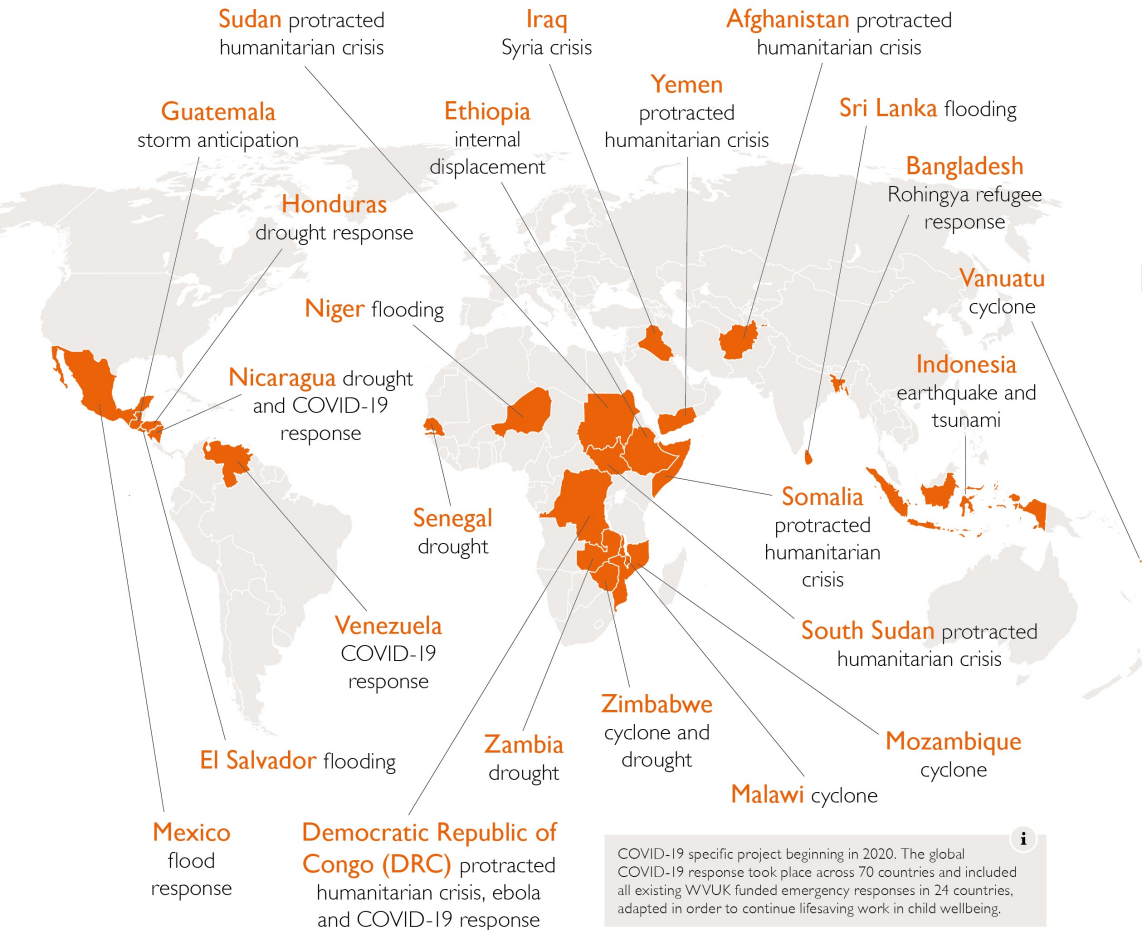


Why does a God of love allow disasters to happen?

A reflection on disasters, resilience and faith



In **2020** our emergency responses helped



over **1,000,000**
people in **24 countries**



over **500,000**
of them were children

COVID-19 specific project beginning in 2020. The global COVID-19 response took place across 70 countries and included all existing WVUK funded emergency responses in 24 countries, adapted in order to continue lifesaving work in child wellbeing.

Joseph –
Old Testament

World Vision
projects – Uganda

Disasters

- What do people say?
- What does the bible say?
- What do the academics say?

Job 22:5

Luke 13:4-5

Matthew 5:45

Sin?

- Pat Robertson on Haiti earthquake: “pact to the devil brought on the devastating earthquake”
- Councillor David Silvestre: “disasters would accompany the passage of his same-sex marriage bill”



Hazard x Vulnerability = Disaster



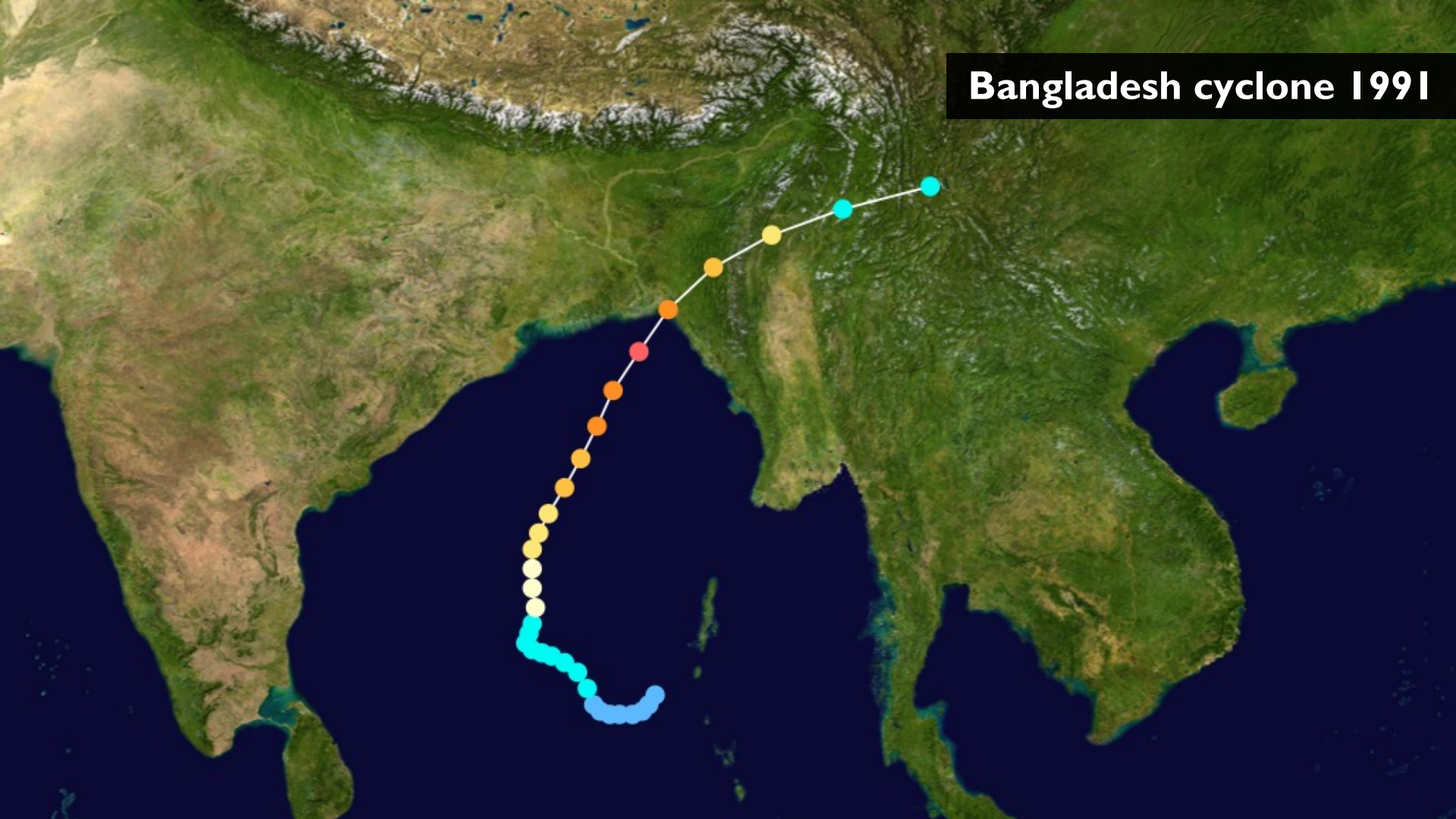
Haiti earthquake 2010



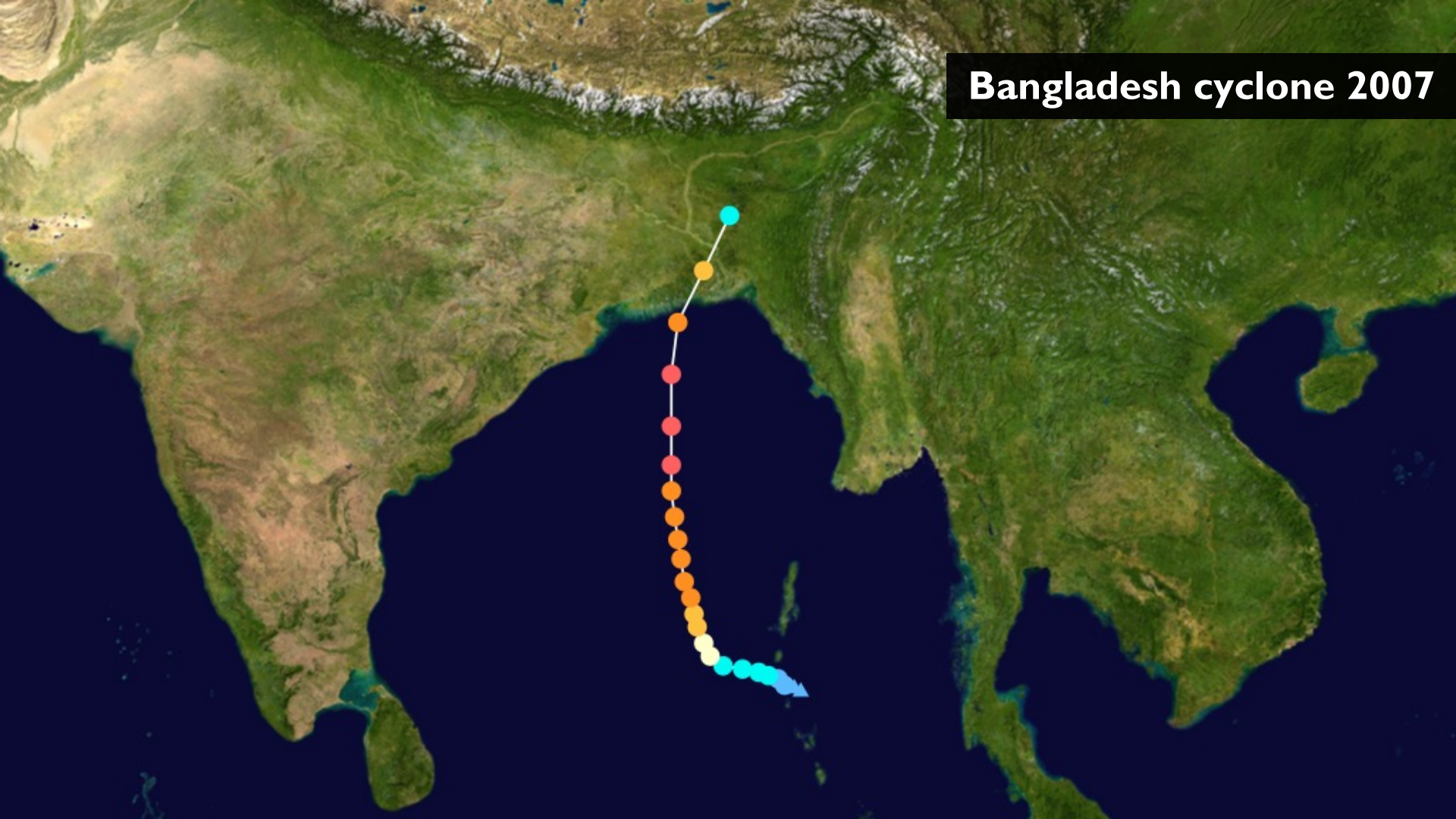
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Bangladesh cyclone 1991



Bangladesh cyclone 2007



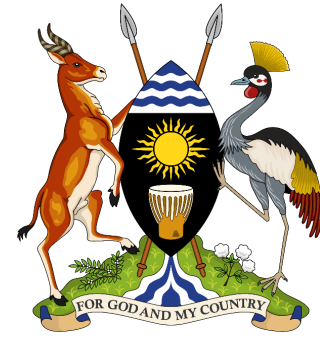
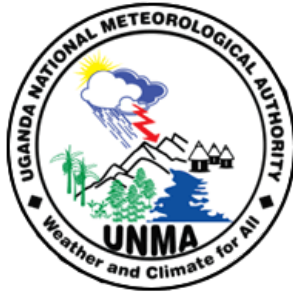
To reduce vulnerabilities...

- Be better prepared
- Mitigate risks
- Build resilience



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- Forecasts translated into **22** local languages
- **200,000** people received translated weather forecasts
- **80%** took positive actions to improve their resilience
- Choosing particular crop varieties to plant
- Planting on recommended dates
- Taking pest control measures
- Using soil conservation techniques
- Planting trees

Remember...

- Disasters aren't a punishment from God
- We can help people to be less vulnerable to natural hazards
- Action on climate change will help to make the poorest less vulnerable

Pray for...

- COP26
 - Voices of the most vulnerable
 - Ambitious outcomes at COP26
 - Christian organisations

Act ...

- Reduce carbon footprints
- Sign up to creationcare.org.uk
- Sign “The Time is Now’ Declaration.