

# Center for Disaster Philanthropy

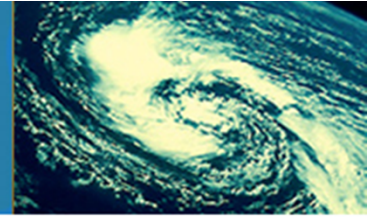
The when, where, and how of informed disaster giving

## *Behavioral Health Network Webinar*

Presentation to the:  
Grantmakers in Health

August 15, 2013

# *Agenda*



1. Overview of CDP
2. Discussion on disaster trends
3. The Role of Private Philanthropy in Disaster Mental Health

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# The Center for Disaster Philanthropy

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy helps individual, family, corporate, and institutional donors answer the question “How can I help?”

*The Center seeks to match best philanthropic practices with the needs of disaster-affected communities.*

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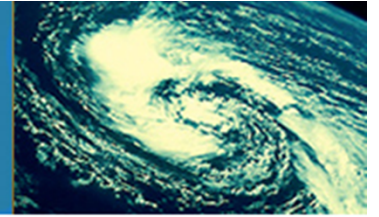
## ***Our Aims***

- Increase the effectiveness of donor dollars given toward disasters;
- Bring greater attention to preparedness and recovery initiatives;
- Provide timely and relevant disaster-related information; and
- Create a unified platform of resources for disaster philanthropists.

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# *Disasters: What do we know?*



We know a lot...

In 2012

- 310 natural disasters were recorded
- Claiming 9,930 lives
- Affecting over 106 million people
- Causing economic damages of \$138 billion

We also know that disasters are on the rise...

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# ***The Disaster Forecast***

“The scale, frequency and severity of rapid onset humanitarian disasters will continue to grow in the coming years, and at an accelerating pace.”

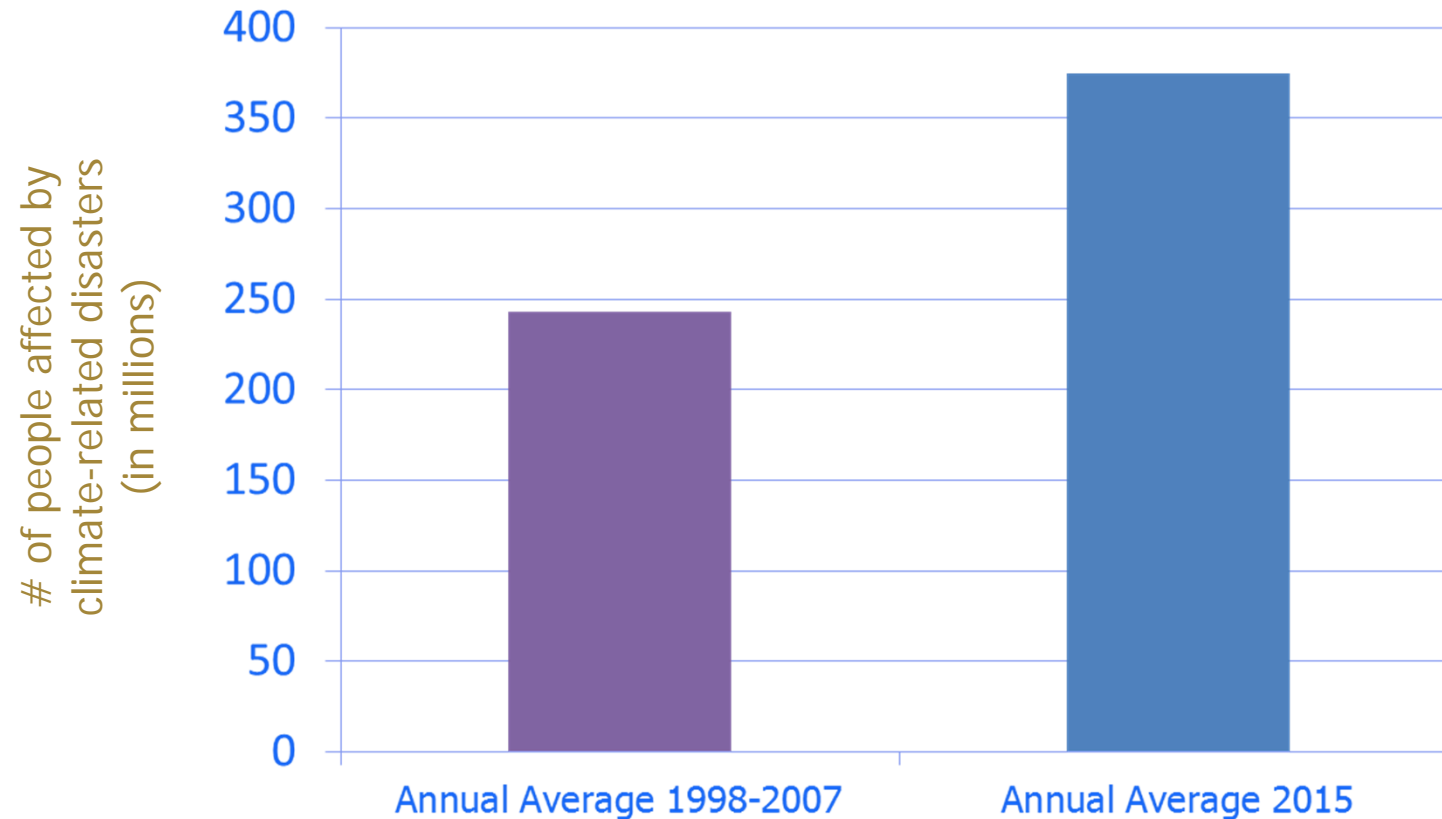
*UK Department for International Development (DFID) Humanitarian Emergency Response Review, March 28, 2011*

## **What does this mean?**

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## *More and more people will be affected by disasters*

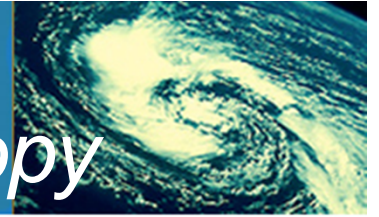


In 2015, around 375 million people will be affected by climate-related disasters every year – a **54% increase** from previous years.

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# *Disasters + Mental Health + Philanthropy*



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# Mental Health + Disasters

- There is no health without mental health.
- Disasters magnify existing challenges.
- Mental health needs must be considered across the entire continuum of a disaster.

# *Recommendations for Private Philanthropy*

- Support psychological first aid efforts for children and their families.
- Support services for those already at a higher risk for mental health needs.
- Fund activities and programming that are integrated into wider systems.
- Fund Child Friendly Spaces.
- Make compliance with the [Inter-Agency Standing Committee \(IASC\) Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support](#) in Emergency Settings a criterion for supporting mental health and psychosocial projects.
- Partner with local NGOs and healthcare providers to address severe mental disorders prior to disasters
- Foster public awareness programs that can reduce the stigmas associated with mental health issues
- Invest in training for healthcare workers to better communicate, recognize, and treat mental health issues in emergency settings.
- Develop and convene leadership that can provide a holistic and collaborative view of clinical, policy, faith-based, and other assistance available to communities.

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