

Natural disasters drive 26 million into poverty annually: World Bank

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Those numbers will be driven up in the coming decades as [climate change](#) amplifies the destructive power of cyclones, flooding and drought, said the report, released on the margins of high-level UN climate talks in Marrakesh.

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