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Renewable Energy for displaced communities

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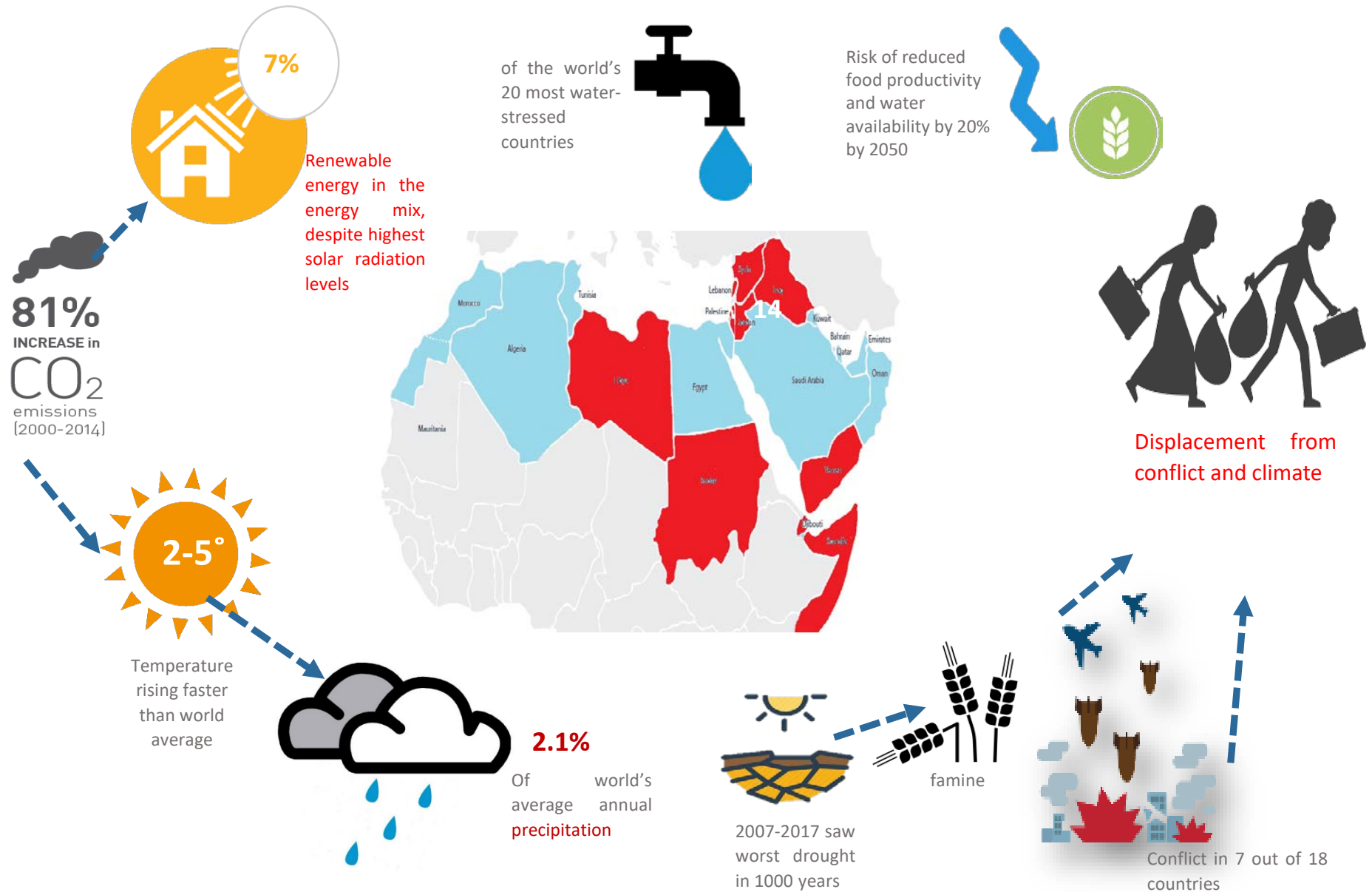
UNDPs Strategic Plan (2018-2021) has a key focus on climate action and closing the energy gap for poor and crisis affected communities.

UNDP helps countries **transition to risk informed, low-carbon, climate resilient forms of energy** so as to be more resilient to crises, and helping ensure **access to sustainable energy** for communities when a crisis does hit.



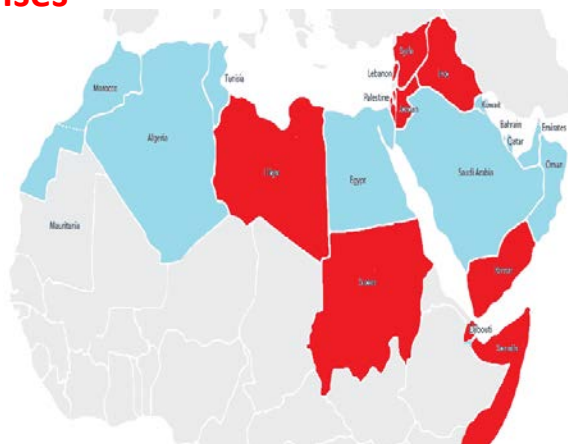
UNDP is the UNs largest provider of grant assistance for climate action, with **\$3 billion of projects today** on climate mitigation and adaptation in 140 countries.

Development challenges to SDG achievement in the Arab region



The Arab region in relation to energy for displaced communities

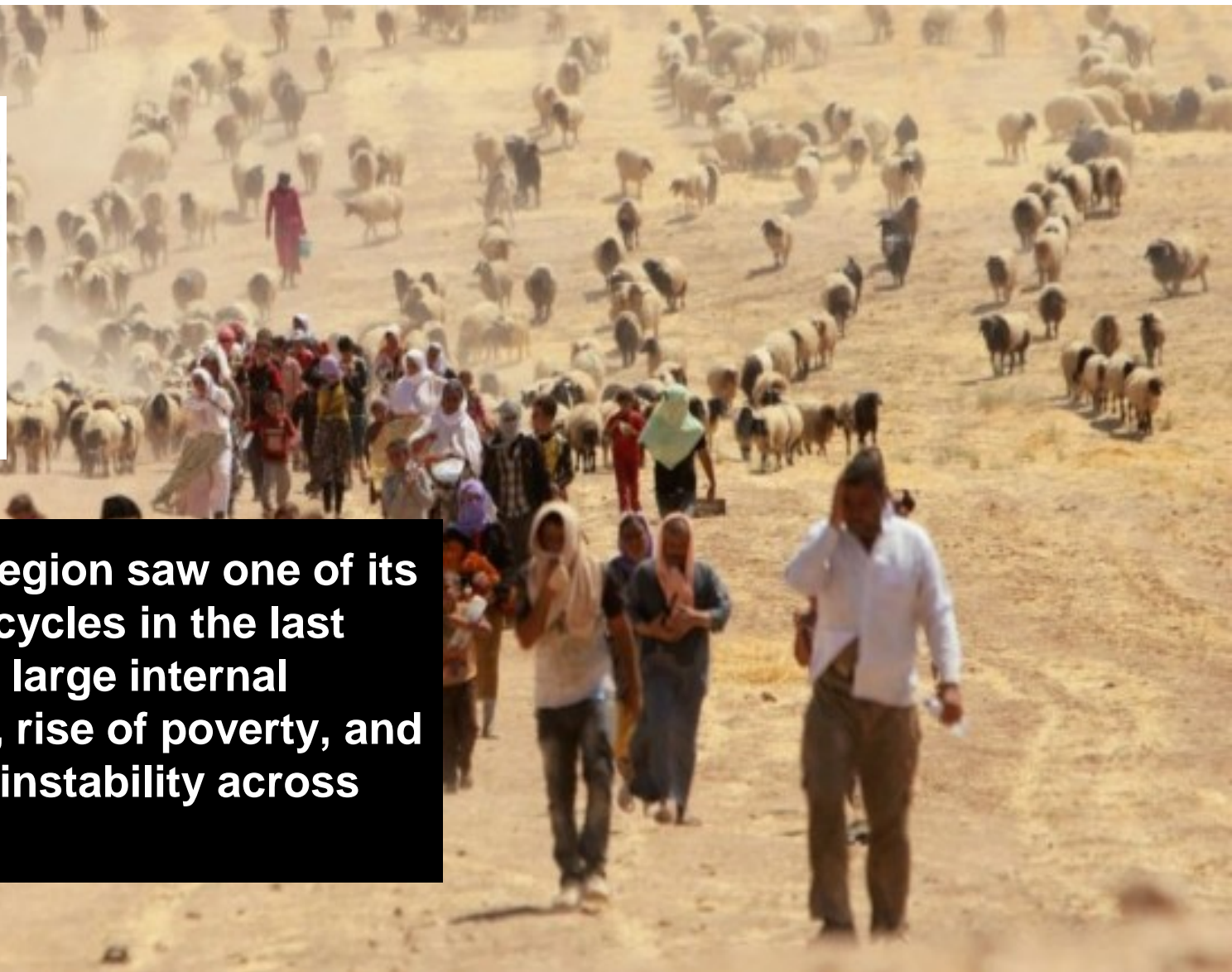
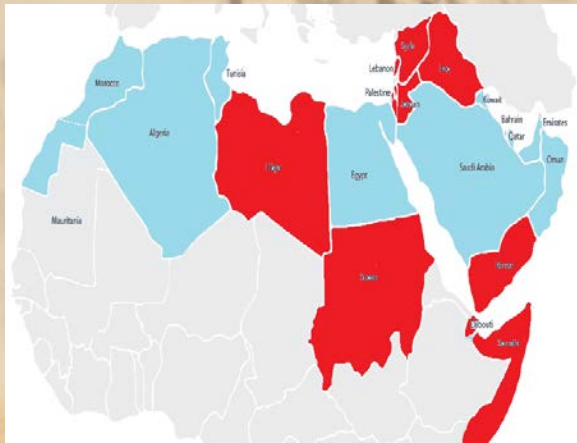
The Arab region has experienced **dramatic crises events** in its history



Poverty rates in the region are **expanding in countries in fragile and crisis contexts** owing to rising levels of conflict and displacement.

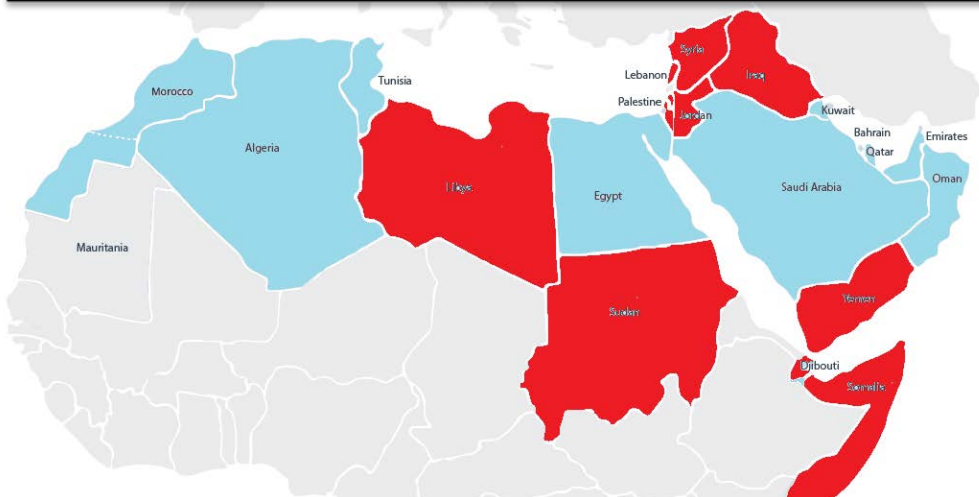
The Middle East and Africa regions host close **to 70% of all the 68.5 million world displaced persons.**

Recognising that it's a multi-dimensional development challenge, targeted actions **to integrate energy in crisis recovery** is important to ensure **that nobody is left behind.**



From 2007-2017, the region saw one of its most severe drought cycles in the last 1000 years, triggering large internal displacement, famine, rise of poverty, and social disruption and instability across the entire Arab region

Countries impacted by protracted crisis in the Arab region



- Ten countries impacted by crisis. Yemen, Syria, Libya, Somalia, Iraq, Sudan, Palestine.
- Lebanon, Djibouti and Jordan are hosting a big number of refugees compared to their populations exerting pressure to energy resources.
- Fragile or countries in crisis context are unable to have sufficient energy for the general population as well as for hosted displaced communities.

Role of Energy in crisis context



Energy is about **inclusivity**, **leaving no one behind** as an enabler for long-term cost effective solution to recovery from :

- natural disasters
- climate change induced impacts & shocks (droughts, famine, floods)
- crisis impacts induced by protracted conflicts

Risk-informed Approach to energy planning

A **risk-informed approach to planning for energy and recovery** should ensure that actions are taken to improve ability to withstand crises, cope with events, recover sustainably and quickly.

Prior to an event
Actions to **prevent**
disruptions from
shocks



During an event
Ability to **cope** with
crisis as it unfolds



After an event
Actions to **recover**
sustainably and
quickly



Integrating Energy considerations in crisis context

Energy in crisis context

Downstream
Innovative
Actions

Deploying energy solutions to broader development goals. Examples in Sudan, Yemen, Palestine, Somalia, Iraq, etc.

- Decentralised
- Off-grid options
- South-south experiences
- Affordability
- Easy to manage, maintain and operate

Entry points

Downstream actions:
Deployment of decentralized energy solutions for health, education, agriculture, businesses etc.

Upstream
policy
support

Support to integrate sustainable energy solutions into national crisis response plans national partners in Jordan and Lebanon Syria crisis

filling policy gaps in the integration of sustainable energy into national crisis response and resilience plans

Upstream actions:
policy support including de-risking investments, enables accelerated implementation of NDCs in fragile countries.

Importance of Partnerships

SDG Climate Facility



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Climate Action for Human Security

2019-2022; \$7 million

It will provide Technical Assistance to crisis countries to scale up energy for recovery, both at upstream and downstream levels.

Leaving no one behind: Inclusive recovery responses

Dedicated focus on communities affected by converging disastrous forces of climate change, conflict and displacement.

integrating climate action into crisis prevention policies to prevent climate induced conflict and displacement

integrating energy responses into crisis response and recovery investments to help conflict-affected communities 'build-back better' and sustainably

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Pre-requisites for energy investments in a crisis context for displaced communities



Strong global, regional and local partnerships that promote **integration of long term sustainable energy actions** for crisis recovery

- Innovative business models
- Inclusive and innovative financing
- Deployment of technologies
- Engagement of the private sector
- Partnerships

Responses that allow **continuous transition from humanitarian to development trajectory.**



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Thank you

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