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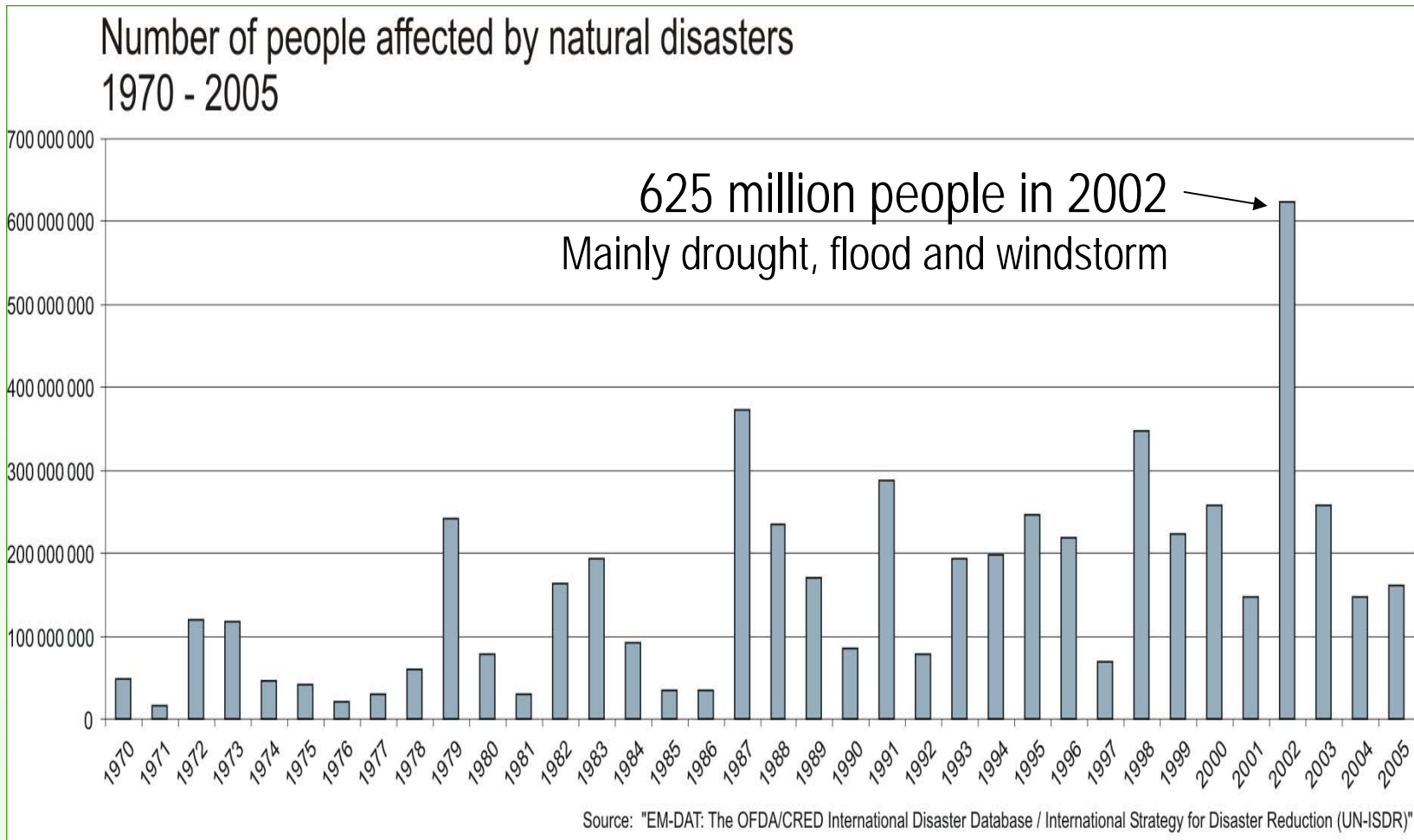
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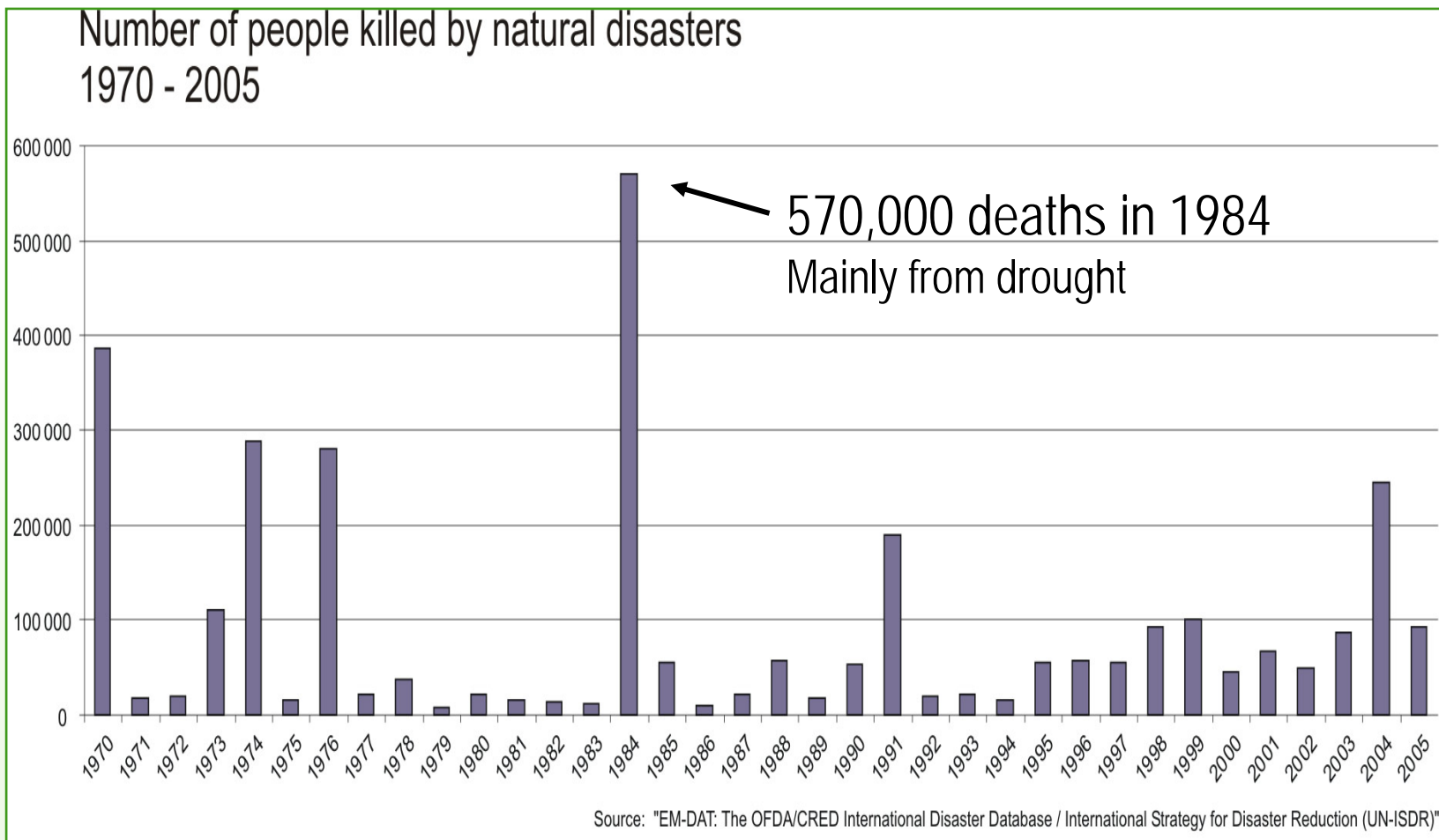
## Total deaths, natural hazards

Period	Total
1956-1965	2,714,530
1966-1975	1,898,728
1976-1985	1,037,350
1986-1995	460,709
1996-2005	889,532
<b>50 Year Total</b>	<b>7,000,849</b>

Source: "EM-DAT: The OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database, [www.em-dat.net](http://www.em-dat.net) - Université Catholique de Louvain - Brussels - Belgium"

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# Recommendations of the Global Survey of Early Warning Systems

1. Develop a globally comprehensive early warning system, rooted in existing early warning systems and capacities
2. Build national people-centred early warning systems
3. Fill the main gaps in global early warning capacities
4. Strengthen the scientific and data foundations for early warning
5. Develop the institutional foundations for a global early warning system

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## Important concluding points

- *towards people-centred early warning systems*

1. Go to the people at risk, involve them in the early warning system
2. Demand the political weight and commitment of governments
3. Organise international support and funds
4. Use the Hyogo Framework to guide actions

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