

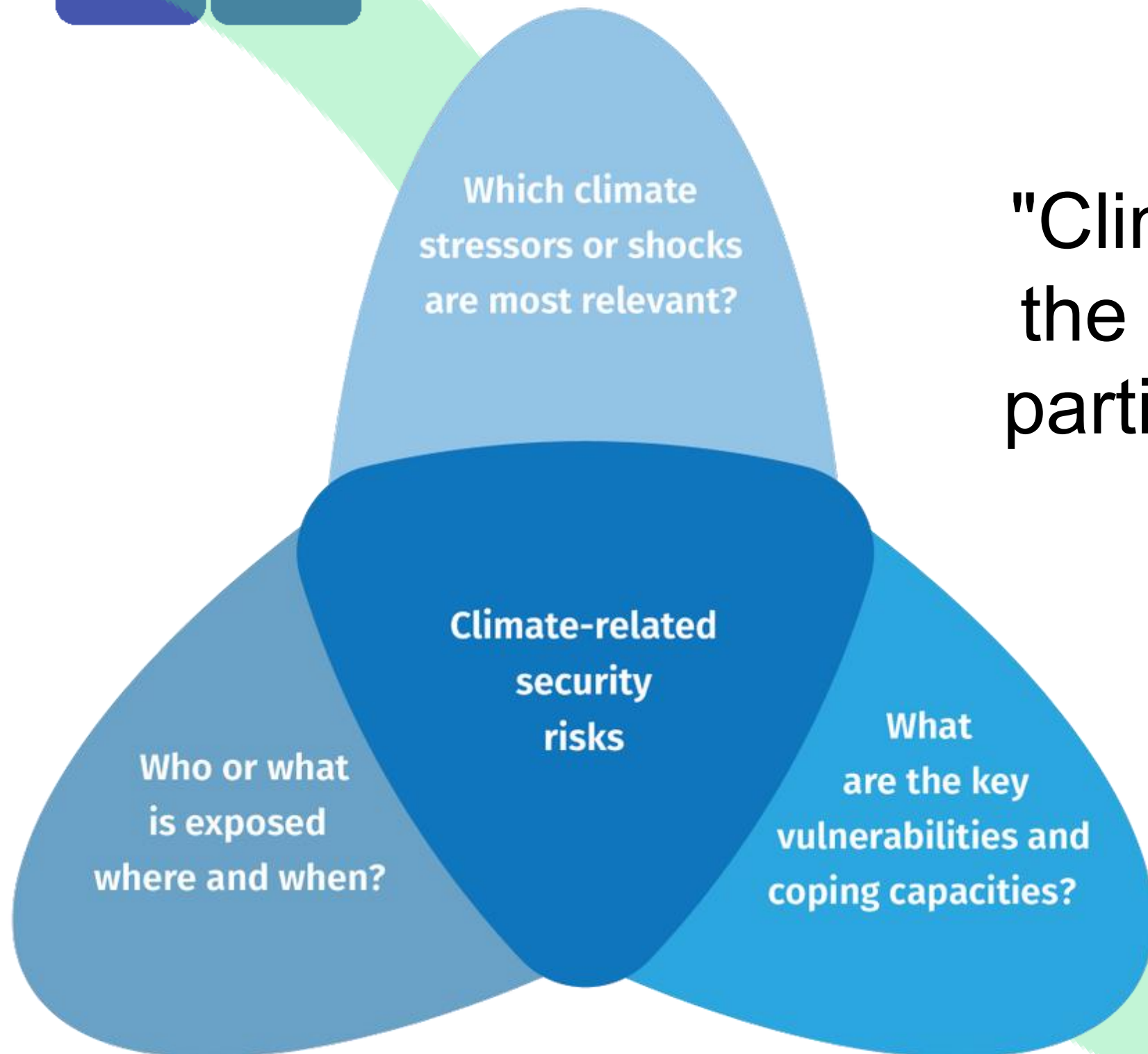


Youth4Climate - Call for Solutions 2026

Climate, Peace and Security



What is Climate, Peace and Security

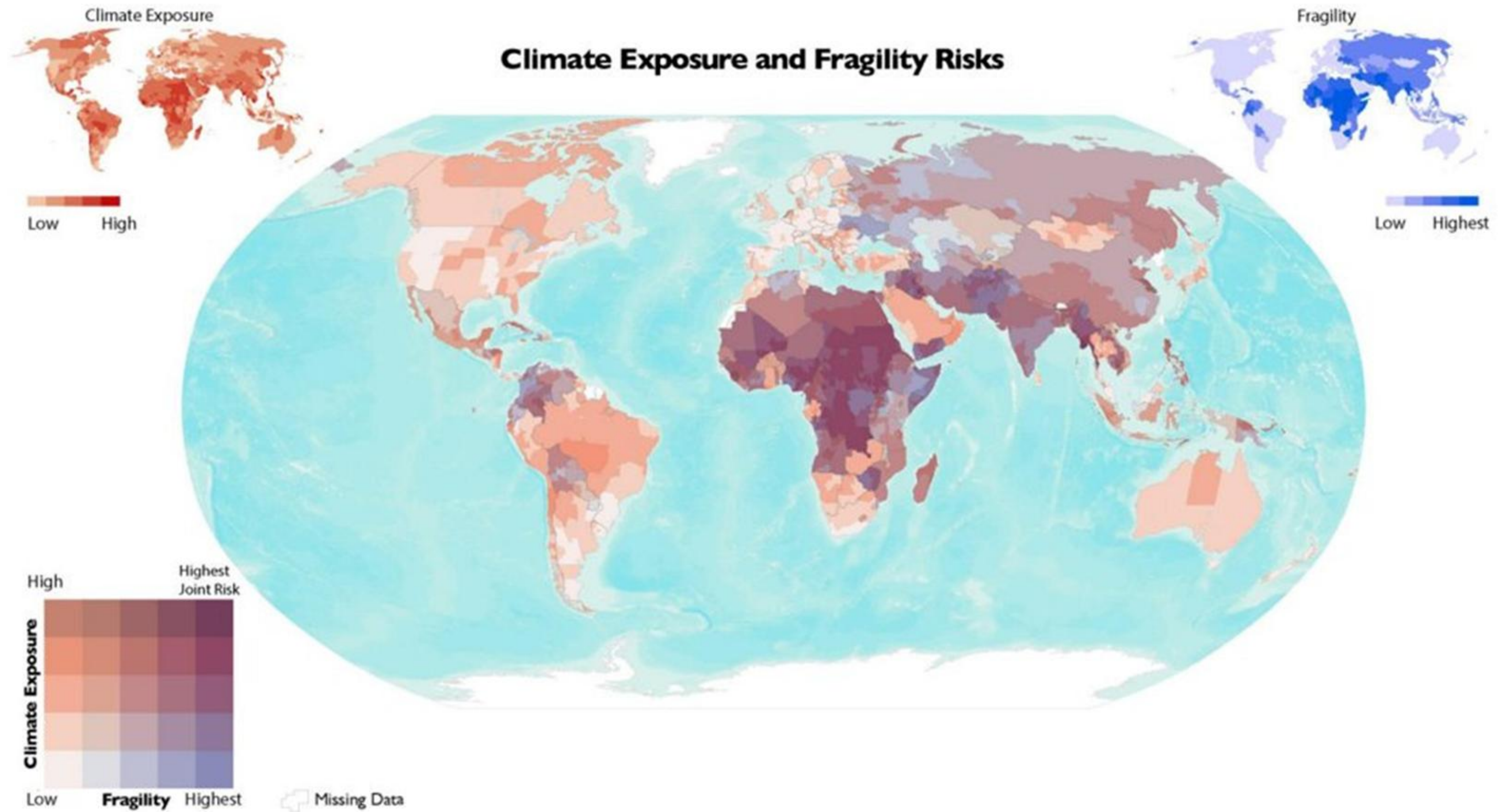


"Climate security refers to the impacts of the climate crisis on peace and security, particularly in fragile and conflict-affected settings."

(UNDP Climate Security Explainer)

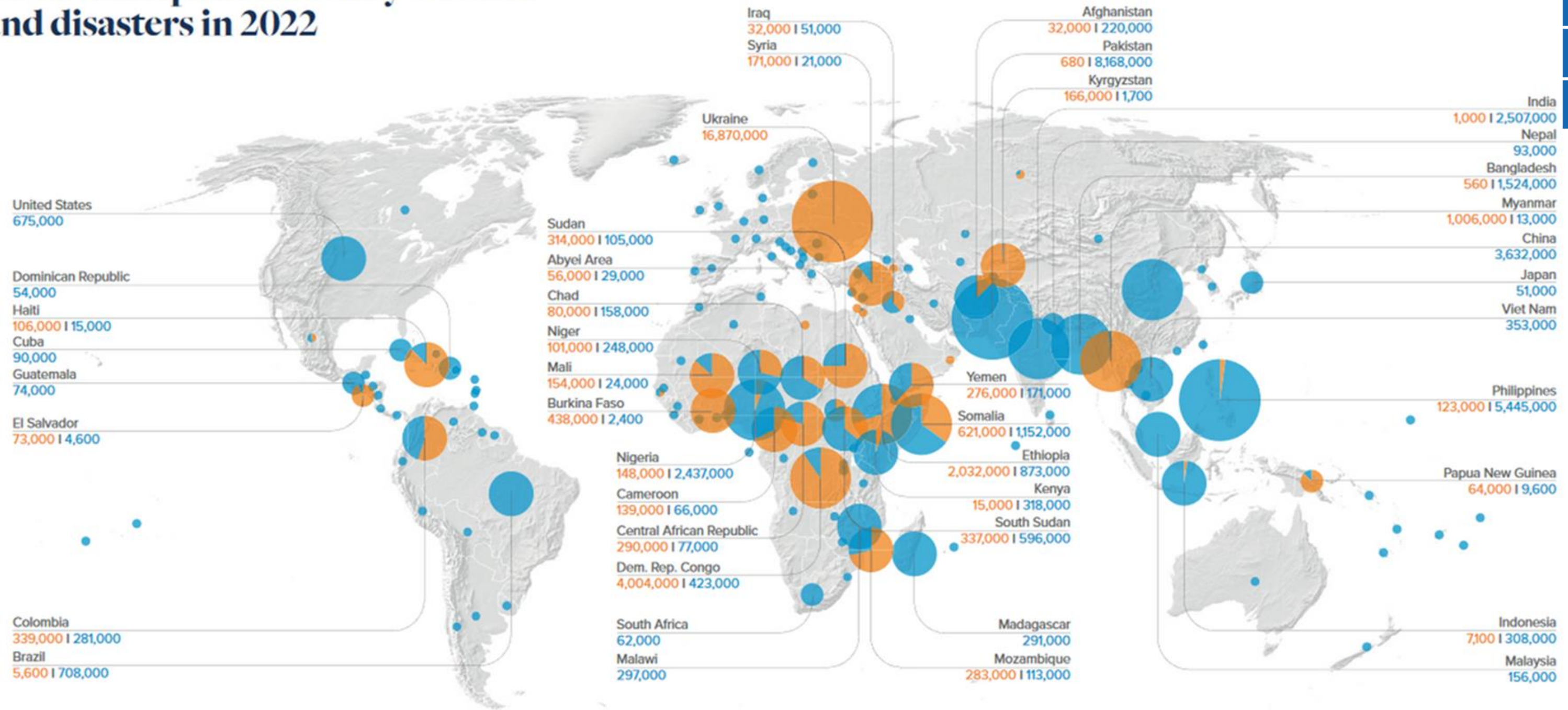


CLIMATE SECURITY MECHANISM



Climate exposure data sources: Global Precipitation Climatology Centre; UNEP/GRID-Europe; Viewfinder Panoramas
 Fragility data sources: 2014 data from Center for Systemic Peace; CIA; Gibney et al.; Kaufmann, Kraay, and Mastruzzi; Miller, Holmes, and Kim; Pilster and Böhmelt; Political Instability Task Force; Marshall, Gurr, and Jagers; U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants; World Bank; Compilation of armed conflict datasets and consultations with conflict experts

Internal displacements by conflict and disasters in 2022





Climate Security thinking



Examine



Immediate, short-term, and long-term impacts of climate and conflict on community stability.



Evaluate



The intersection of climate hazards/climate risks and security, governance, and social dynamics



Analyze



How climate change and conflict disrupt access to natural resources and livelihoods





Members of the UN Security Council increasingly recognise:

- At the UN Security Council's first open debate in 2007
- Group of Friends on Climate Security now 78 members
- UN Climate Security Mechanism since 2018

COP27 & 28 Presidency -

- Elevated the Climate-Peace-Security agenda by highlighting the security implications of climate impacts in fragile contexts
- Reinforced CPS linkages by emphasizing resilience, climate finance, and adaptation for vulnerable and fragile countries,

Regional and country-level declarations

- Bamako Declaration by Sahel countries 2023
- Boe Declaration by Pacific Island Forum Leaders 2018
- Common African Position on CPS (ongoing)

National level policy integration and alignment

- integration of CPS in Climate policies and other frameworks such as NDC and NAPs
- Dedicated CPS national policy (e.g. in Liptako Gourma region)
- Integration in prevention, security, peacebuilding and stabilization strategies



Why are youth important for CPS?



Young people often have the strongest stake in climate-impacted livelihoods, migration pressures, and environmental degradation, particularly in fragile and conflict-affected contexts.



When youth are meaningfully included in climate governance, early warning systems, natural resource management, and local peace initiatives, they help build more legitimate, inclusive, and durable responses to climate-related security risks



700+ million

young people (15-34 years of ages)
live in conflict and fragility-
affected contexts



Youth as transformative agents

- **A global youth moment:**

1.9 billion young people worldwide—the largest youth generation in history; in many programme countries 60–70% of the population is under 30

- **High exposure to risk:**

1 in 4 young people are affected by violence or armed conflict, often in fragile and climate-vulnerable regions.

- **Barriers remain:**

Young women and men still face discrimination, exclusion from decision-making, and negative assumptions about their experience and capabilities

- **Untapped potential:**

Youth are innovators and problem-solvers, already leading climate action, peacebuilding, and community resilience.

- **Investing in youth matters:**

Supporting youth leadership is essential to advance sustainable development, climate resilience, and lasting peace.



Youth-led climate, peace and security solutions

Youth-driven solutions can:

- Climate-proof conflict prevention, post-conflict stabilization and peacebuilding
- Ensure that mitigation and adaptation are peace positive
- Integrated approaches to climate action and sustaining peace
- Strengthened cross-border, regional and sub-regional approaches





2026 CPS Focus Areas

Promoting access to clean energy, water, participatory natural resource management and sustainable livelihoods;



Addressing climate-induced displacement and vulnerability to violent extremism



Promoting ocean and coastal resilience solutions that enhance security, stability and peace



Energy

Anticipation

PVE

Cohesion

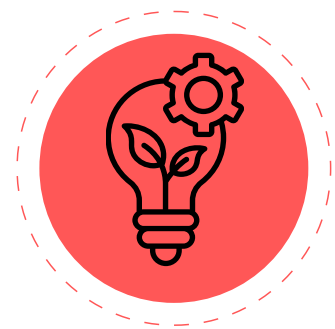
Ocean

Technology

Advancing anticipatory action, early warning, and risk prevention approaches to address climate-related tensions and vulnerabilities.

Enhancing social cohesion, fostering dialogue and cooperation to strengthen peace processes in contexts of climate vulnerability

Promoting the responsible use of technology, data and AI to improve climate-conflict risk analysis, early warning, and evidence-based planning





Conceptualizing impactful interventions

Start from the **climate, peace–security** connection

Strong CPS proposals clearly explain:

- What climate risk affects the community
- How it affects people, livelihoods or relationships
- Why it may create tensions or vulnerabilities

....and design **responses** accordingly



This helps showing why the project matter for both **climate and peace**



Some Practical tips



Community driven and locally grounded

...small but catalytic intervention, start small but think at scale

Participation, cultural sensitive and local knowledge

...local ownership ensures long term sustainability



Inclusion and local leadership

..consider power dynamics and meaningful inclusion

Context- specific, focused and tangible

...keep it realistic, measurable but impactful



Geographic representation and think outside the box!

...dare to innovate! innovation can take different shapes and forms



Useful Resources



- Guidance Note: Beyond Vulnerability – Youth, Climate, Peace and Security
- Beyond Generations: Pathways to a Youth-Inclusive Climate, Peace and Security Agenda
- Gender, climate and security: Sustaining inclusive peace on the frontlines of climate change
- Re-envisioning climate action to sustain peace and human security
- UNDP Climate Security Nexus and Prevention of Violent Extremism
- Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security (2018): "The Missing Peace"
- Youth, Peace and Security Portal on Sparkblue
- YPS: Fostering Youth-Inclusive Political Processes
- Youth, Peace and Security: A Programming Handbook
- 2025 Peacebuilding Fund Thematic Review on Youth, Peace and Security

