

Disaster Types

Natural Hazards

Natural hazards are threats of a naturally occurring phenomenon that will have a negative effect on people or the environment. These include hurricanes, forest fires, floods, tornados, earthquakes, landslides, ice storms, and volcanic eruptions. Many natural hazards are interrelated, for example, earthquakes can cause tsunamis and hurricanes can cause floods.

Human-Induced

Human-induced disasters result from human actions or technological failures. These can include industrial explosions or chemical release, oil spills, and transportation incidents.

Complex Emergencies

Complex emergencies are those that can be slow to take effect and can extend over a long period, such as war, drought, and famine. They are categorized by displacements of populations; widespread damage to societies and economies; need for large-scale, multifaceted humanitarian assistance; hindrance or prevention of humanitarian assistance by political and military constraints; and extensive violence and loss of life.