

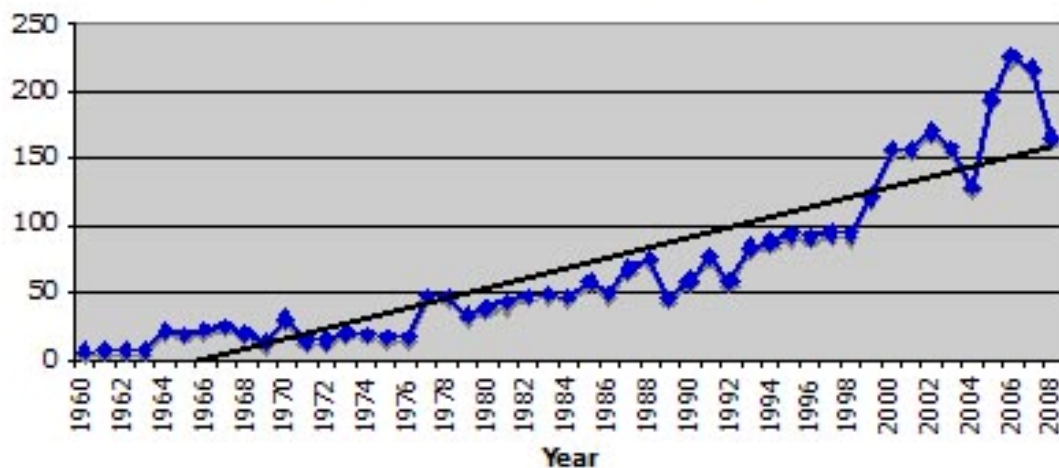
## Early Action approach for climate change We SHOULD be prepared

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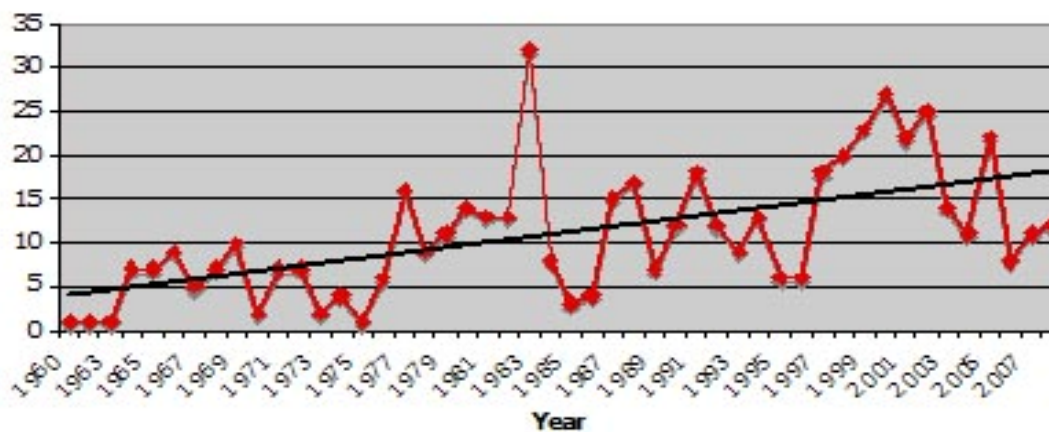
The number of weather-related disasters each year has doubled since the early 1990s.

1. The steady increase in flood disasters alone is illustrated in graph below.
2. Droughts are also on the rise.

**Global Annual Number of Floods**



**Global Annual Number of Droughts**



Floods and droughts impact people's health, safety, food security, livelihoods, water and sanitation etc. Climate models project that in a warmer climate, the incidence of droughts, floods, and other climate-related hazards like heatwaves and stronger storms will increase. The situation is likely to be exacerbated by the needs and vulnerabilities of a growing population, and the loss of natural defences from environmental degradation. Simply responding to the increasing onslaught of climate-related disasters will be a losing battle, we must prepare.