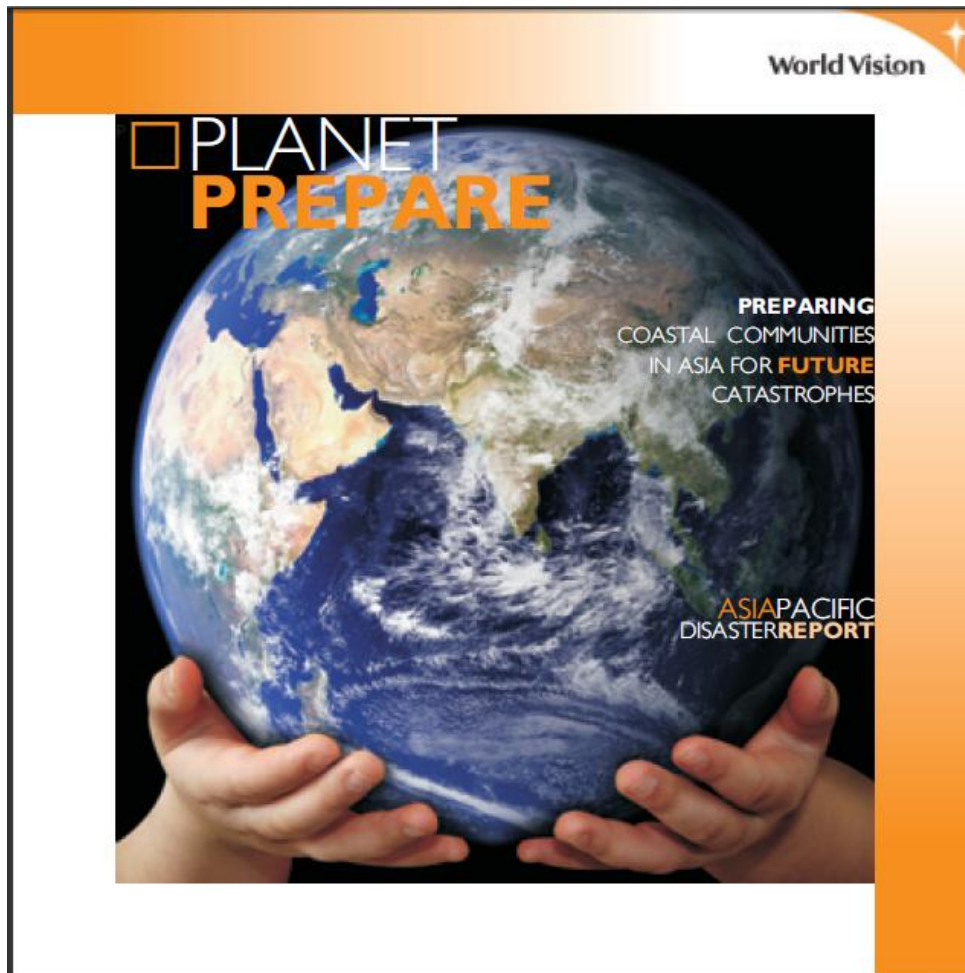


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The negative effects of climate change are becoming more and more evident not least for those poor communities living in coastal areas across the Asia Pacific Region. Poor communities are regularly forced to live in the most inhospitable and marginalised locations which are frequently in areas most vulnerable to natural disasters. People in coastal zones in countries like Bangladesh are increasingly experiencing the double impact of rising sea levels compounded by more severe and frequent wind storms and storm surges. The world needs to prepare for disasters *before* they occur, reducing risk, raising resilience and promoting *preparedness*. The future of our planet lies not in the stars. The future of our planet lies in our hands. There is a window of opportunity for avoiding the most damaging climate change impacts, but that window is closing: The world has less than a decade to change course. Actions taken – or not taken – will have a profound bearing on the future. The world lacks neither the financial resources nor the technological capabilities, what is missing is a sense of urgency, human solidarity and collective interest. This book shows not only the effects of climate change already being seen today, but holds before us the prospects of a situation worsening in the future. It also admonishes us to launch programs to avoid the worst of consequences.