

# Bridging humanitarian and development assistance in the water sector - Focus on response or prevention?

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## Population today exposed to fragility



**2 billion people**

live in countries where development  
outcomes are affected by fragility

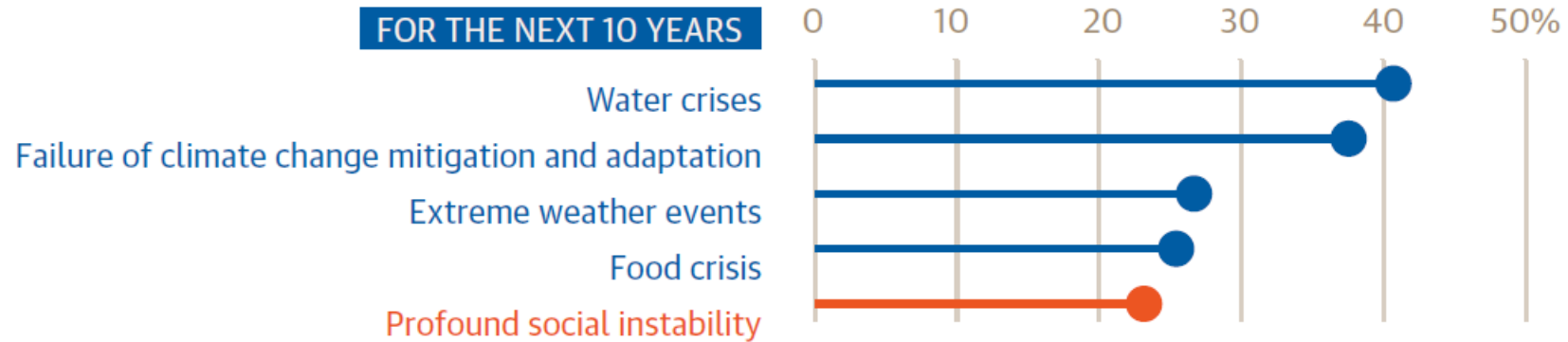
## % of Poor in 2030 exposed to fragility



of global poor are projected  
to be living in fragile contexts  
by 2030

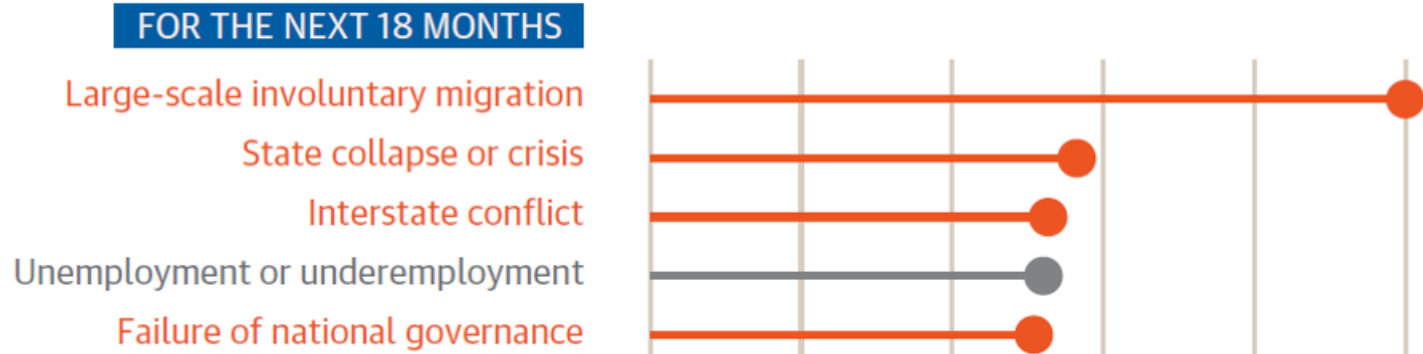
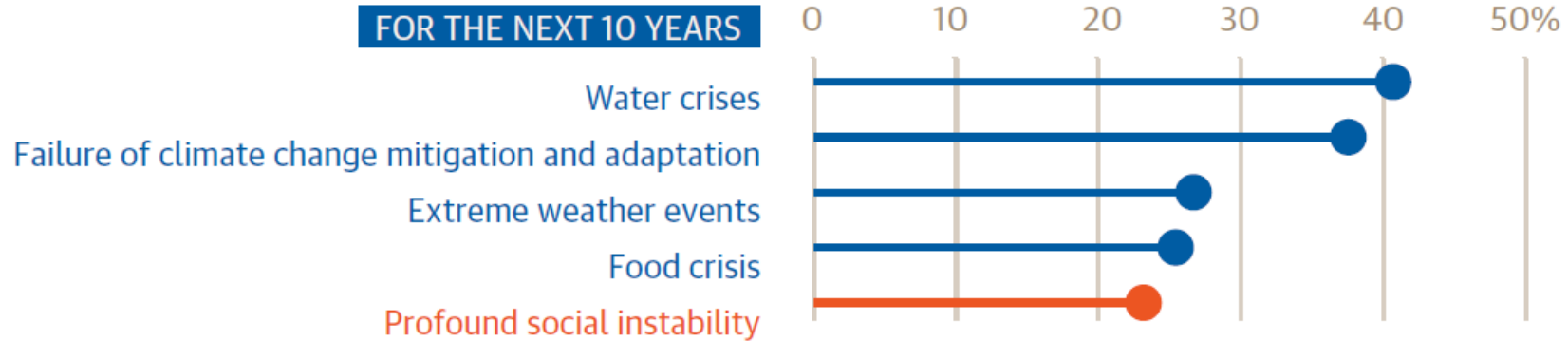
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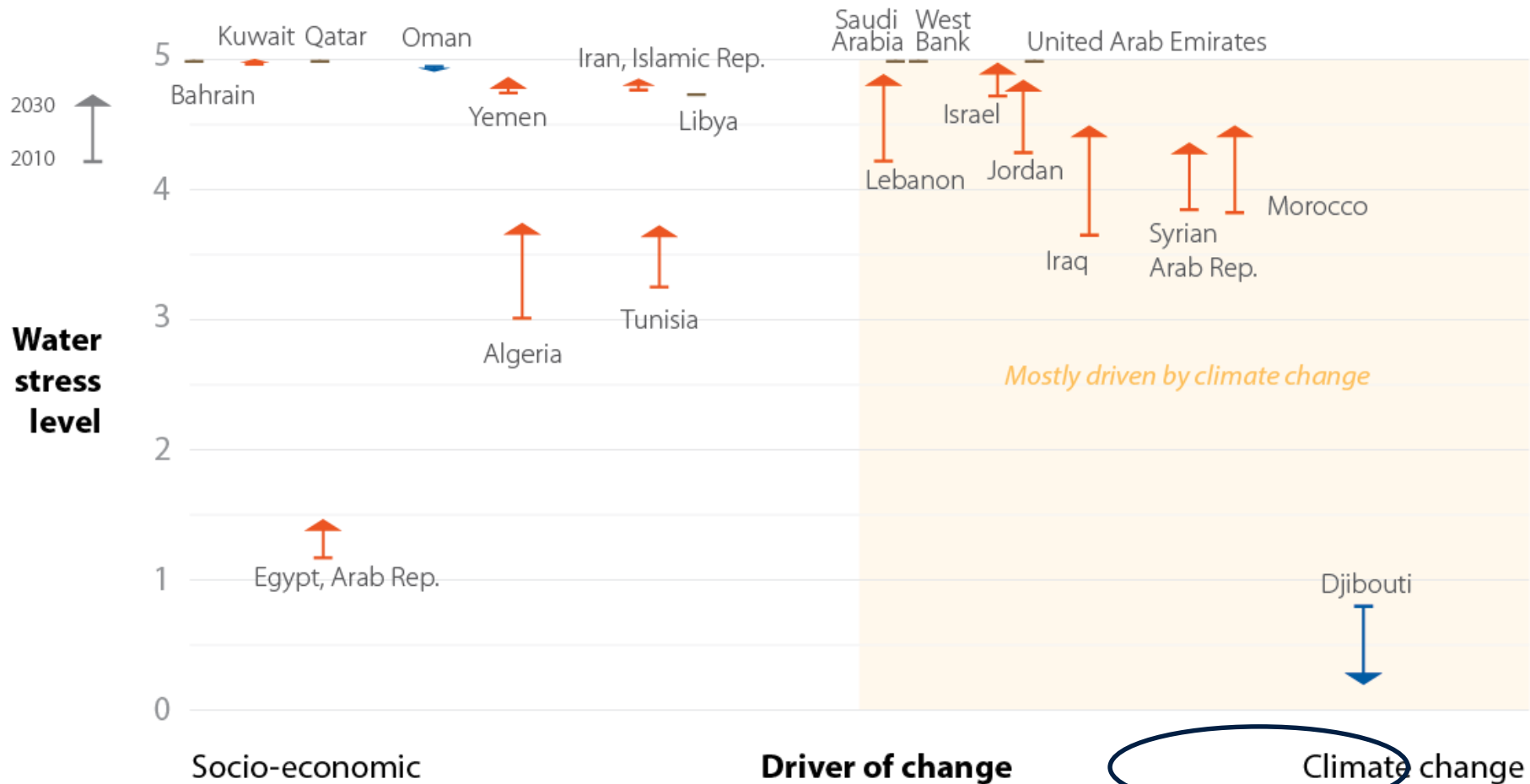
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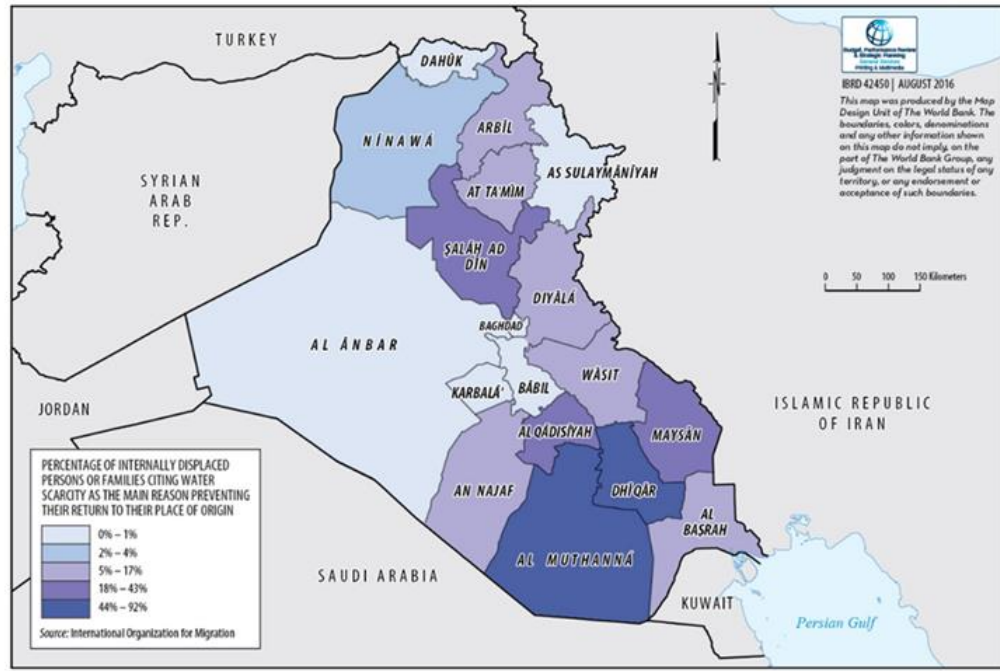
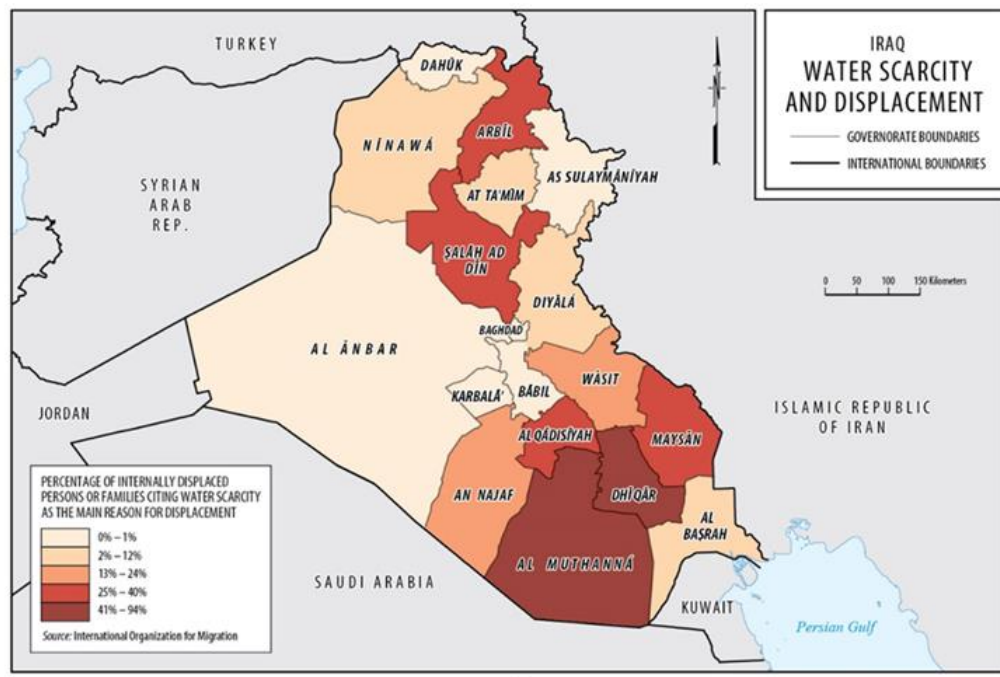


Share of respondents (global leaders)

# Climate change to be a primary driver of surface water stress increase to 2030 – especially in conflict and migration affected countries



# Failure to address water challenges driver of migration – for instance in Iraq









# Managing water utilities in protracted conflicts

- **Protracted crises** in urban contexts present a growing challenge for governments and international agencies (humanitarian and development)
- This is particularly the case in **MENA** due to the upsurge of conflict over the past decade
- But is 'silently' happening many other fragile situations with large movements of people into **Goma, Kinshasa, Hargeisa, Bosasso, Juba, Maiduguri etc.**
- **Traditional humanitarian response mechanisms** are not well suited to urban locations and protracted crises
- The traditional model of isolating people forcibly displaced under a '**camp model**' has limited relevance
- Needs new conceptual and response models ...



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### **New problem**

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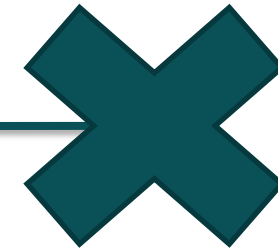
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**Response  
needs to deal  
with both  
problems at  
once:  
Old and New**

# With this new context come new opportunities and challenges

- Humanitarian and development interventions directly and immediately influence each other
- Short-term emergency actions should be aligned with long-term benefits (e.g. jobs and long-term agricultural productivity)
- Displaced people are more obviously than ever before,
  - pro-active agents making choices about where and how they live – use mobile phones & bring skills and ingenuity
  - rather than passive subjects to be contained in camps until return
- Together with host communities and people moving to cities play an active role in decisions about water and sanitation services.
- Whether their coping mechanisms support or undermine sustainable service delivery models is an iterative process of individual action and utility reaction

