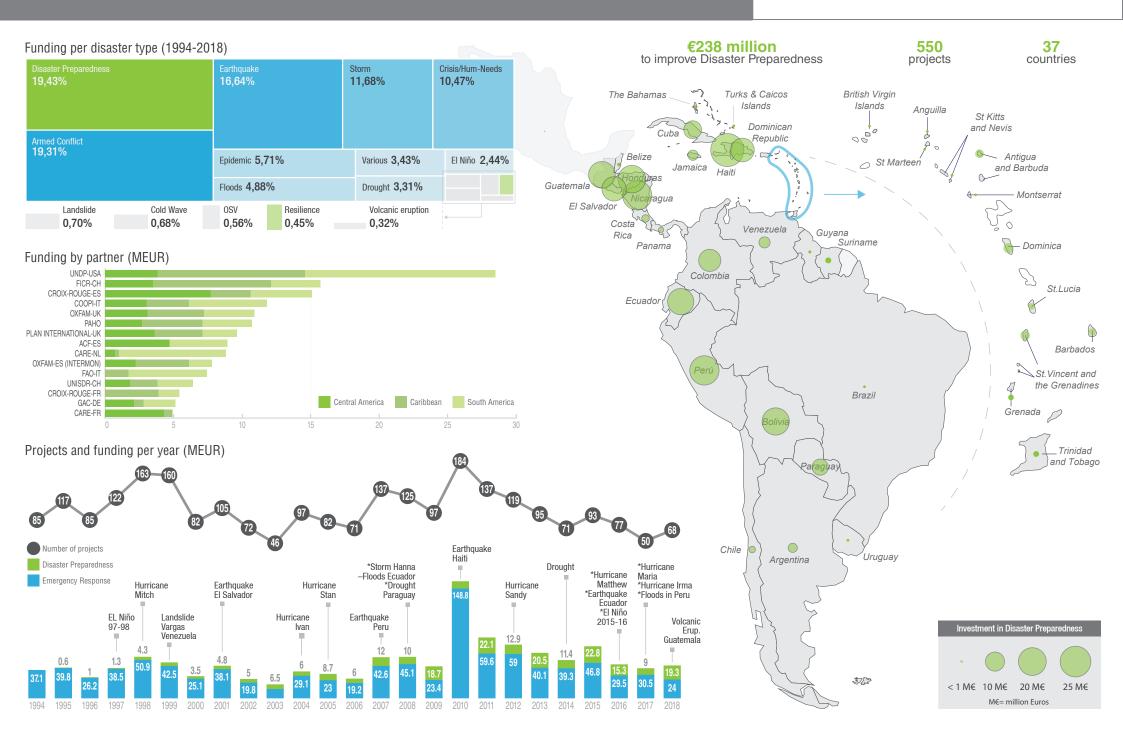
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## Key elements for Disaster Preparedness

- **1** Humanitarian Aid starts before a disaster: preparedness is essential to a timely early response.
- **2** Response starts with the community: putting people first, empowering first responders.
- 3 Disaster Preparedness is about improving coping capacities, promoting the right to live in a safe setting, sharing responsibilities and being risk informed.
- 4 Action taken at community level inspire upper levels to protect everyone, leaving nobody behind.
- **5** Unity brings strength: we deliver better together.