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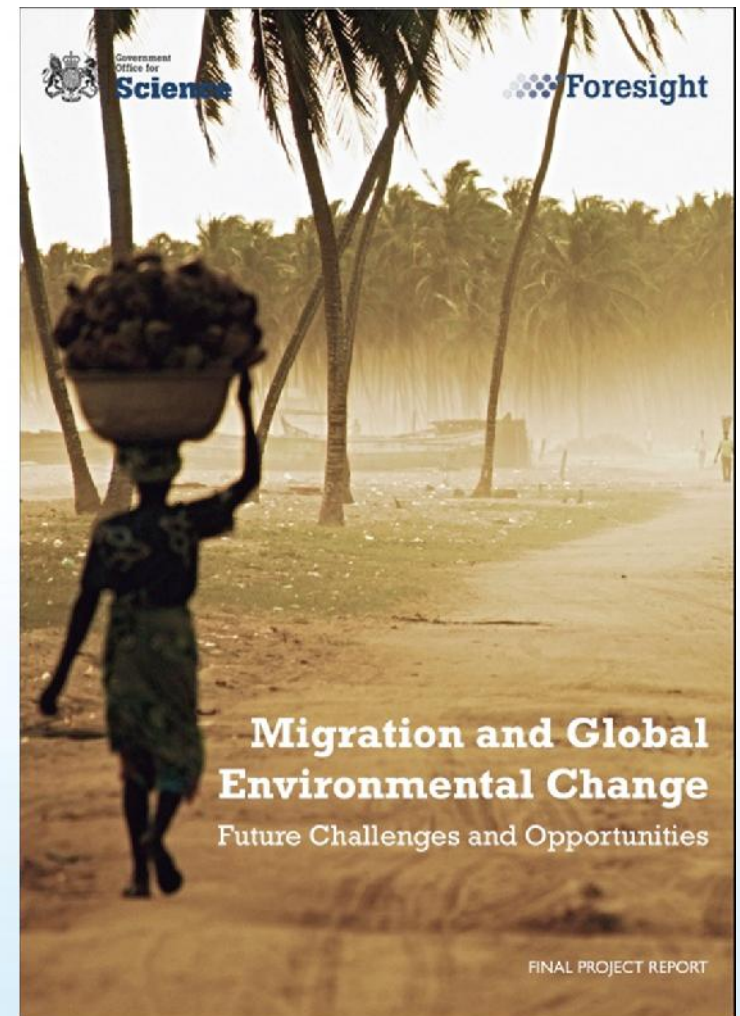
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# ***Integrating Migration into Adaptation Strategies- Issues from the Foresight Report***

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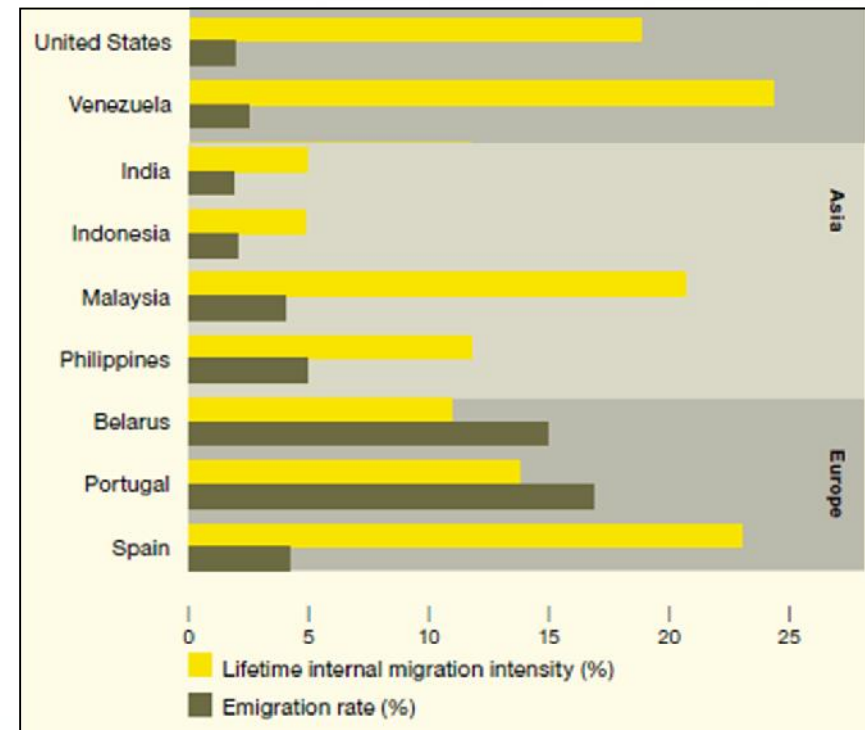
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## Scope of the Project

- A global perspective
- Importance of *internal* migration
- Analysis of 3 key ecological regions
- *Environmental* change considered, not just climate change
- 2030-60 time horizon



Source: UNDP 2009



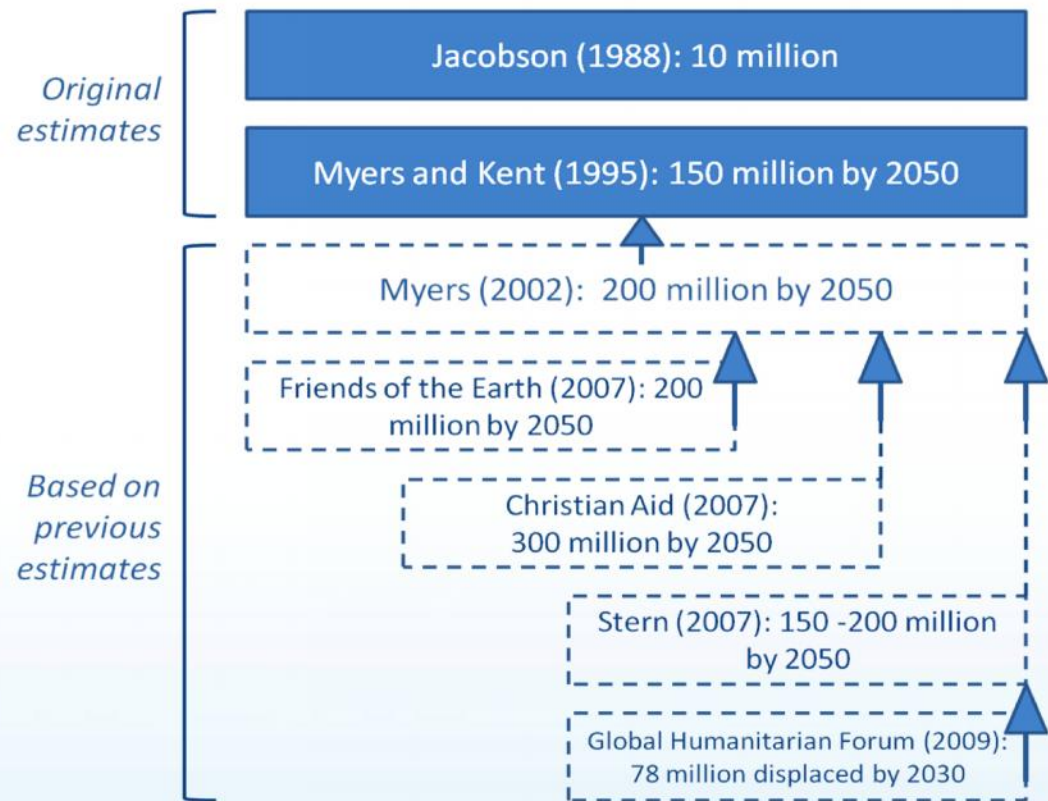
Source: UNEP

# Migration: Failure or opportunity?

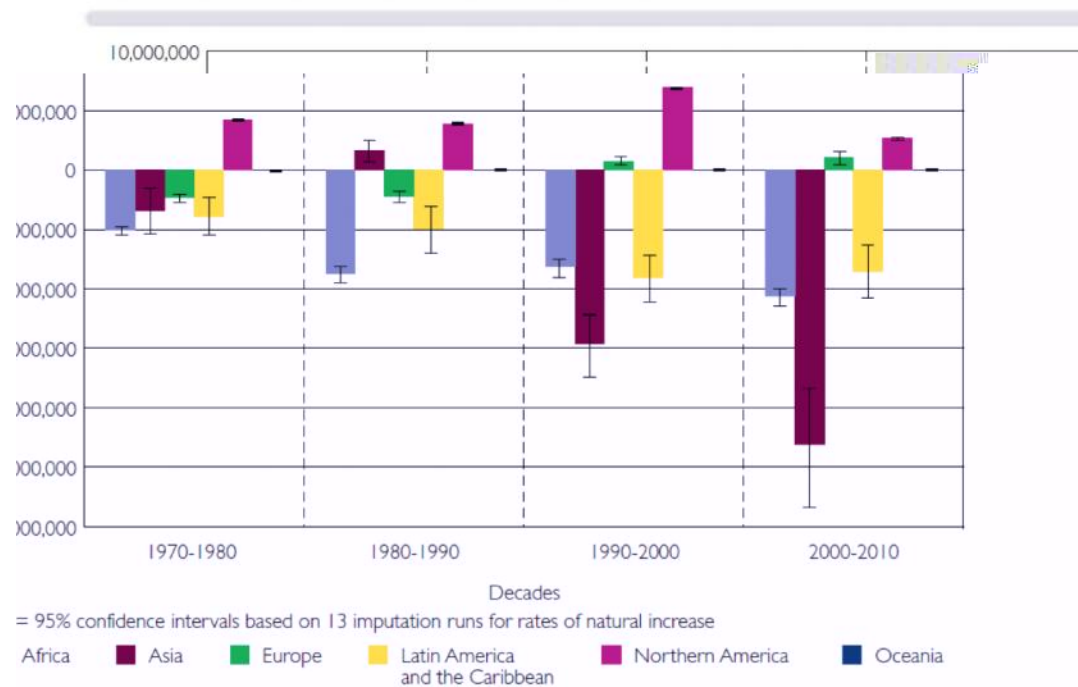
Migration often viewed as result of *failure* of development & climate change policies.

Migration 'driven' by environmental change is only a small part of the story.

Analysis of data, literature, new shows multiple dimensions of migration-env. change relationships.



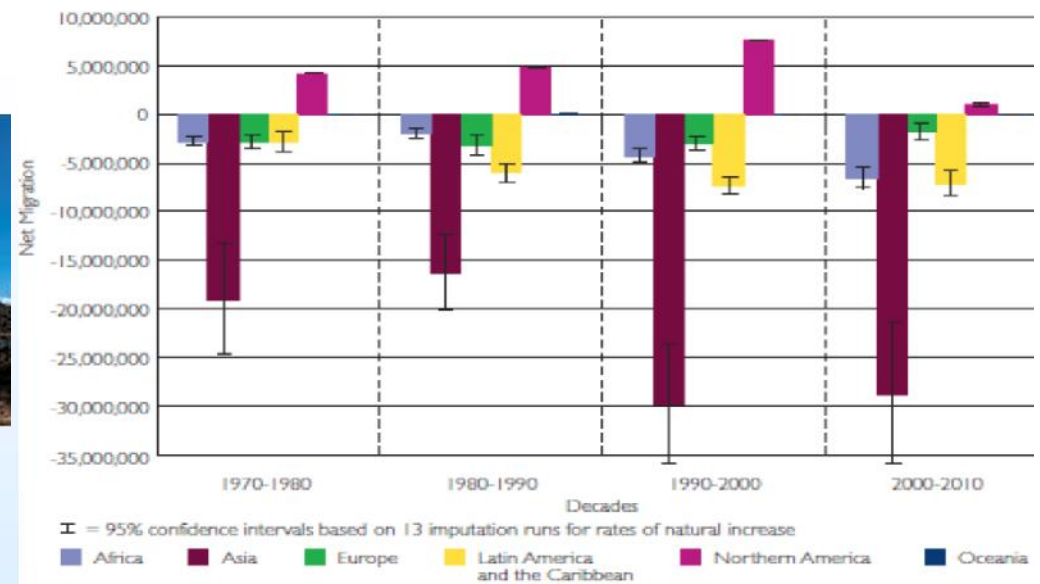




## Net migration, drylands, 1970-2010

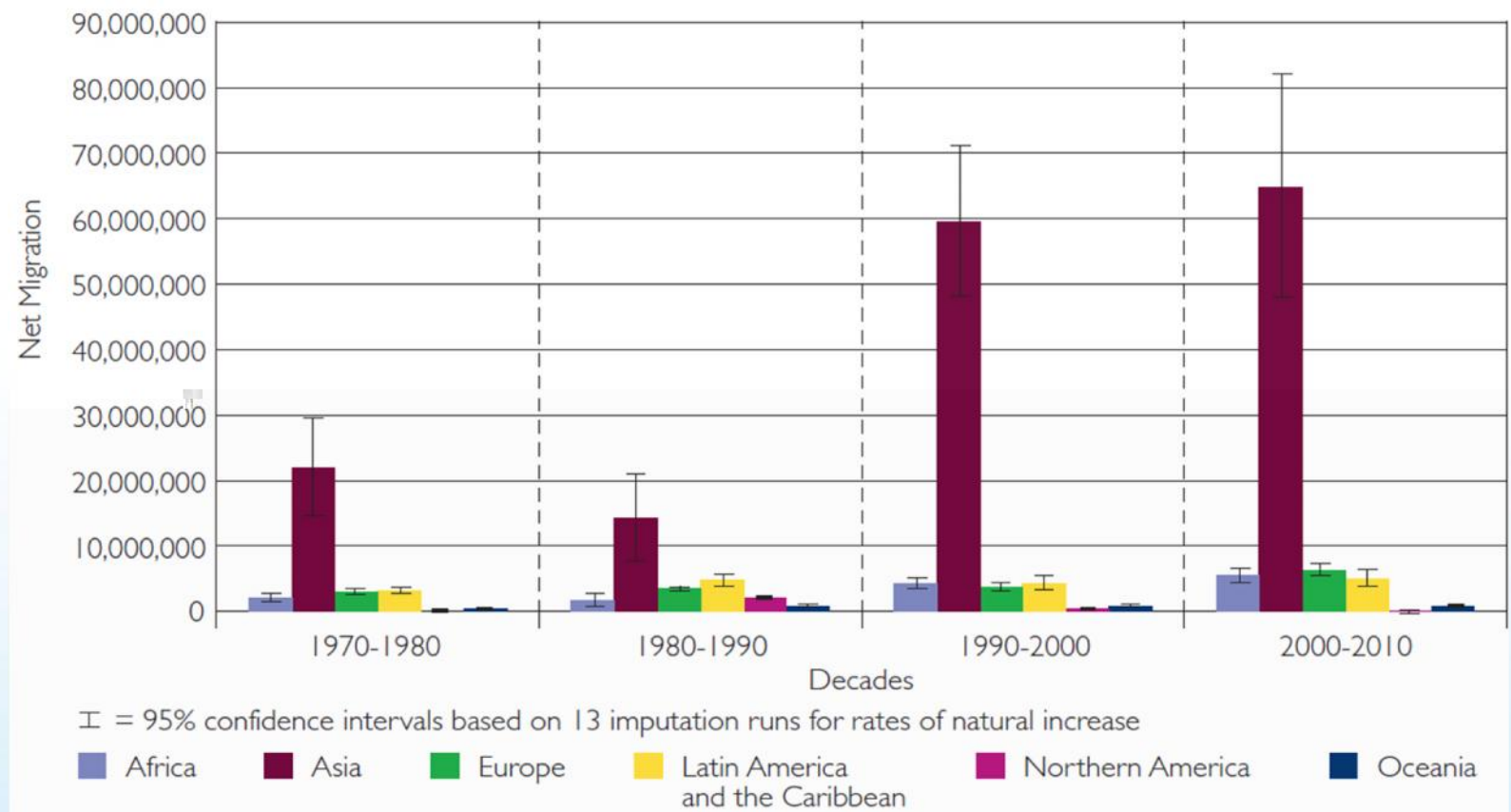


## Net migration, mountain zones, 1970-2010





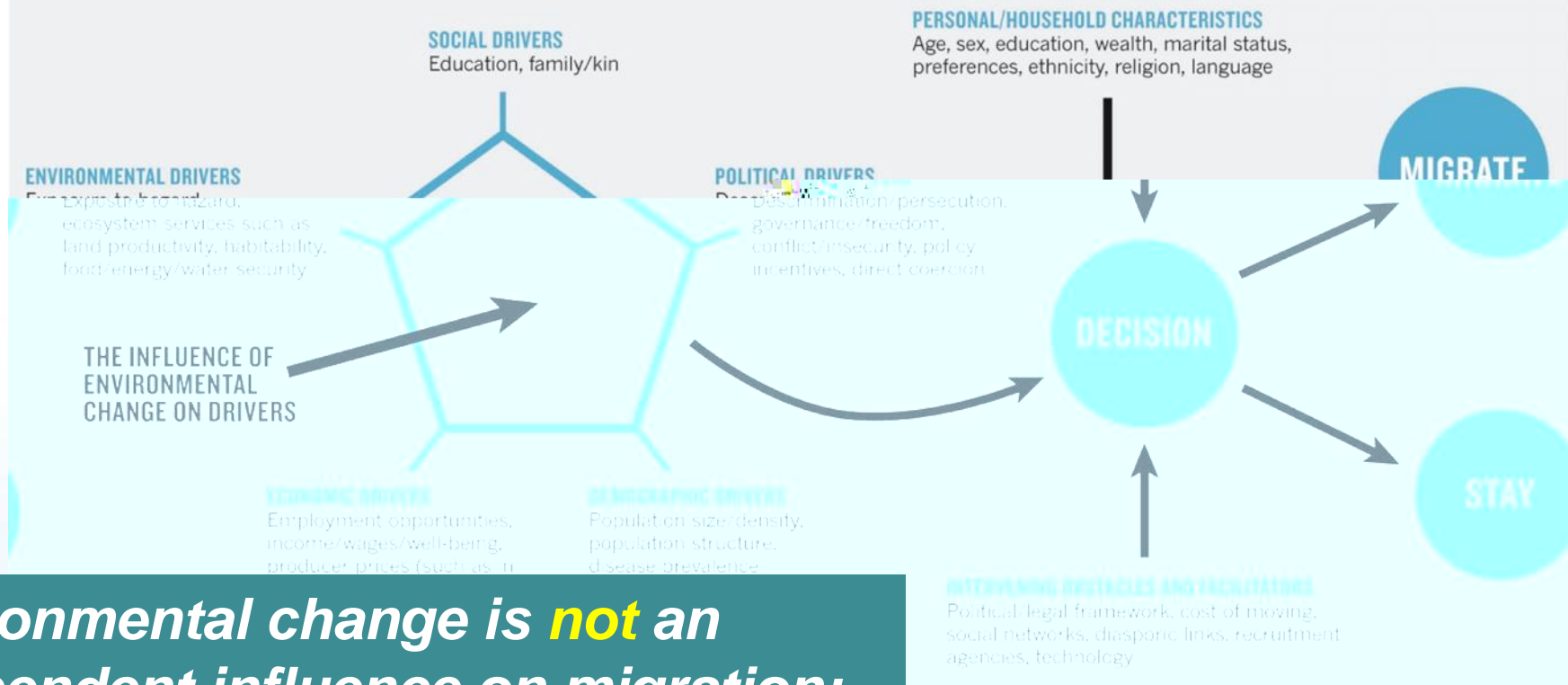
## *Net migration, coastal areas, 1970-2010*



# Drivers of Migration & Environmental Change

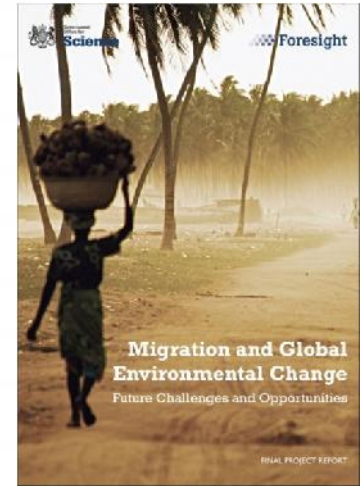
## THE DRIVERS OF MIGRATION

Many factors influence whether a person or family will migrate. Their effects are closely intertwined, so it makes little sense to consider any of them in isolation.



**Environmental change is *not* an independent influence on migration; it impacts on all drivers of migration.**





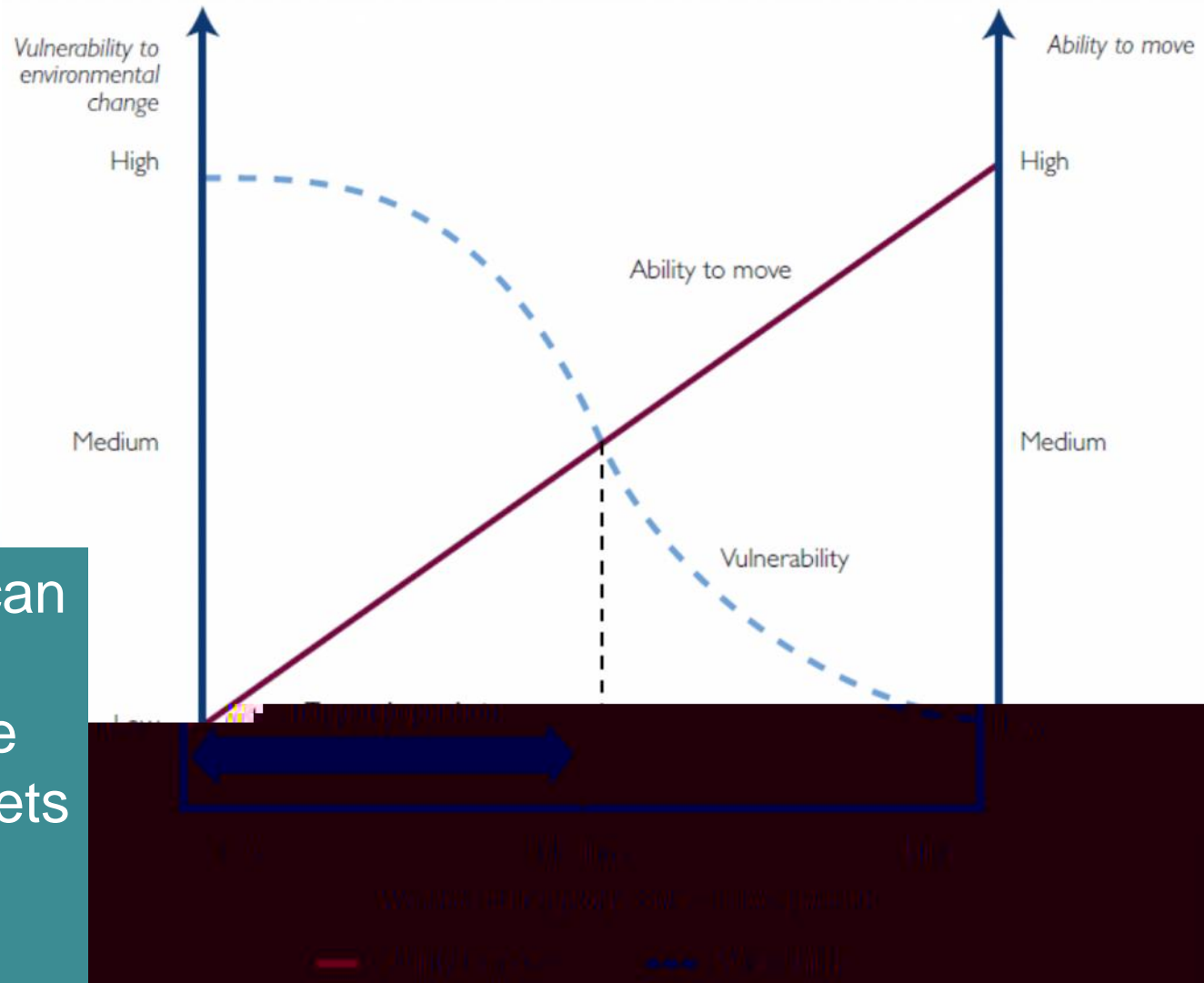
## Report's three key conclusions

# 1. Environmental change can trap people

*“Poor people are the most vulnerable and will be the worst hit by the impacts of climate change. This becomes a global responsibility...”*

Rajendra Pachauri,  
IPCC Chairman

Environmental change can **reduce the ability to migrate**, as it erodes the financial or physical assets and capital required to finance migration

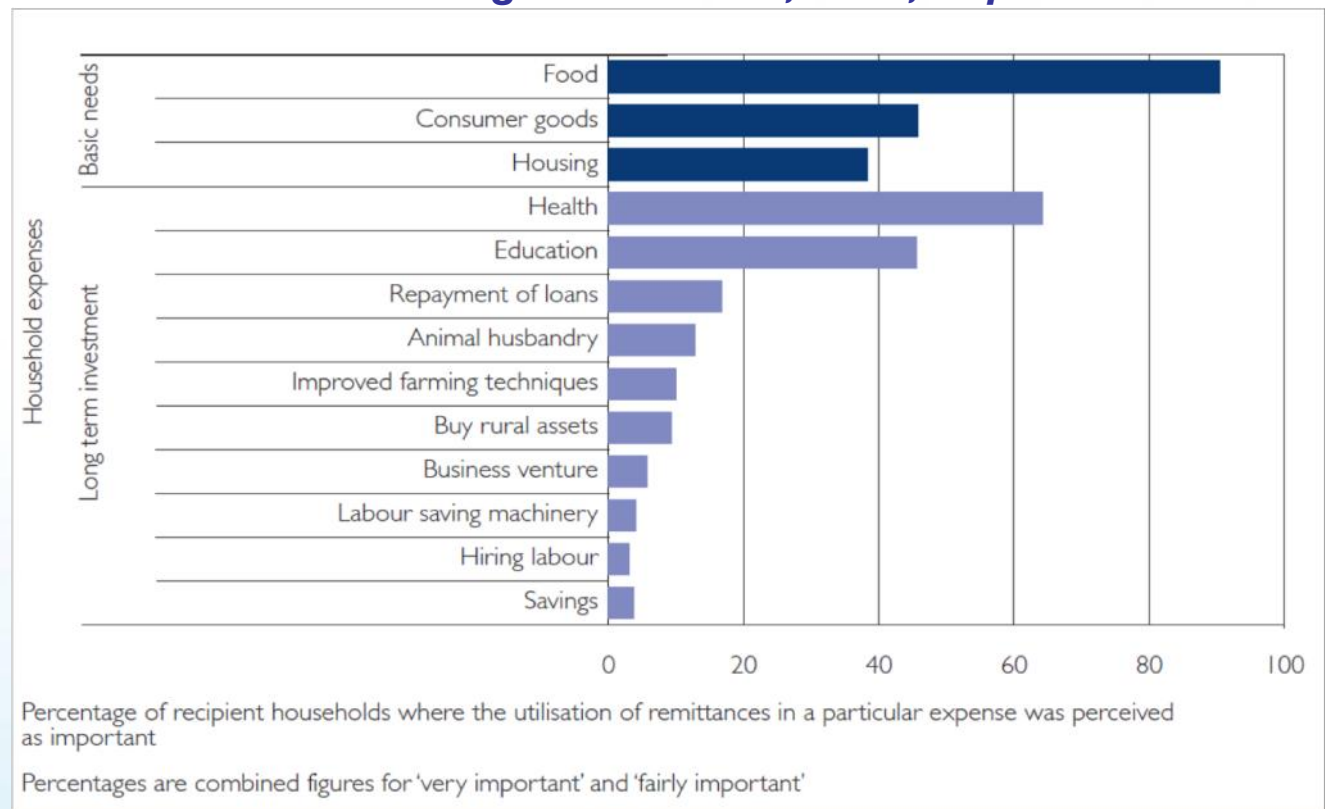




## 2. Migration is already part of adaptation

- **Livelihoods**: comprise social, financial & other forms of capital.
- Migration often involves part of a household, sending **remittances** home
- Migration / remittances can build **capital**
- A **sustainable livelihood** is better able to cope with & recover from stress and shocks

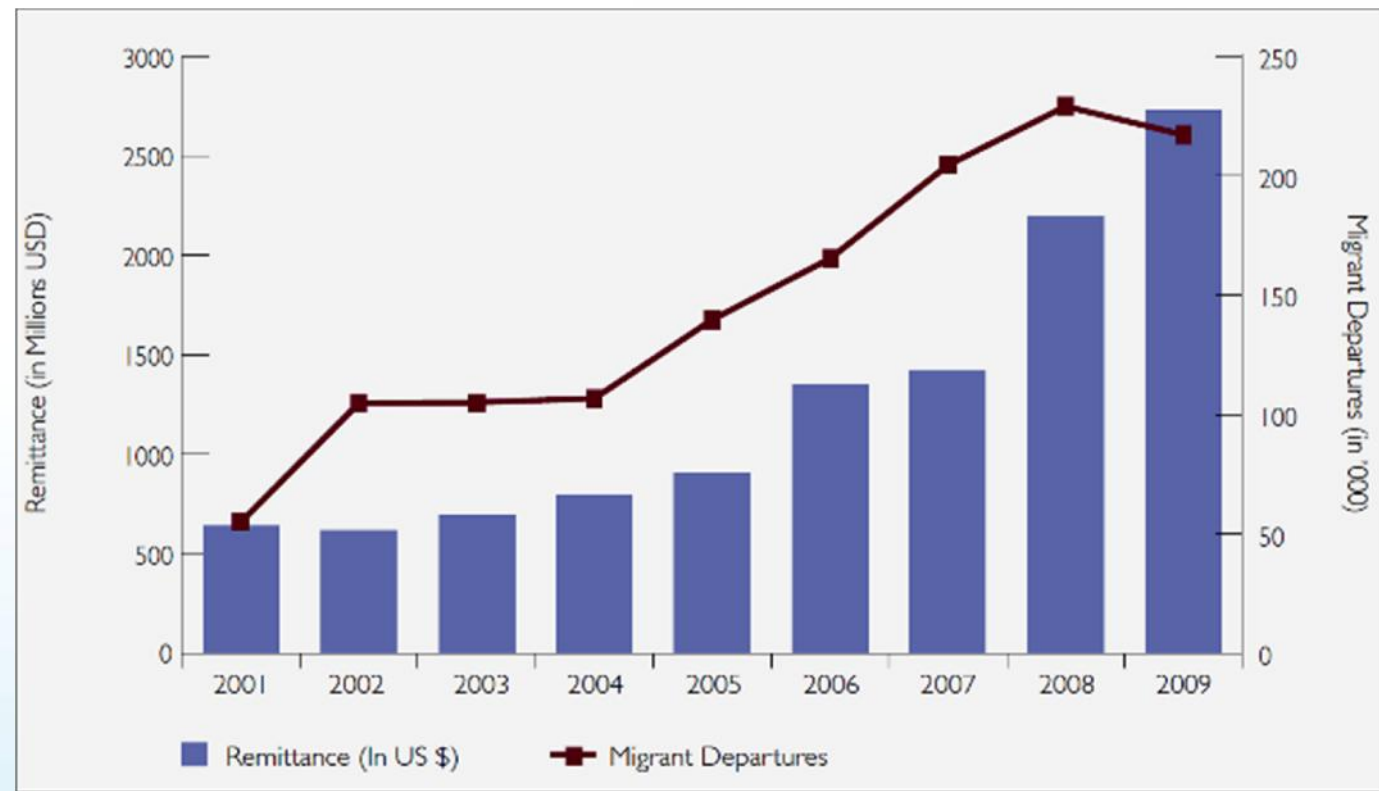
*Perceived importance of remittance utilization for different household expenses across case studies in mountain regions in China, India, Nepal and Pakistan*



# The Importance of Remittances

- 2009: international **remittances** = US\$307bn, compared to US\$120 ODA
- Africa: remittances **quadrupled** to US\$40bn between 1990-2010
- Remittances account for **28%** of Tonga's GDP, **22%** of Samoa's

*Migrant Remittances and Departures in Nepal, 2001-09*

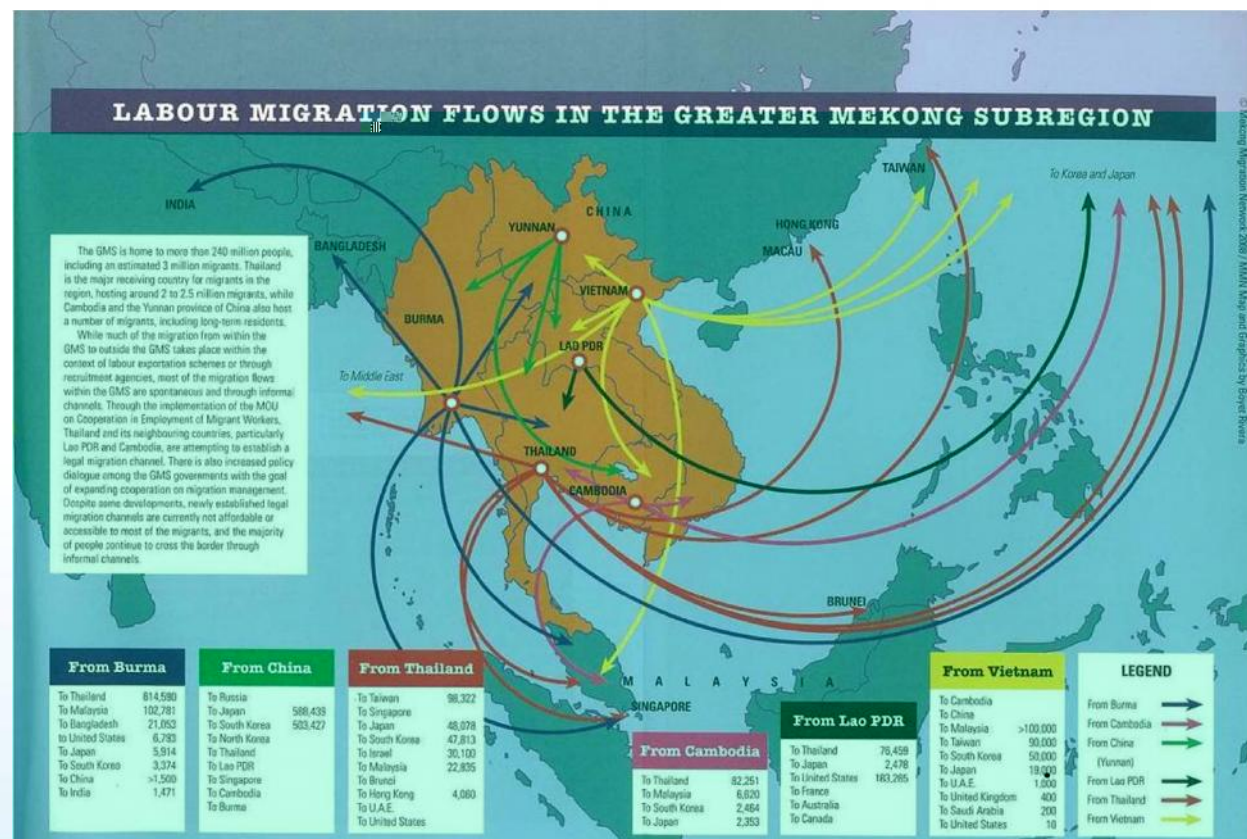


Source: World Bank (2011), Ratha (2011)

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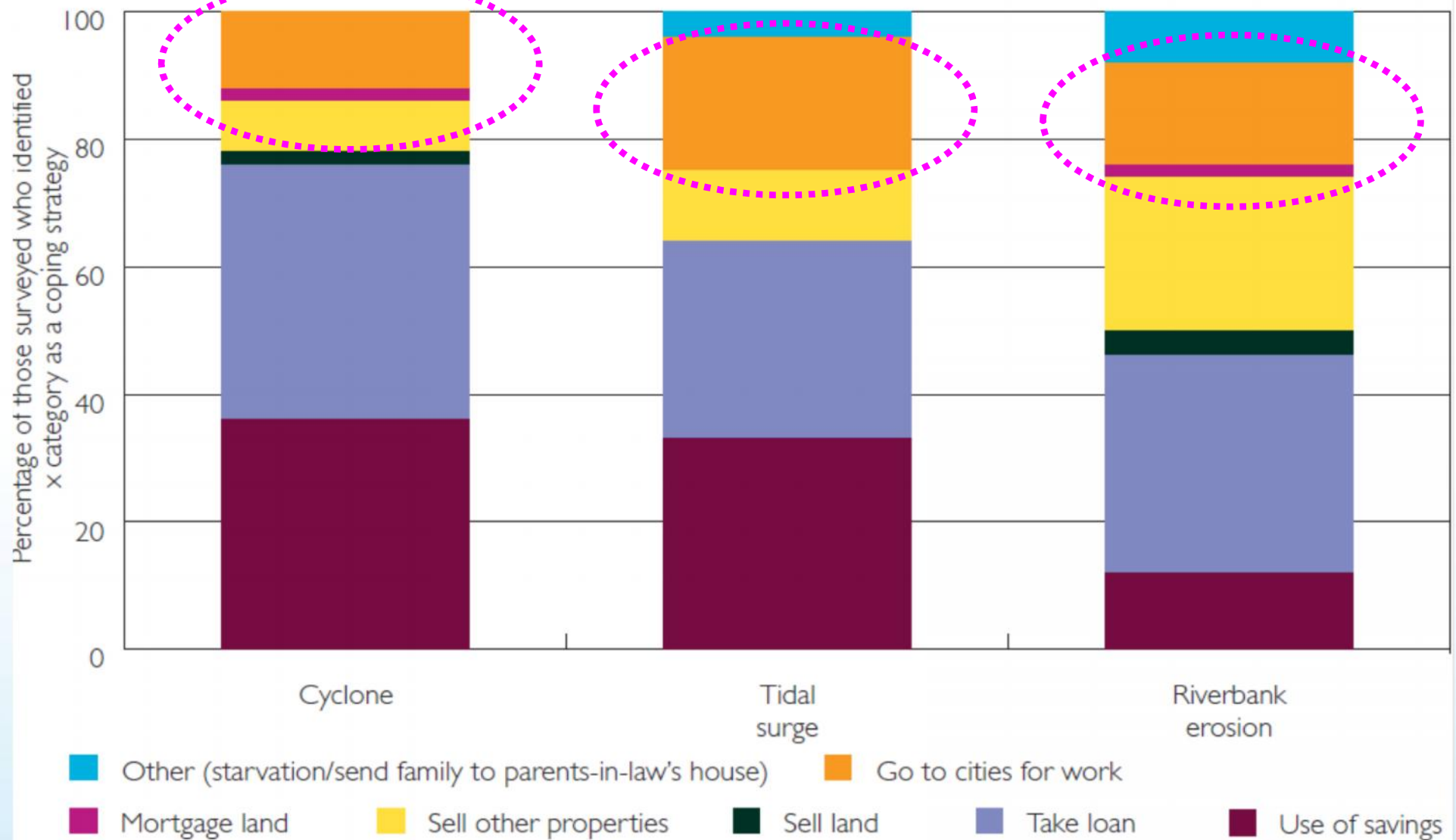
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- Migration is an integral part of development.
- Migration and remittances can **help build the capital** of livelihoods, and can buffer against environmental change impacts.
- **Migration contributes towards adaptation**



# Internal migration: diversifying livelihoods

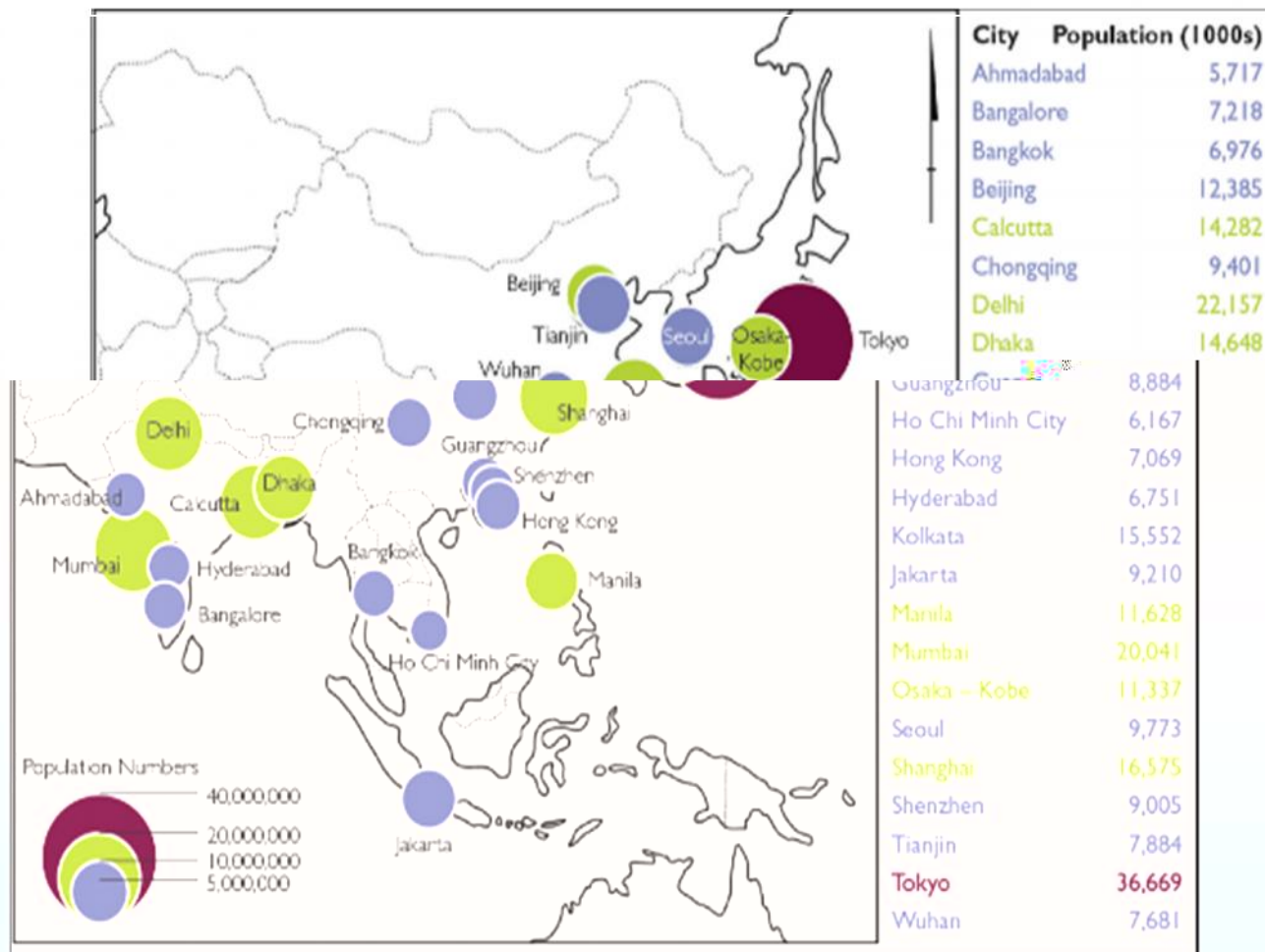
*Evidence from Bangladesh (CS4)*





### 3. A lot of migration occurs to areas of environmental risk

Asia and Pacific cities with 5 million or more people, 2009



Source: UNDESA Population Division (2009a)

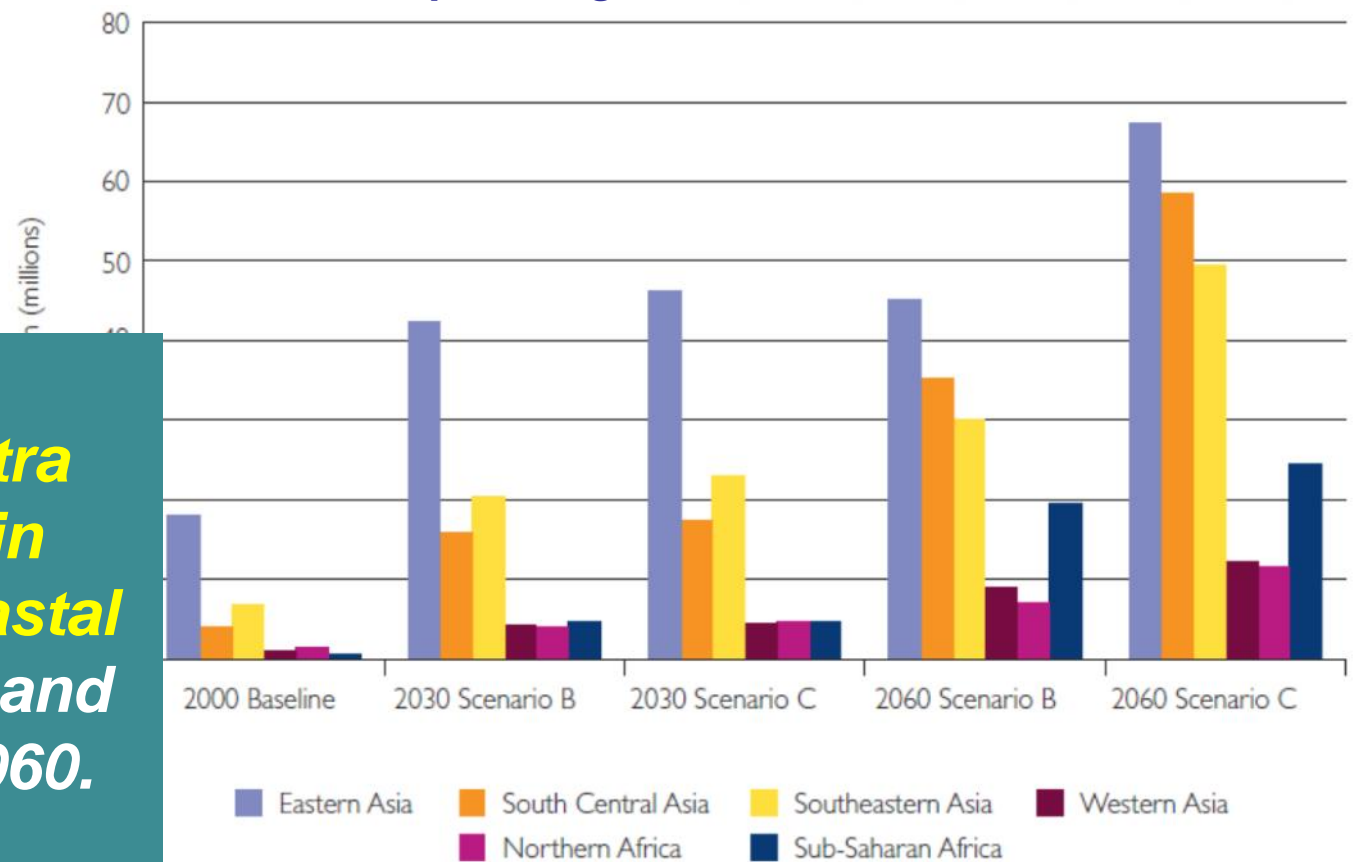
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- South Central Asia

- 4.1 million in 2000
- 17 million in 2030 (high)
- 59 million in 2060 (high)

*Foresight report suggests 192 mil. extra people will be living in vulnerable urban coastal floodplains in Africa and especially Asia by 2060.*

*People living in urban coastal flood zones in 2060*



Scenario B is lowest and Scenario C is highest, therefore representing the full range from these scenarios.

## Concluding points

3 important issues relating to migration, development & environmental change:

- Those who are trapped;
- Those moving away from env threats,
- Those who move towards env. dangers.

In some important contexts, Migration is already part of adaptation

