



Somalia



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Despite losing everything, including their livestock, due to drought and lack of grazing lands, Nimico and her family walked for 10 days to find refuge on the other side of the border. With limited access to food and water, the family has to rely on frequent trips to the water source to survive.

Nimico

Born, Somalia

Date: 07/02/2023

7-year-old Nimico is making strides in her education, attending an emergency school where she is learning to read and write in English, her favorite subject. Her mother, a widow, works tirelessly to care for the entire family."



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The situation in Dollow, where people from Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia are seeking refuge and aid, remains challenging. While there were already 3 camps to host people displaced by previous droughts and crises, 2 additional sites had to be created due to the growing number of arrivals. In total, over 130,000 people have found refuge in these five sites. The situation is precarious, with the main river that provides water for consumption, agriculture, and cattle now empty, making it increasingly difficult to find water in wells.



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Zekaria

Age, 10

Born, Somalia

Date: 07/02/2023

Zekaria is fetching water from a UNICEF and UNICEF supported water point in Ladan IDP camp in Dollow. He is in grade 2 and his favourite subject is Somali language.



In total, over 130,000 people have found refuge in these five sites. Dollow is a hub for the region due to its stability, availability of international aid, and its location as a border area. However, even in Dollow, the situation is precarious, with the main river that provides water for consumption, agriculture, and cattle now empty, making it increasingly difficult to find water in wells.



Vanuatu



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Pentecost Island in Vanuatu was hit by two category 4 back-to-back cyclones within two days. Add to that an out-of-season category 5 cyclone within the space of 8 months. In fact, since 2000 at least 83% of the population of the Pacific has been affected by a disaster leaving a lasting impact on children.

Tabirap

Born, Vanuatu

Age: 12

Date: 14/02/2024

"During cyclone, I was scared because the wind was so strong and loud. When the cyclone was over, we came out and the trees had fallen. Since then, I didn't go to school."



CANVA STORIES

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With their whole lives ahead of them any deprivation resulting from climate change is the life-time of lost opportunities. Climate change poses a significant threat to Vanuatu in more ways than extreme storms. Sea level rises are also particularly concerning as the islands are low-lying, meaning saltwater can affect fresh water sources. Like other small island developing states (SIDS), Vanuatu advocates for stronger international cooperation, financial support, and technology transfer to help build resilience and adapt to the changing climate.



Vietnam



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Typhoon Noru, known in the Philippines as Super Typhoon Karding, was an intense tropical cyclone that affected Vietnam, Thailand, and the Philippines – where it caused widespread agricultural damages. The sixteenth named storm and eighth typhoon, and third super typhoon of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season.

Bích Trâm

Age, 8

Born, Vietnam

Date: 29/09/2022

Nguyễn Thị Bích Trâm, and her mother Trần Thị Thoa, 42, pose for photos in front of their house whose roof was blown off by Typhoon Noru on September 29, 2022 in Thang Binh District, Quang Nam Province, Vietnam.

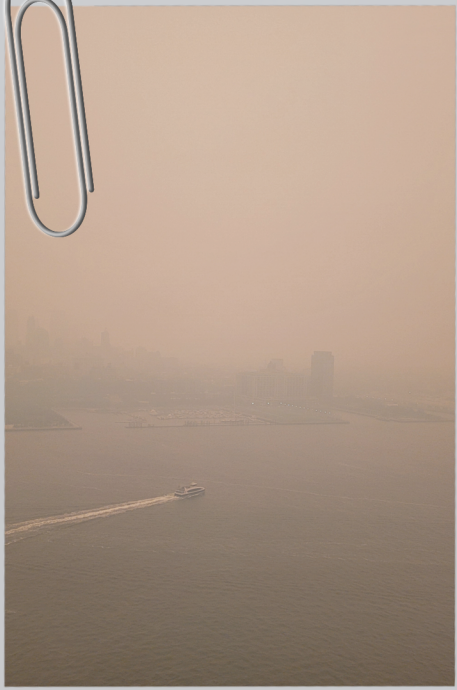


Vietnam has a long coastline, and rising sea levels pose a significant threat to coastal areas. This can lead to saltwater intrusion, affecting agricultural lands and freshwater resources, as well as increasing the risk of storm surges and flooding in coastal communities. Extreme weather events such as typhoons, storms, and heavy rainfall are intensifying. Vietnam is already prone to these events, and their increased frequency and intensity can lead to more severe flooding, landslides, and damage to infrastructure.



Canada

In June 2023, Canada faced an unprecedented wildfire crisis, sweeping across vast expanses from Nova Scotia in the east to British Columbia in the west. The scale of devastation was staggering, with a colossal 185,000 square kilometers succumbing to the flames—comparable to the size of Syria and approximately double that of Portugal.



You

Born, Canada

Date: 03/2023

You are a child caught up in the fires in Yellowknife, Canada, you have been evacuated, and you and your family are safe, staying in a temporary location.



The environmental toll was immense, as the fires unleashed a staggering 2 billion tons of CO₂, likely tripling the country's annual carbon footprint. Concurrently, 2023 witnessed a global trend of record-breaking temperatures, underscoring the severity of climate-related challenges. While wildfires have historically been ingrained in Canada's forest ecosystems, this year's events marked an alarming departure from the norm. Experts warn that these disturbances serve as a dire indicator of the conditions exacerbated by the climate crisis.



Greece



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Huge fires blazed through northeastern Greece following weeks of high heat. Over the past few decades, Greece has witnessed severe wildfires, especially in the summer months. The frequency and severity of these wildfires have escalated, a trend largely attributed by experts to the influence of climate change.

You

Born, Greece

Date: 21/08/2023

You are a child caught up in the fires in Greece, you have lost your home, but you and your family are safe, staying in a temporary location.



The EU's civil protection service said the fire in the summer of 23 had burned more than 810 square kilometres (310 square miles) of land – an area bigger than New York City. “This wildfire is the largest in the EU since 2000, when the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS) began recording data,” the service said.



Hawaii, USA



The deadly blaze in Lahaina started as brush fires and exploded into the town on Aug. 8, 2023 becoming the country's deadliest wildfire in more than 100 years. With over 100 lives lost in the fire and 11,000 people displaced. 2,170 acres of land in Lahaina were consumed by the wildfires, resulting in the damage or destruction of thousands of structures.

Amy

Age, 16

Born, Hawaii

Date: 7/03/2023

You are a child caught up in the fires in Hawaii, you have lost your home, but you and your family are safe, staying in a temporary location.



The scale of the devastation prompted a response from President Biden and First Lady Jill Biden, who visited Maui to meet with first responders and tour the impacted areas. During their visit, they announced the appointment of a federal coordinator to oversee long-term recovery efforts in Maui, signaling the commitment of the federal government to support the state in rebuilding and recovery. Children returned to school later in the week. Alternative means of transportation, such as vans, to assist families in remote areas in accessing educational facilities.



Ireland



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Currently, coastal flooding poses a serious threat for Ireland. This is due to the fact that Ireland's cities and key infrastructure are located at or near the coast. Sea levels will continue to rise for the c (EPA)

You

Date: 3/11/2022

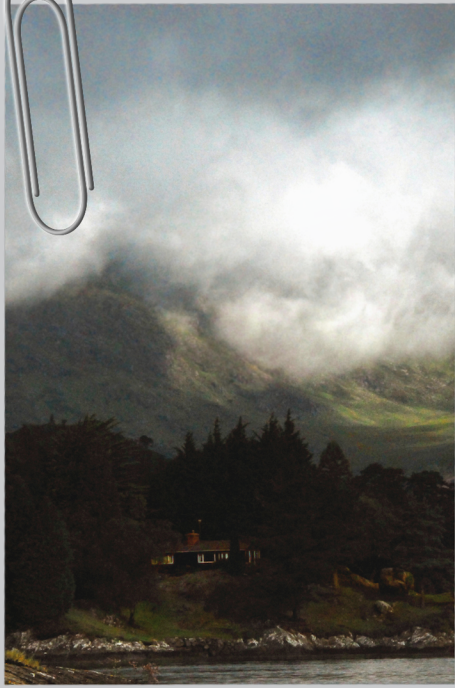
Born, Ireland



Several towns across the country were destroyed by huge floods in 2023 including Midleton in Cork, Carlingford in Co Louth and Clontarf in Dublin. And Green Party leader Eamon Ryan has warned that there will be no let up in flooding for 2024 as he predicts a year of difficult weather. Asked if we can expect flooding to be a feature of 2024, he said: "Unfortunately, we can." What's happened to the world this year was not expected in terms of the average temperature increase going above 1.5 degrees.



Ireland



Changes in Weather Patterns: Ireland is likely to experience changes in weather patterns, including increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events such as storms, heavy rainfall, and heatwaves. This could lead to flooding, erosion, and damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and coastal communities...

You

Born, Ireland

Date: 3/11/2022



Recently, there have been years with a very high level of storminess, characterised by more frequent and intense storms. The stormiest winter on record for Ireland to date was 2013-2014, while Storm Ophelia in 2017 left €70 million worth of damages in its wake.



Ireland



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Agricultural Impacts: Climate change may affect Ireland's agriculture sector, which is a significant part of the economy. Changes in temperature, precipitation patterns, and the frequency of extreme weather events could impact crop yields, livestock health, and farming practices. Shifts in suitable growing conditions for crops and changes in pest and disease patterns may also occur.

You

Born, Ireland

Date: 3/11/2022



The last significant drought in Ireland occurred during the summer of 2018, which was one of the hottest and driest summers on record. The prolonged period of warm and dry weather led to drought conditions across much of the country, resulting in water shortages, crop failures, and impacts on agriculture and the environment. The drought affected various sectors, including agriculture, water supply, and ecology, prompting water restrictions and conservation measures in some areas. The summer of 2018 highlighted the vulnerability of Ireland to drought events and the need for resilience measures to address future climate-related challenges.