





**Shifting  
the Power  
Coalition**

**Strengthening diverse women's voices, agency and decision making  
in disaster preparedness, response and recovery in the Pacific**

# Disasters impact women and girls disproportionately

- Women and girls are 14 times more likely to die in a disaster
- In In the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, for every 1 man killed during the Indian Ocean tsunami, 4 women lost their lives
- In emergencies, the risk gender based violence increases significantly
- The gendered burden of unpaid care rises exponentially

# Why are women disproportionately impacted by disasters?

- Social customs
- Gendered division of labour
- Lack of access to basic rights pre disaster (eg. education, employment)
- Exclusion from decision making processes
- Disasters aggravate pre-existing inequalities

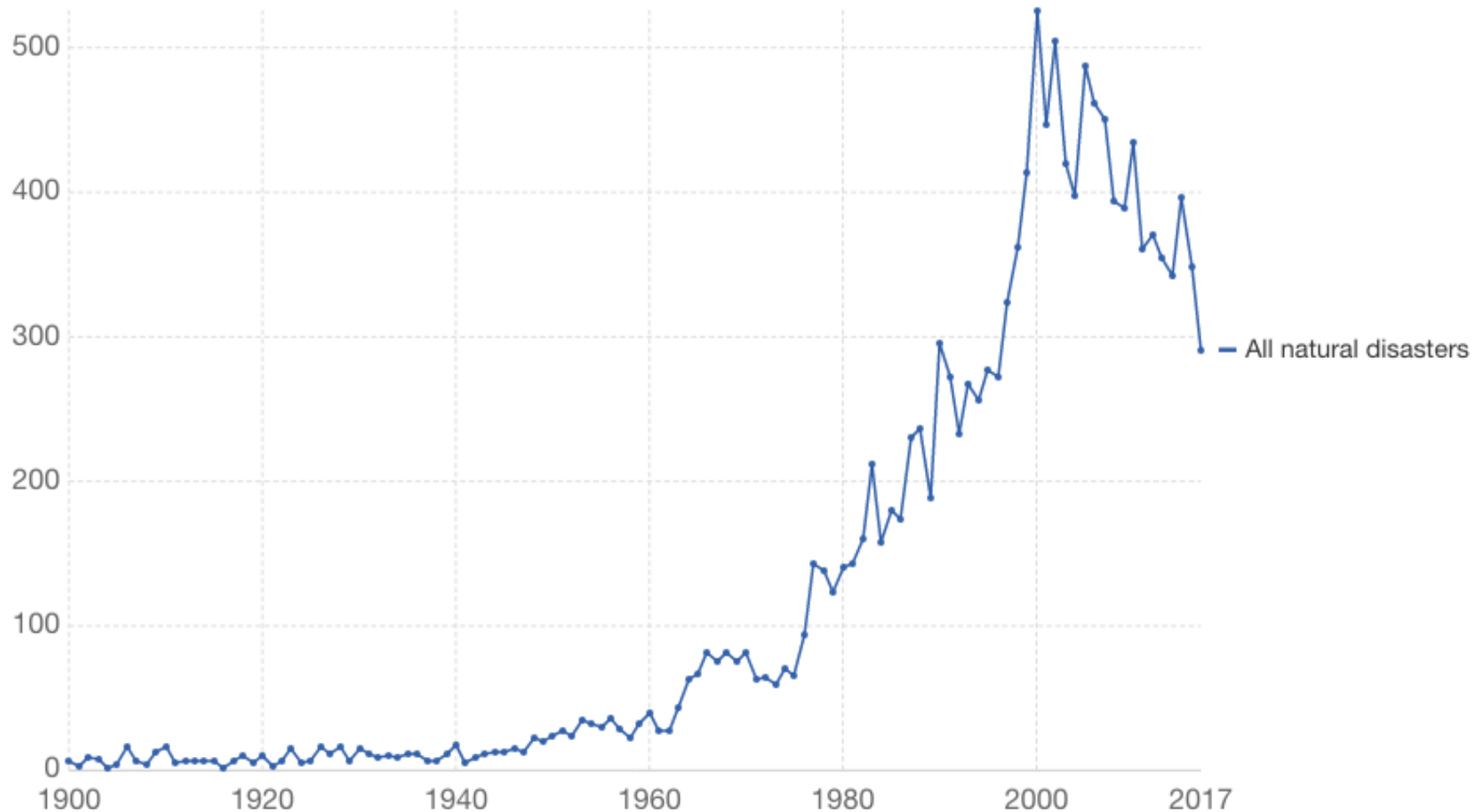




## Number of recorded natural disaster events, All natural disasters



The number of global reported natural disaster events in any given year. This includes those from drought, floods, biological epidemics, extreme weather, extreme temperature, landslides, dry mass movements, extraterrestrial impacts, wildfires, volcanic activity and earthquakes.

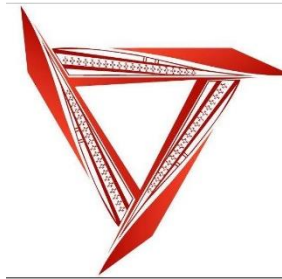


Source: Natural disasters - EMDAT (2017)





# Who We Are



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# Shifting the Power: working to address inequalities and shift power to local women

- The Coalition is working to:
- See women and women's interests increasingly and effectively represented and visible through leadership at all levels of decision making
- Ensure women have an increased sense of their own agency
- Contribute to change in the legal and social environments in the Pacific, ensuring that they work for women
- Ensure increased access to services for women in disasters (and outside of them)