



Climate (In)justice

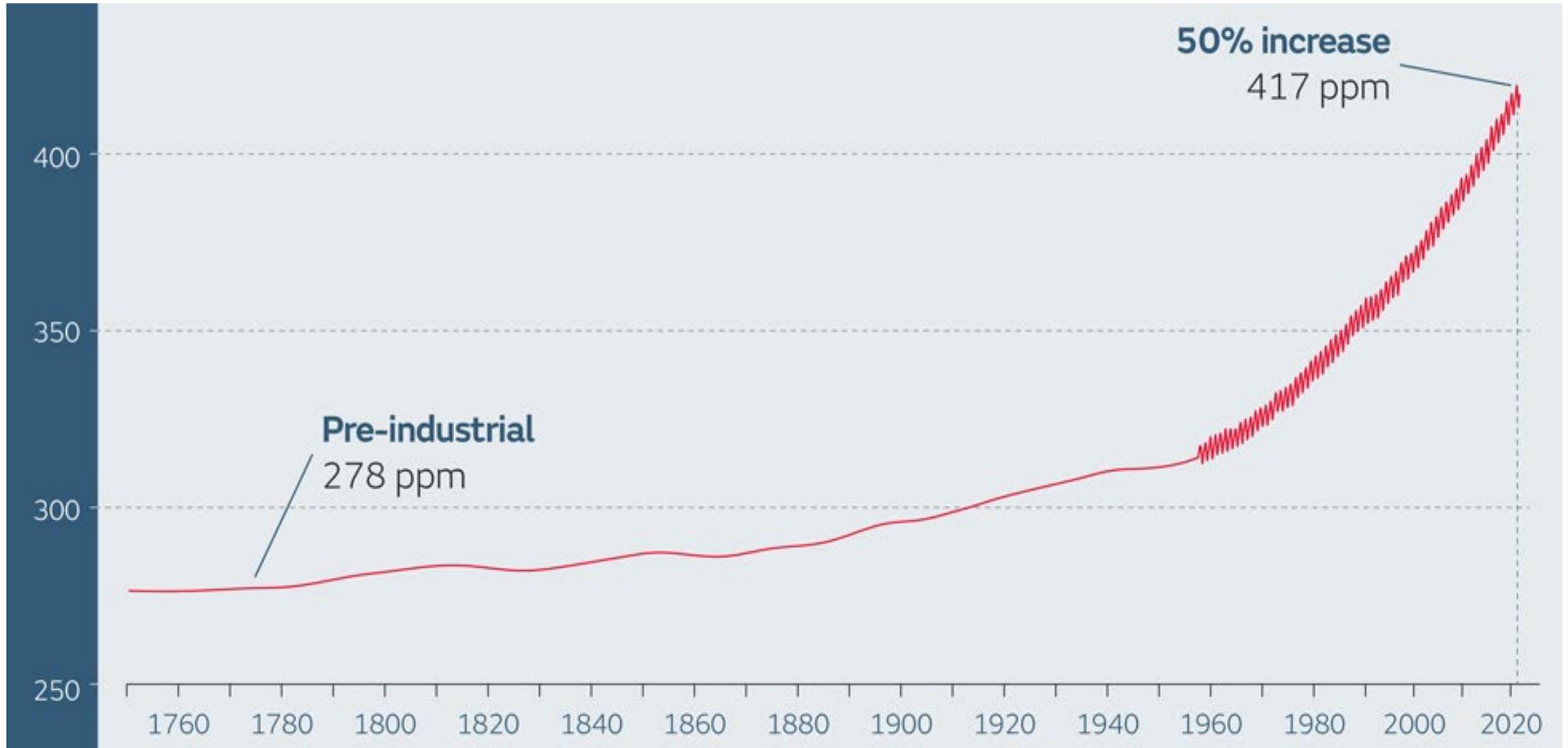
Perspective on GLOBAL
and NATIONAL context

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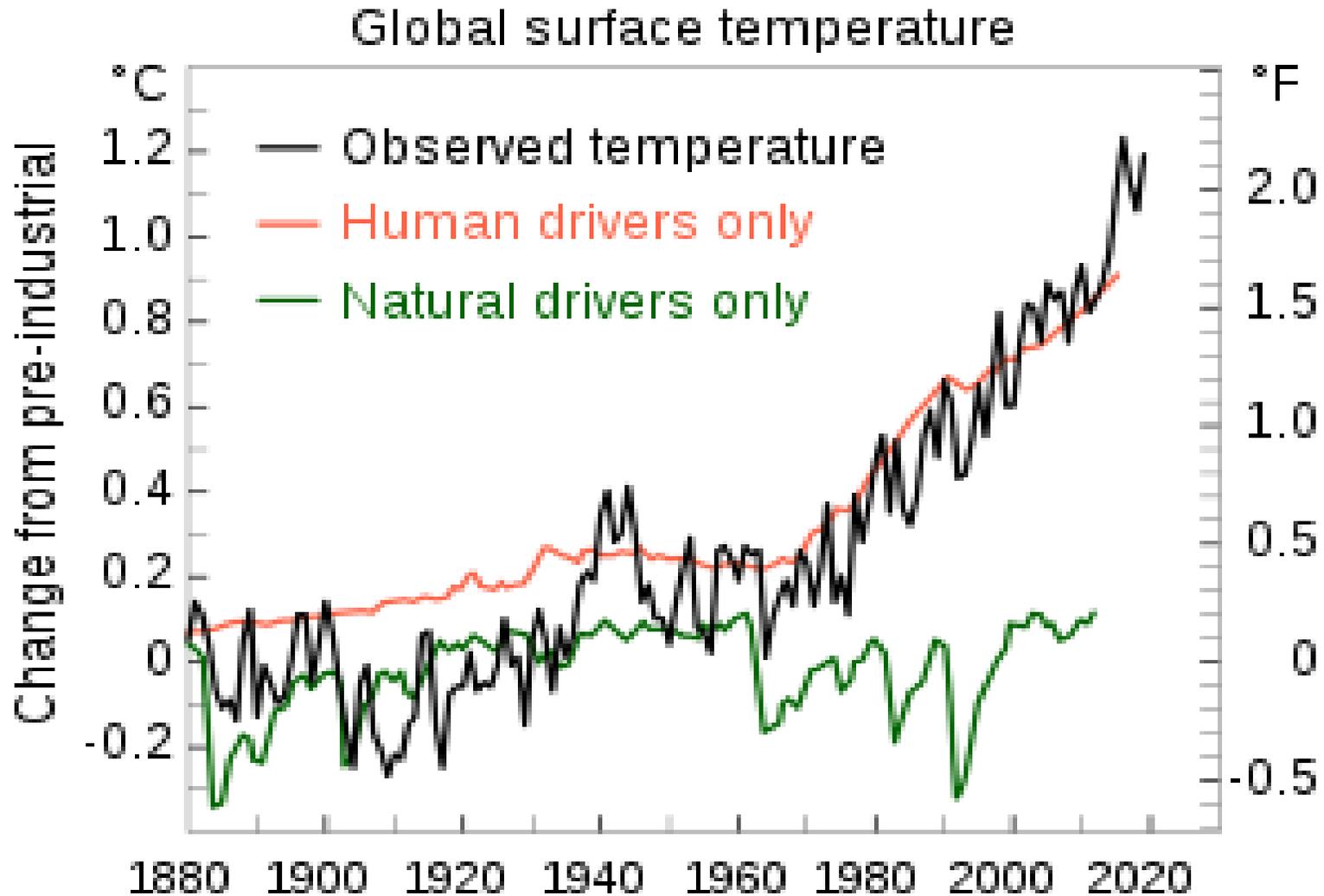
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Understanding Climate Change: Cause, rise in carbon emission



Climate Change: it's human induced, not an apolitical agenda



SCENARIO:

Steady rise in global average temperature

REASONS ?

GHG Emissions

RESPONSIBLEE?

Humankind, Rich Countries,

CONCERN ?

The responsible countries should lead the process of addressing Climate Change

Climate Change: an outcome UNJUST development history and paradigm

**EXPLOITATING
GLOBAL SOUTH**

Colonialization
Industrialization

History of being developed was plundering both resources colonialization > history of being developed and currently being G8

Carbon Emission



Global Warming

**CLIMATE
CHANGE**

**MARKET
EXPANSION**

Neo-liberal policy
instruments

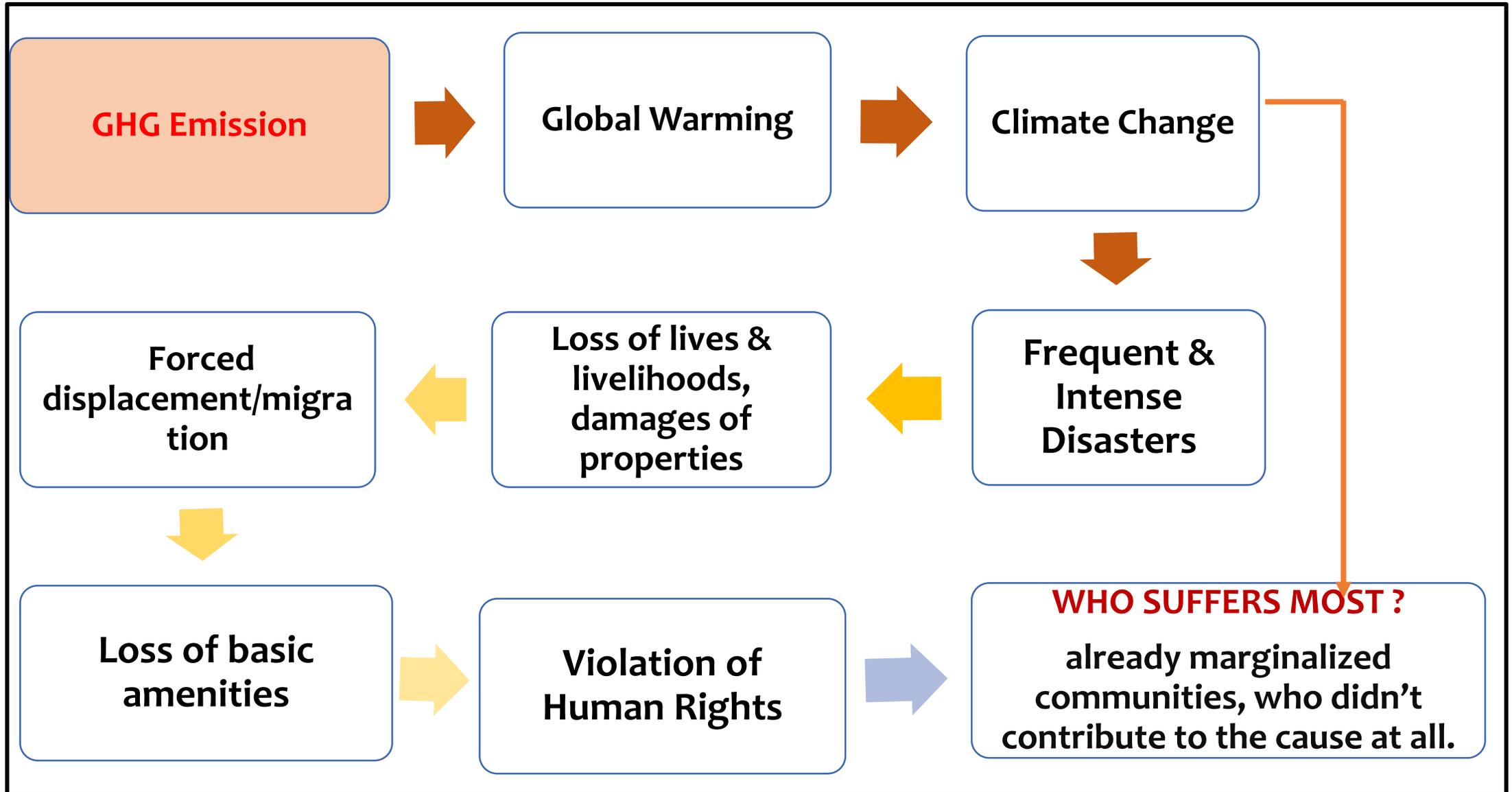
Structural adjustment for market liberalization
Destruction of Natural Resources,
(destruction of Bangladesh's 4500 hectare Mangrove area by USD 26.5 million loan project of the World Bank and ADB in 1980s)

**ORGANIZED
CRIMES**

MDBs
Corporatization

Investment in Fossil Fuel Industries; Debt Burden
Violating environmental and social safeguards

Cause and Impact Chain: Where injustice lies



Addressing Climate Change

Climate Injustice: A Chain Effect

DELAYED
Actions and
INSUFFICIENT
Support

GHG Emission Reduction

**Adapting to the Climate Change Impacts
supported by Finance & Technology**

**L&D in the IMPACT CHAIN:
BEYOND the scopes of ADAPTATION**

LOSS AND
DAMAGE (L&D)
CONTINUUM

**Primary
Risk/Impacts:** Floods,
Cyclone, River Bank
Erosion
**L&Ds of Assets,
Livelihoods etc.**

**Secondary Risk Level:
Extended & Residual
Impacts;**
Unemployment, Drop-
out from School, Child
labor, Child marriage,

**Tertiary Risk Level:
Residual Impacts:**
Involuntary migration,
Gender-based violence,
Human Rights Violation,
Poverty, Inequality

ECONOMIC L&D

NON-ECONOMIC L&D more about Injustice

Climate Injustice Ground EVIDENCE

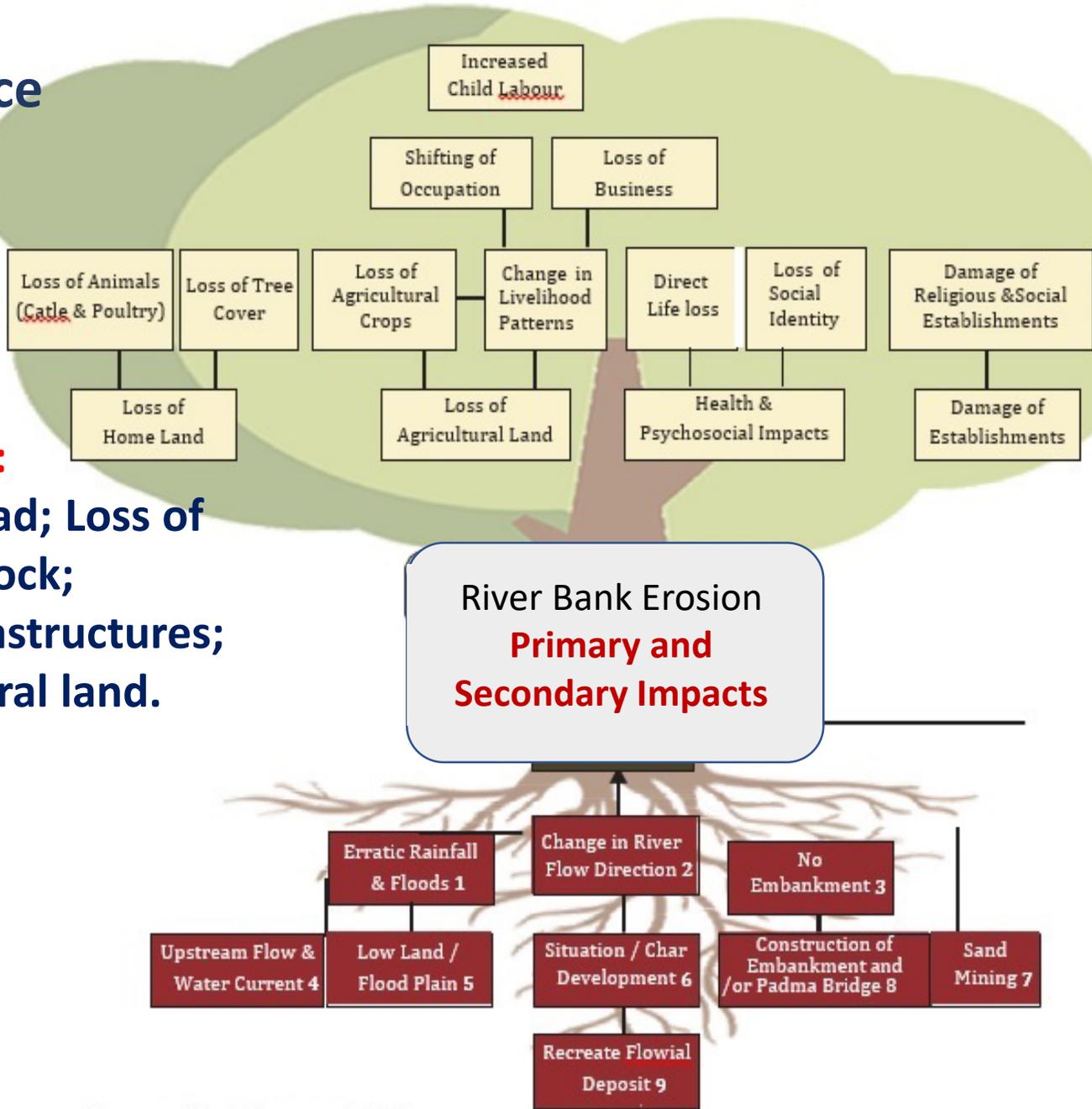
Primary Impacts:

Loss of homestead; Loss of Crops and Livestock; Damages of Infrastructures; Loss of Agricultural land.

Survey on **150 displaced Families**

20 key informants interview

15 Case Stories



Source: (Field Survey, 2019)

Secondary and Tertiary Impacts

Sifting to undignified Occupation (e.g. Rikshaw pulling, House-maid, Begging and other undignified jobs)

Drop-out from school, linked to increased Child Labor and Child Marriage

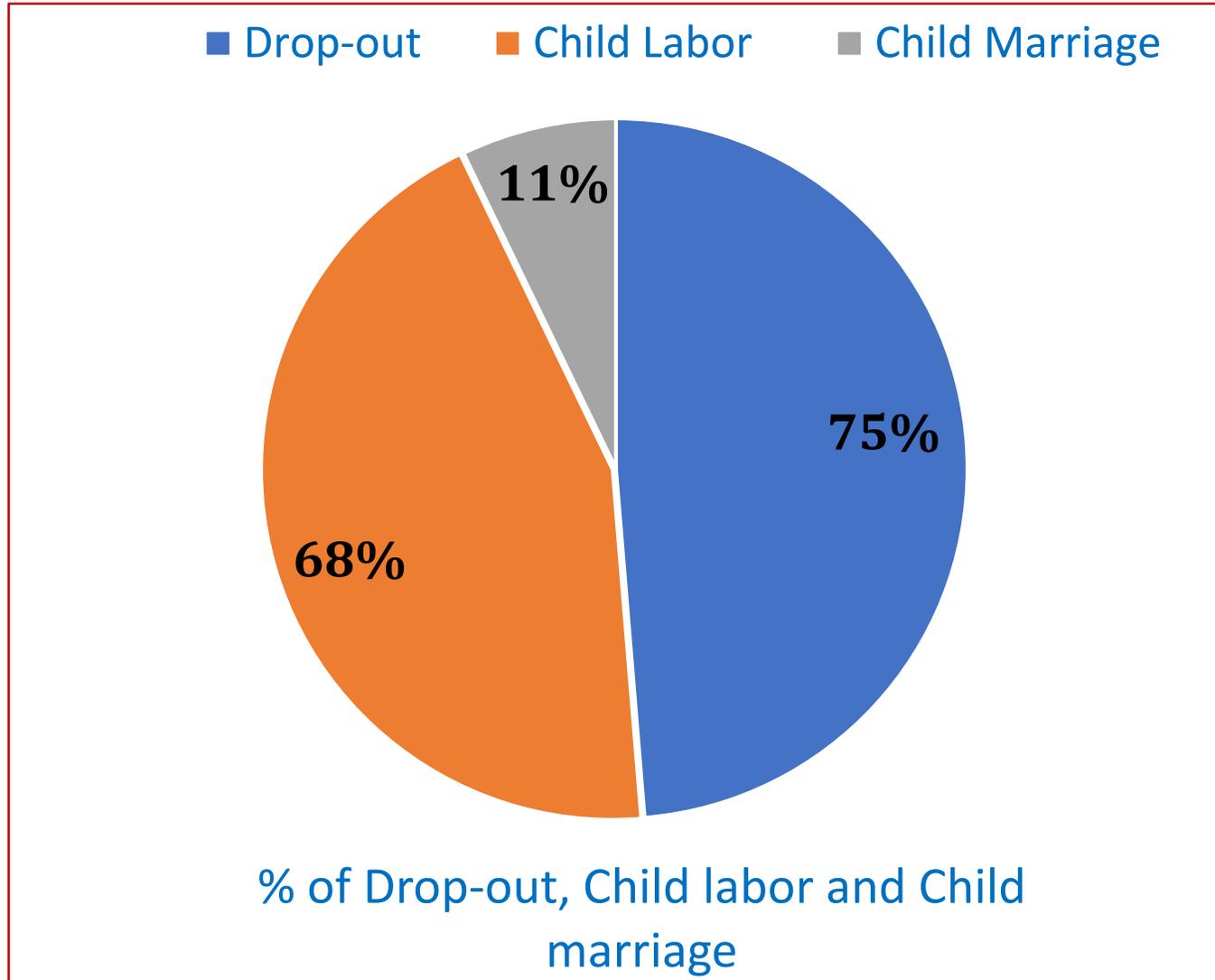
Phycological trauma

Loss of Social Identity

Damage of Religious and Social Infrastructure

Climate Injustice Ground EVIDENCE

Drop-out from School > Child labor > **child marriage**



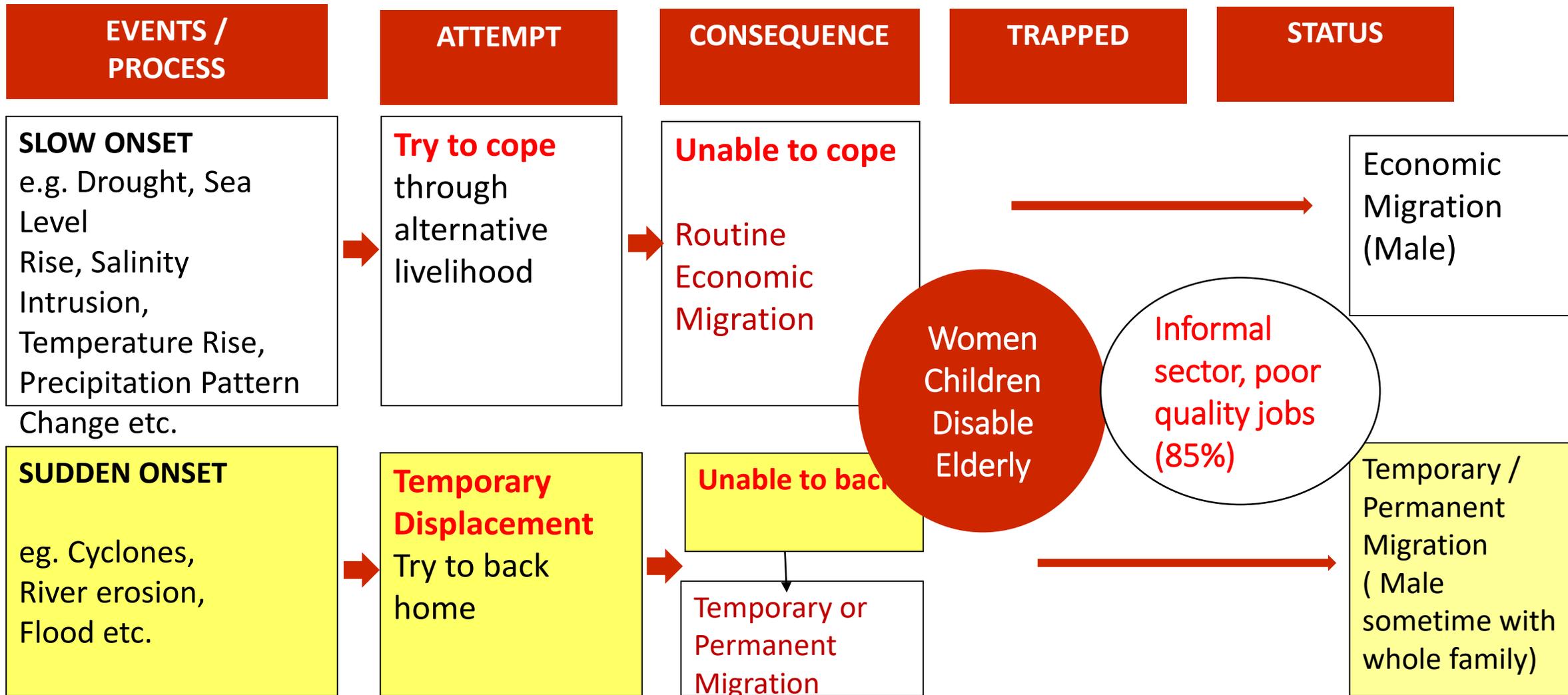
75 % respondents confirmed increase of drop-out from the primary and secondary level education

68 % respondent confirmed **increase of child labor**, especially in the risk jobs in the Brick-kiln and house-hold works

11 % respondent confirmed increase of **Child Marriage (with confirmed cases)**

Climate Injustice

Displacement and Forced Migration



Example of Injustice

Child Marriage: a way of TRANSFERRING Risk



GIRL CHILD
perceived as a family
BURDEN and **RISK**



People, particularly in the disaster prone areas, consider Child Marriage as an option of **Transferring RISK**



..... “no man shows any interest in marrying a girl whose family has lost everything.....

...as said by a river eroded family

CLIMATE INJUSTICE

Global Vs National

- NO real measures of limiting global average temperature rise **1.5 Degrees C**.
- NO specific target for **ending fossil-fuel**. Instead, prompting use of LNGs in the name of clean fuel
- Developed countries **failed mobilizing USD100** climate finance annually from 2020.
- Climate finances are **mostly loan**, causing **undue debt burden** on the climate vulnerable countries

- National governments are **not scaling-up GHGs** reduction targets aligning to 1.5 degrees goal; National interest **DOMINATES** global interest
- Adaptation actions are largely **RISK focused**, ignoring the **HUMAN dimension** of climate change impacts.
- There are huge concern on **governance failure**, corruption, political influence, and **noncommittal political position** of addressing climate change.

While it is relatively convenient questioning **GLOBAL INJUSTICE**

It's rather inconvenient questioning Injustices caused by the **National Governments...**

It's herd raising CSOs Voice to **cease corruption** in climate funds



Climate Injustice is a **Manifest Injustice**.

Such a ‘manifest injustice’ may not be battled in this ‘neoliberal economic theory’ dominated world where **wealth-power dominates political will**.

Yet we **can mobilize peoples’ opinion for justice**; may be not having a perfectly just world but for a fairer world.

Why shouldn’t we try to **establish a just and fairer world** with climate justice to the extent we can.


THANK YOU

