Changes in the weather are no longer the area of dreamers but a stark reality. Just ask those who lost lives, homes and livelihoods in the last decade. It is become more and more frequent. To be prepared - as much as humanly possible - is now a health requirement. Government needs to inform to a more forcefull and detailed level the measures that each householder needs to take in case of these emergencies and government needs to prepare to cover the cost of those losses. It is a duty of care. Please consider all the areas this covers: communications, electricity, water, transport and insurance. It is time that government considers to insure, directly the populations living in areas likely to be affected. Our private sector has shown that profits are the only consideration they have and this NEEDS CHANGING NOW.

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