

Disasters

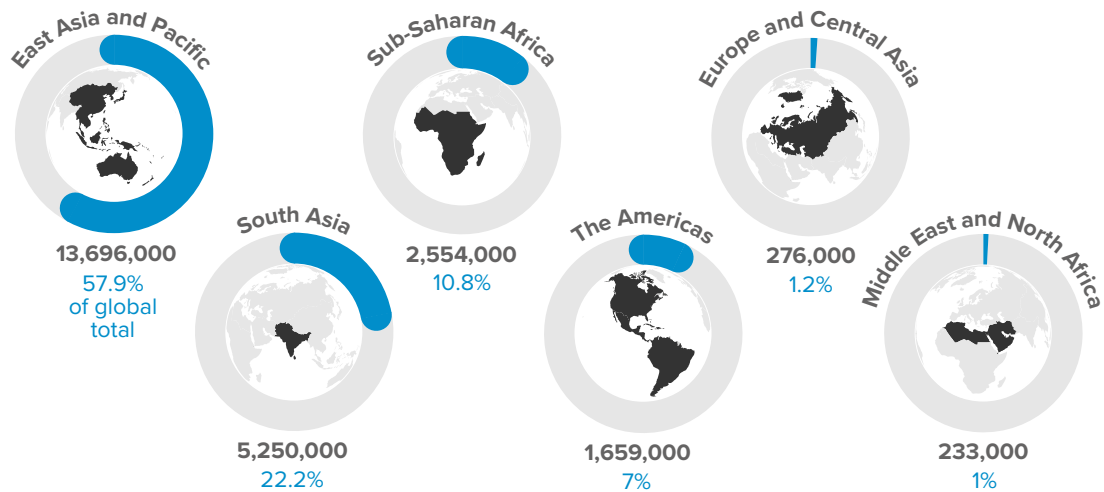


Figure 13: Disasters: internal displacements by region in 2021

Most of the new and repeated displacements triggered by disasters in 2021 were recorded in East Asia and the Pacific and South Asia, which together accounted for about 80 per cent of the total. Tropical cyclones, monsoon rains and floods hit highly exposed areas that are home to millions of people. The most affected countries were China, the Philippines and India. Many displacements were in the form of pre-emptive evacuations, but the extent of housing destruction in some of the disasters suggests that significant numbers of people face the prospect of prolonged displacement.

Despite a less intense hurricane season in the Americas, and less rainfall in sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East and North Africa, all three regions were hit by severe droughts and extreme temperatures that led to hundreds of thousands of displacements. The dry conditions also fuelled other hazards such as wildfires, which forced more people from their homes. Europe suffered weather extremes which caused heatwaves, wildfires and heavy flooding that led to more than 261,000 displacements, an increase compared to 2020.



Figure 14: Ten countries with the most internal displacements by disasters in 2021