



# Disaster-related displacement in South Asia: Looking back and looking forward

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# About NRC/IDMC

## Who we are:

The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), established in 1998 by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), is the leading international body monitoring internal displacement worldwide. At the request of the United Nations, we maintain an online database with comprehensive information and analysis on internal displacement in 50 countries.

## What we do:

- Provide timely and relevant information on internal displacement worldwide
- Develop research and analysis to help shape policies and practices that have positive outcomes for IDPs
- Provide training and support to country-based policy-makers and practitioners with a responsibility to protect IDPs
- Promote appropriate responses to internal displacement through targeted advocacy

# NRC/IDMC & the Nansen Initiative

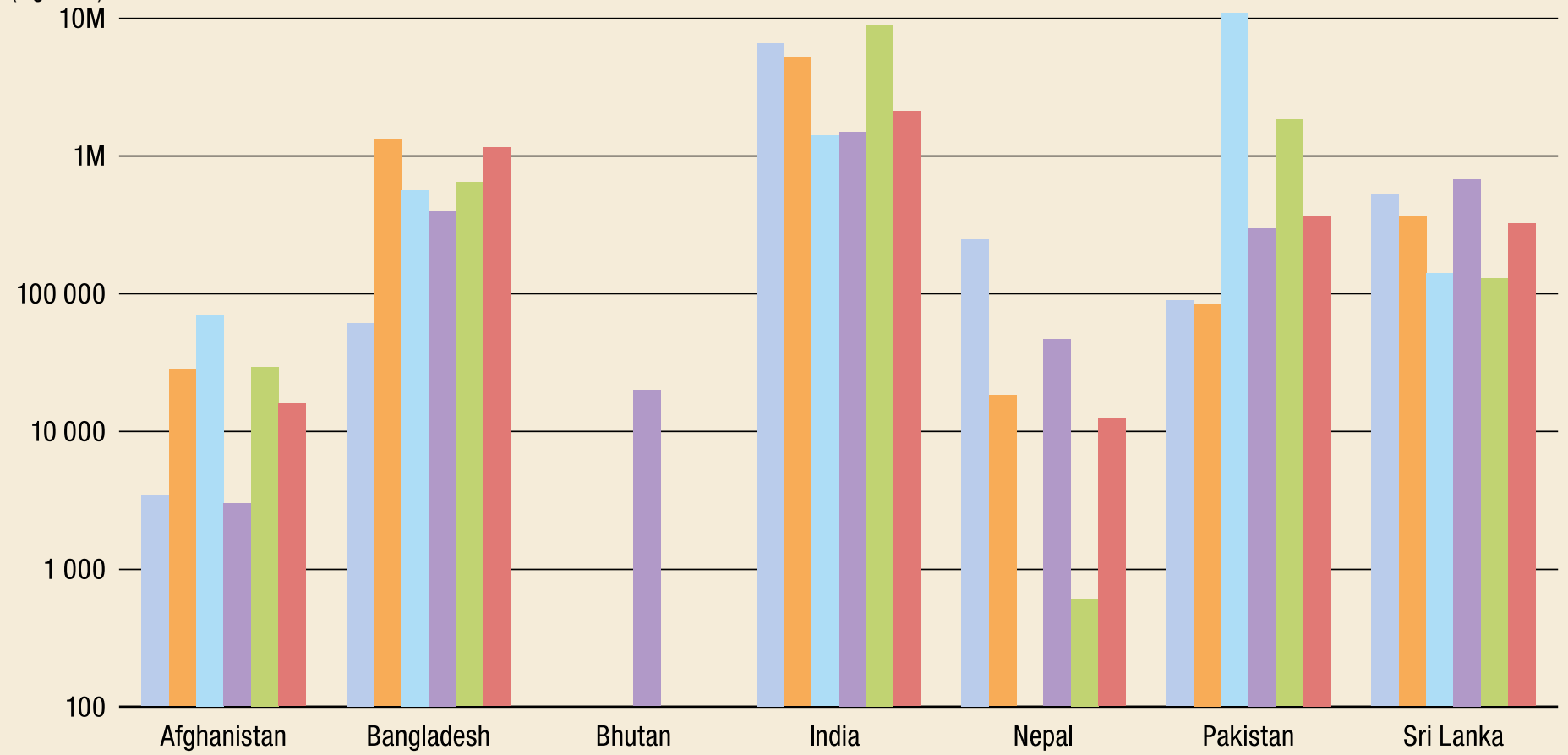
- With support of EC, Norway and Switzerland partnering with UNHCR and the Nansen Initiative Secretariat
- Providing empirical evidence about the scale, scope and patterns of disaster-induced displacement in the five sub-regions where the Nansen Initiative consultations will take place
- Producing thematic research on key protection issues related to disaster-induced displacement to inform the Nansen Initiative process

# SCALE, SCOPE, AND PATTERNS

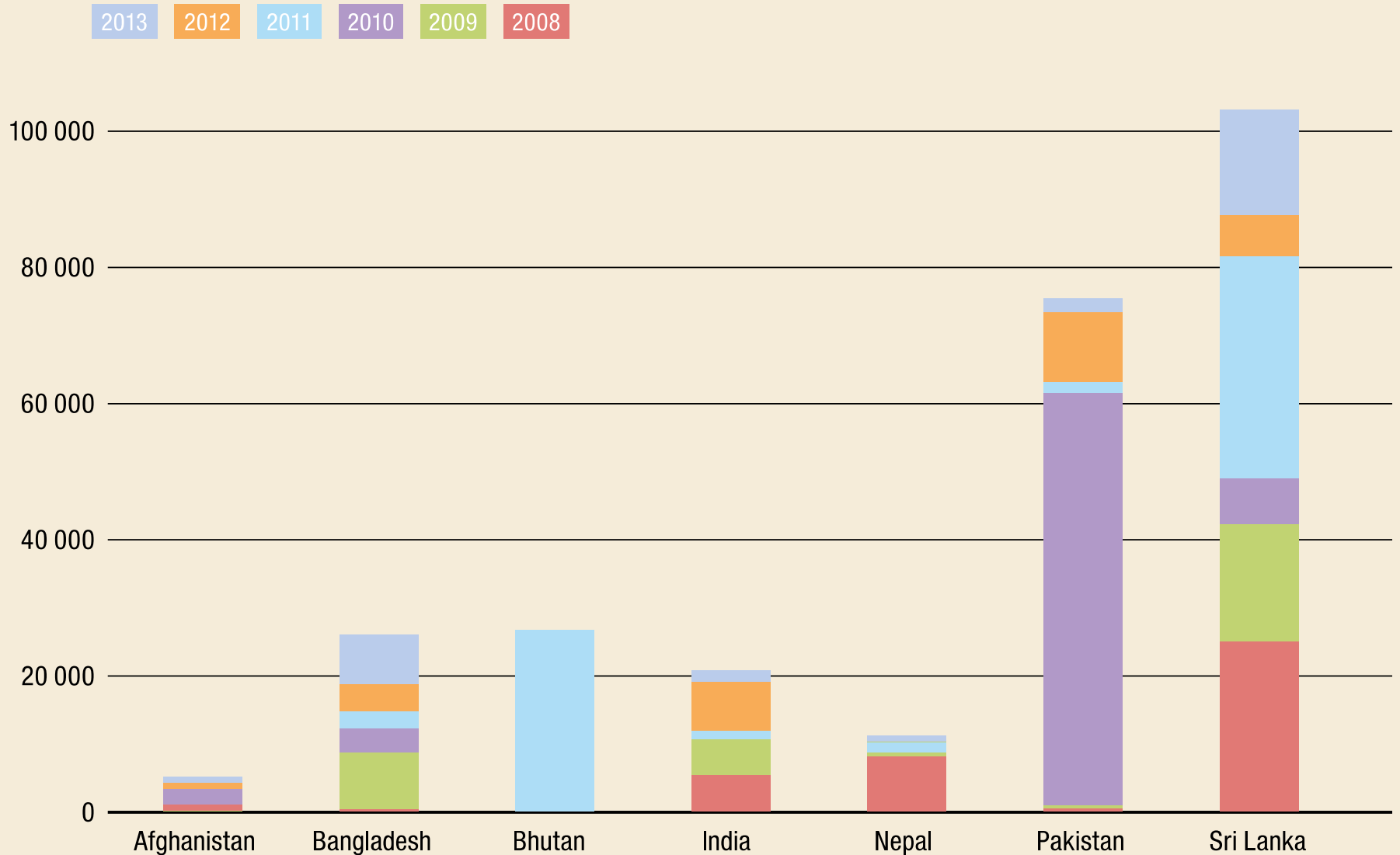
# Displacement by country (2008 – 2013) (no data for the Maldives)

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013

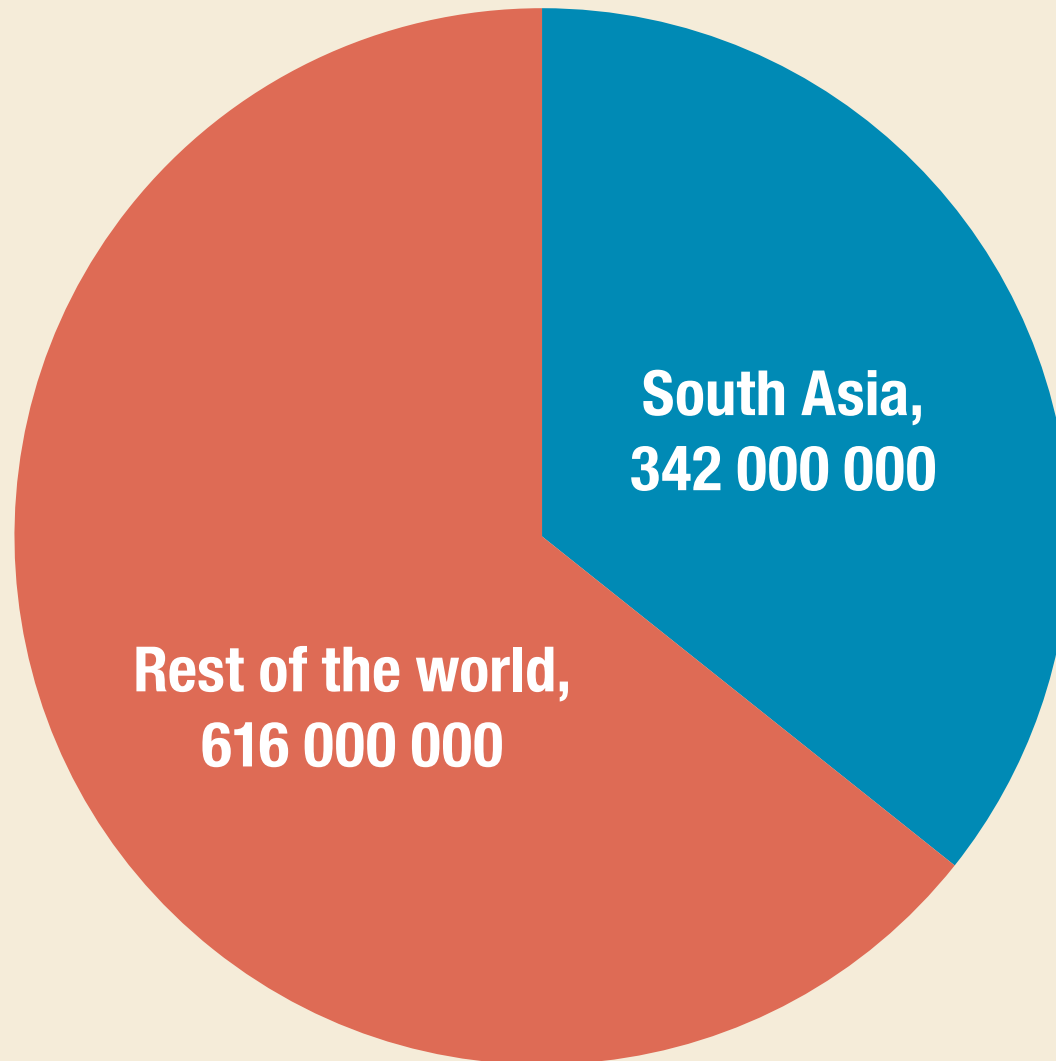
Number of people displaced  
(log scale)



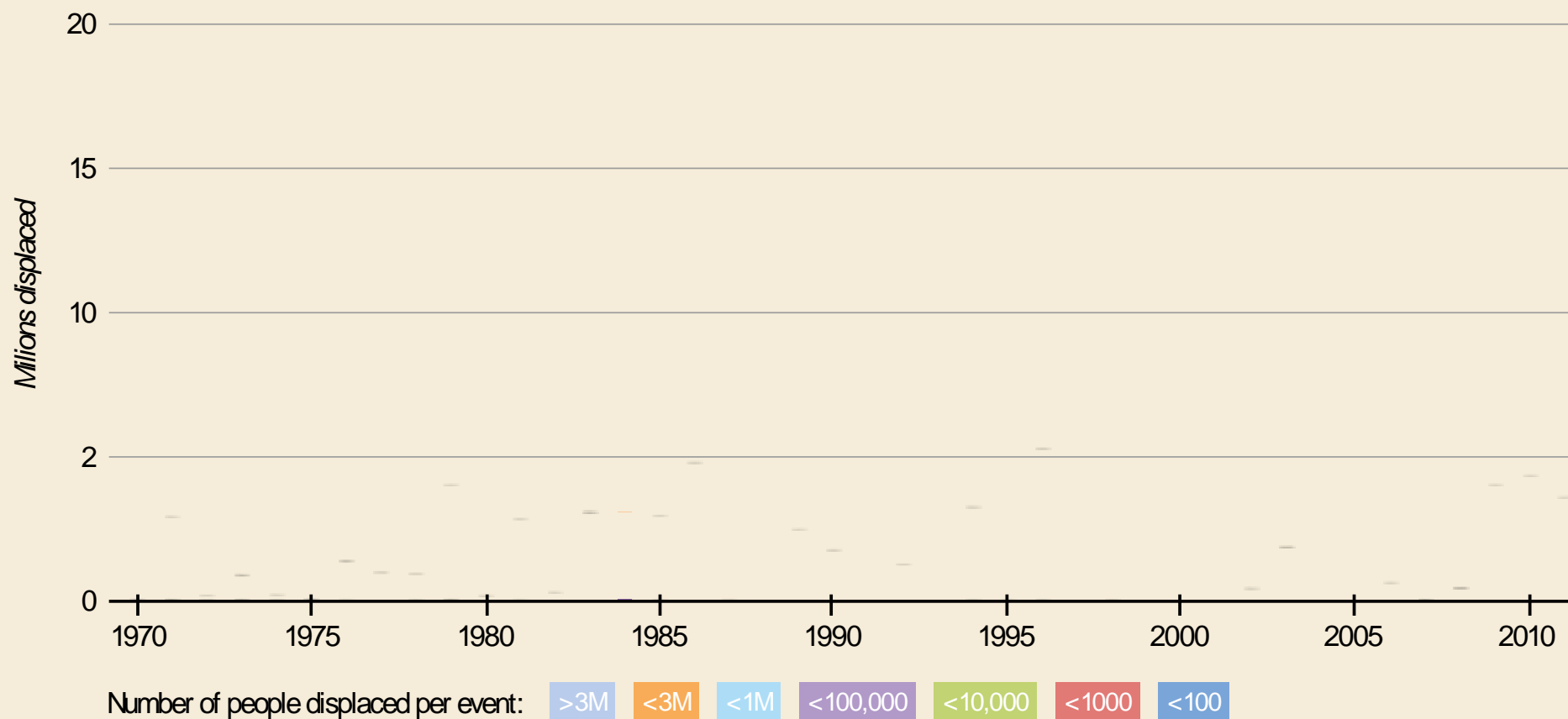
# Displacement per million inhabitants (2008 – 2013)



# Disaster-related displacement: South Asia compared to the rest of the world (1970 – 2011)



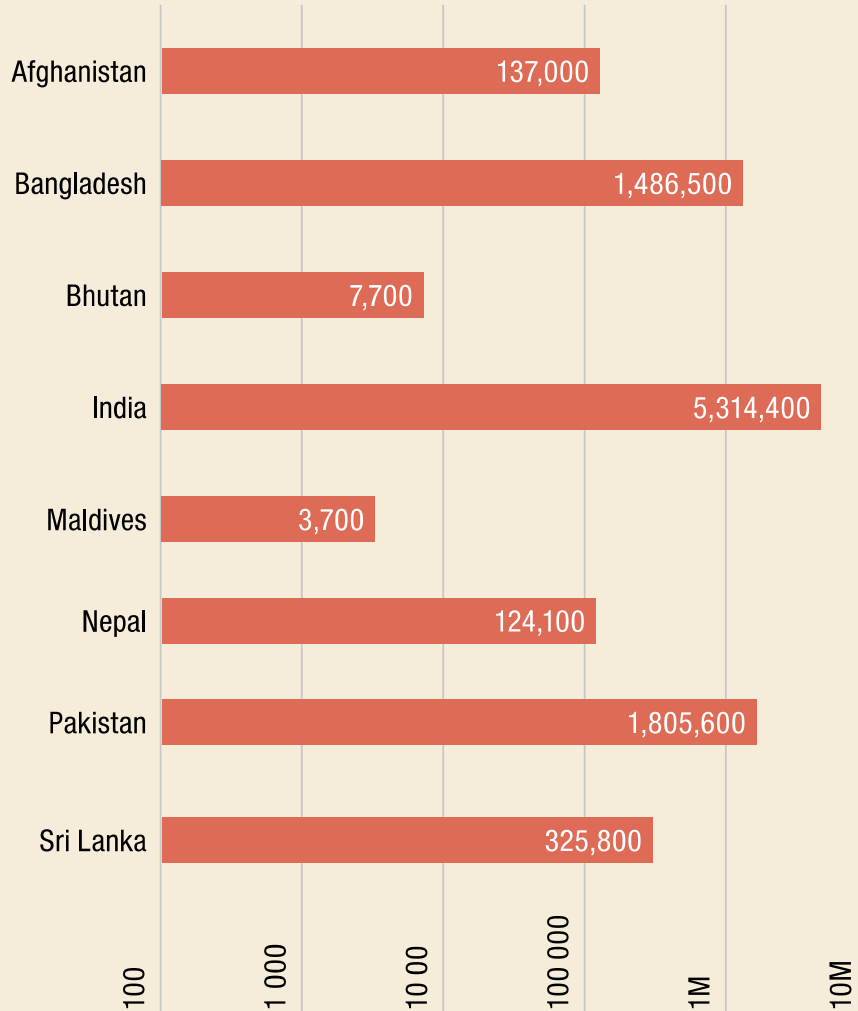
# Disaster-related displacement within South Asia (1970 – 2011)



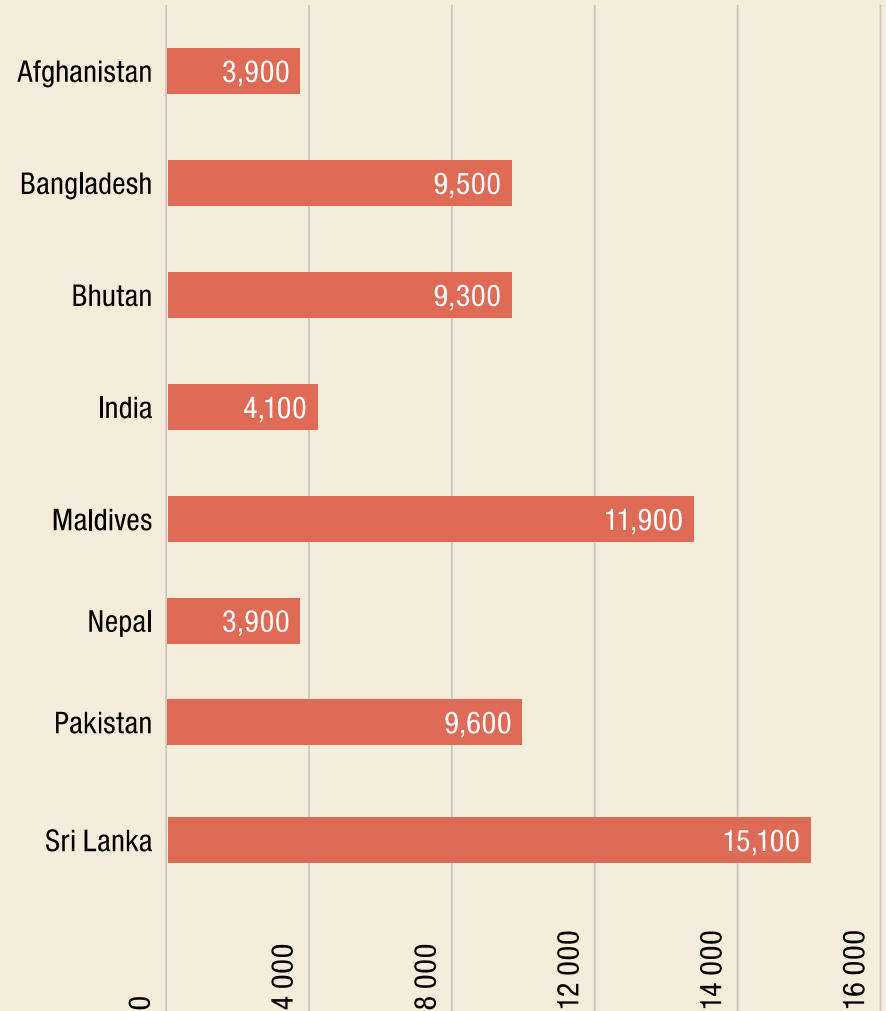


# Risk of disaster-related displacement: 2015 – 2024

## Absolute displacement risk (log scale)



## Relative displacement risk (per million inhabitants)



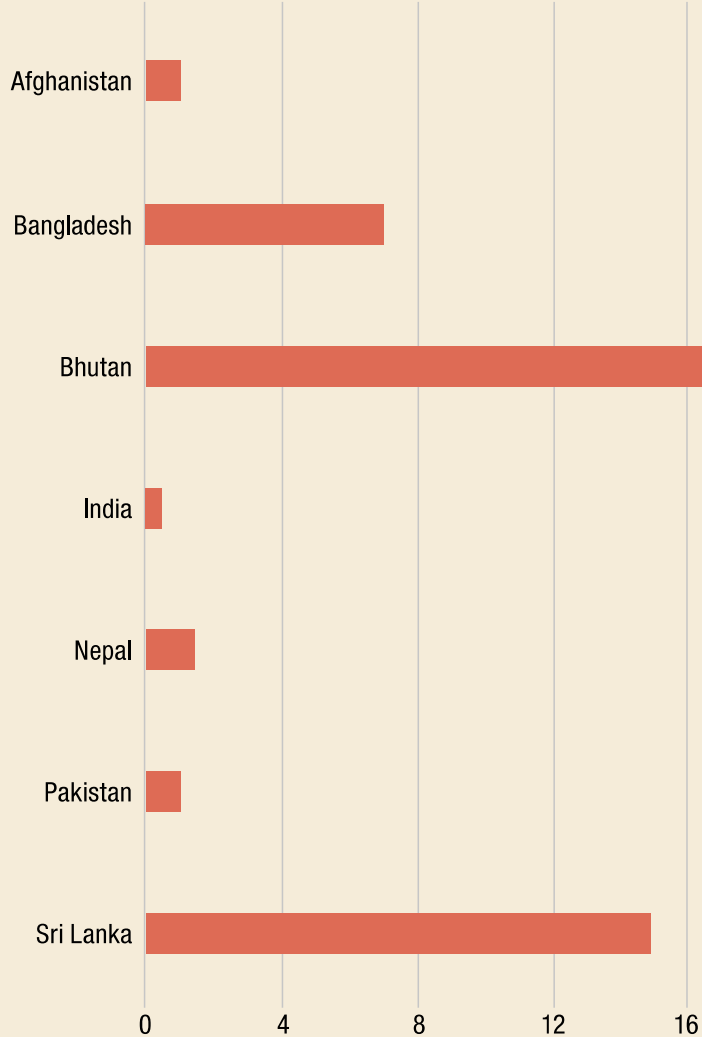
# DISPLACEMENT RISK DRIVERS

## Increasing exposure due to population growth and rapid, unplanned urbanisation

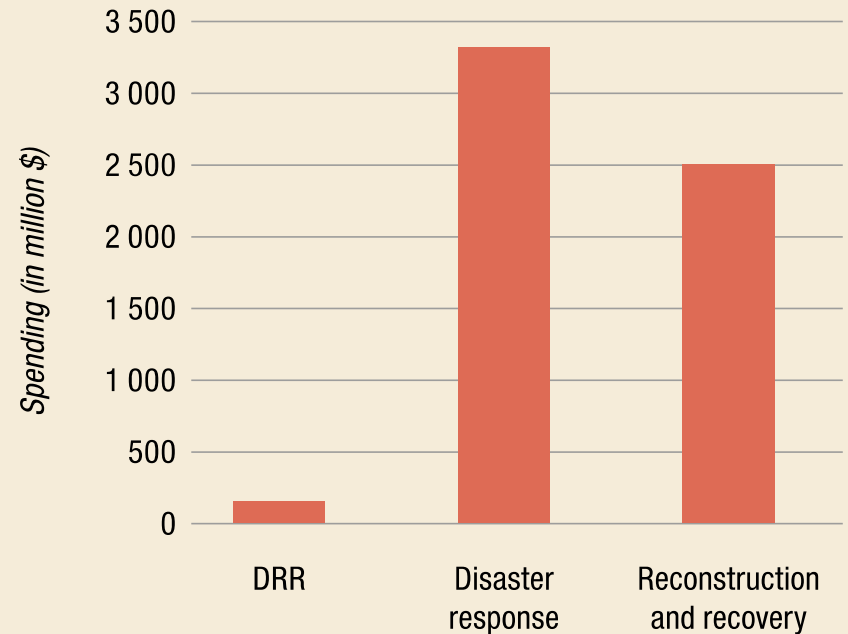
Country	Per cent growth of urban population (2000 – 2015)
Afghanistan	95
Bangladesh	76
Bhutan	110
India	46
Maldives	114
Nepal	70
Pakistan	53
Sri Lanka	14

# Unequal distribution of wealth, unequal investment in DRR

Per capita spending on DRR 1990 – 2010 (in US\$)

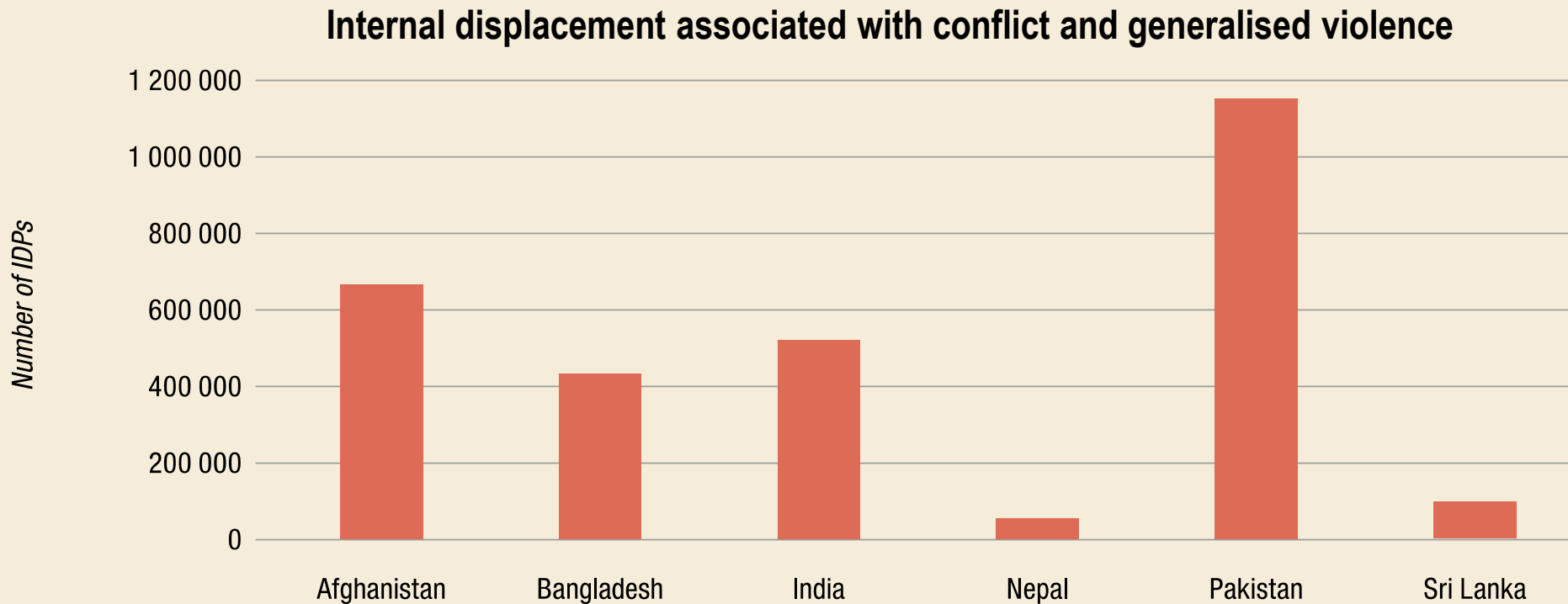


Disaster spending in Pakistan 1990 – 2010 (in US\$)



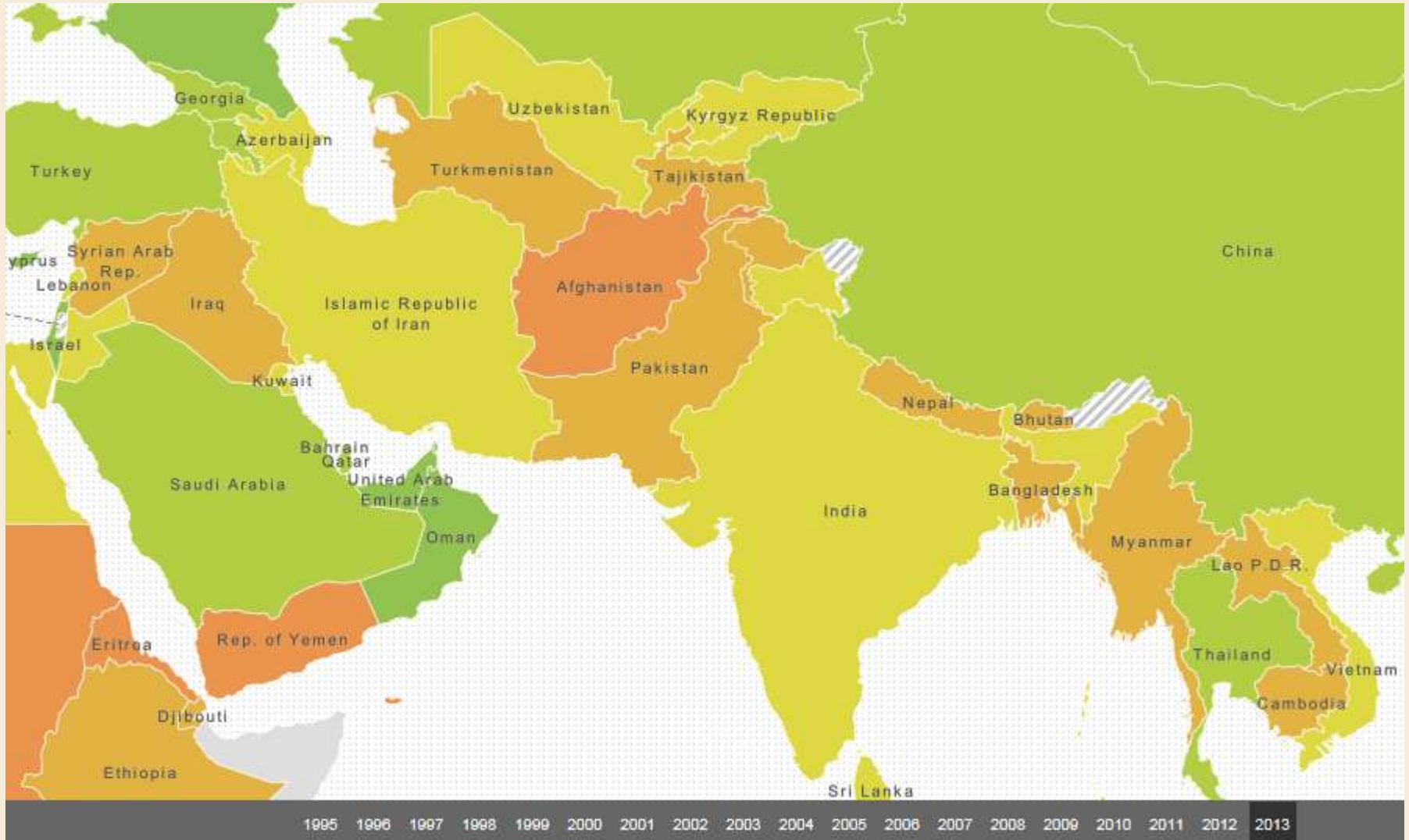
Source: Kellett and Caravani, 2013

# Conflict increasing underlying conditions of vulnerability



Source: IDMC, February 2015

# More resilient = less risk / impact of displacement



Source: Global Adaptation Index (ND-GAIN)

# QUESTIONS?

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