldRiskReport 2015](#)] [[UNU Press Release](#)]

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- Resilience in a Time of Uncertainty: Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change  
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- Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2015  
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- First Annual Forests and Livelihood: Assessment, Research and Engagement (FLARE) Network Conference  
*Paris, Ile-De-France, France*
- UNFCCC COP 21  
*Paris, Ile-De-France, France*
- COP 21 NAMA Fair  
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- World Soil Day 2015 *worldwide*
- Global Landscapes Forum 2015  
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- Caring for Climate Business Forum at COP 21  
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- Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference  
*Nairobi, Kenya*
- Sixth Session of the IRENA Assembly  
*Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*
- 12th Meeting of the Board of the Green Climate Fund  
*Songdo, Republic of Korea*
- UNGA High-level Thematic Debate: Implementing Commitments on Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Financing  
*New York City, US*
- 15th Session of Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues  
*New York City, US*

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