

TELLING LIVE LESSONS OF DISASTERS: THE DECLINING TREND IN BANGLADESH



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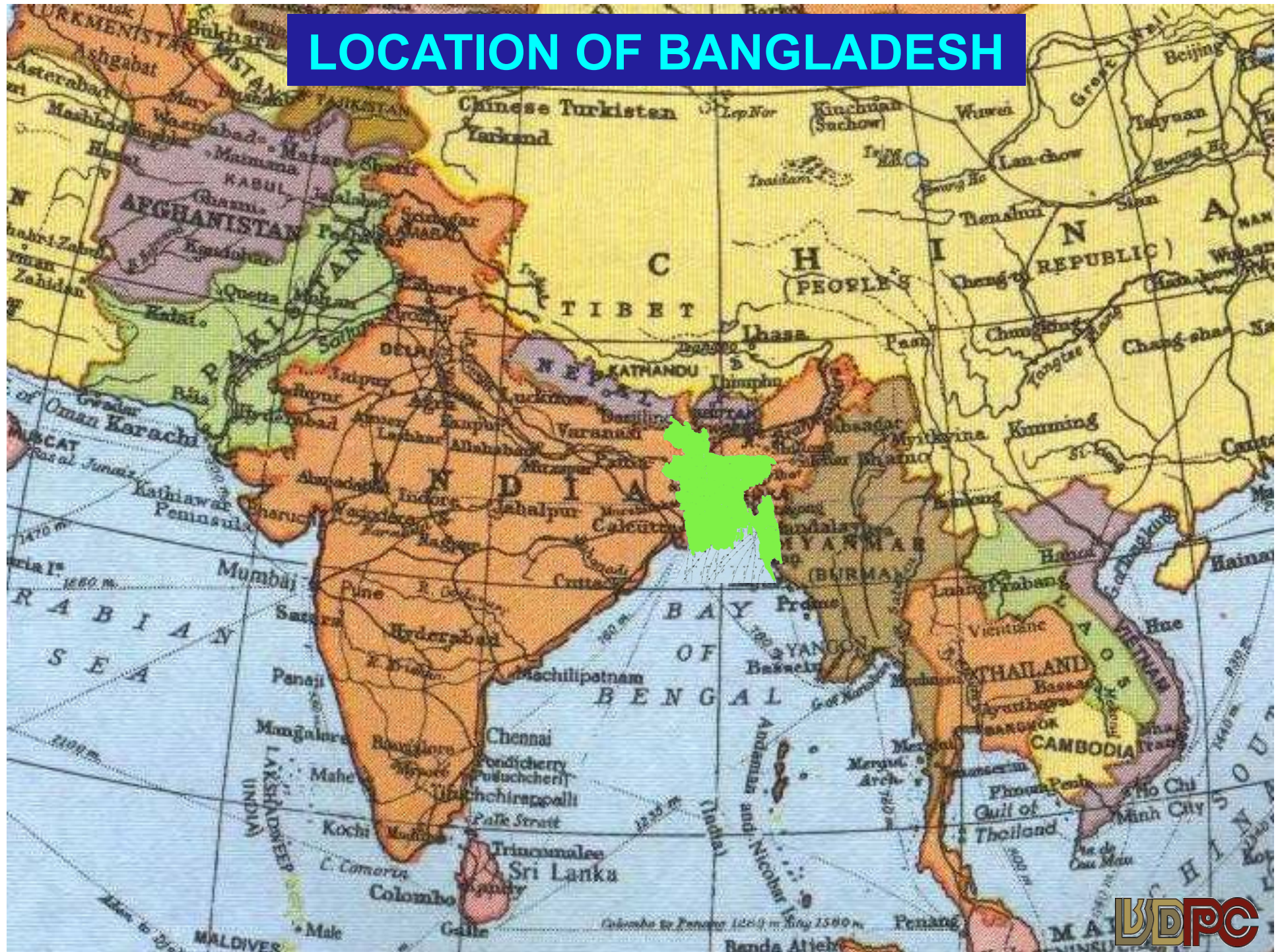
COMPARISON WITH USA

COUNTRY	YEAR	WIND SPEED (per hour)	HUMAN CASUALTY
BANGLADESH	1991	225 KM	300,000
LOS ANGELES	1992	240 KM	18

STRUCTURE

- **INTRODUCTION TO BANGLADESH**
- **IMPACT OF DISASTER**
- **THE DIS-ADVANTAGED**
- **TRADITIONAL COPING MECHANISMS**
- **TRADITIONAL TELL**
- **FOREIGN INVASION**
- **THE CHALLENGES**

LOCATION OF BANGLADESH



BASIC STATISTICS



AREA	: 147,000 SQ. KM
POPULATION	: 150 MILLIONS
MAINSTAY ECONOMY	: AGRICULTURE (80% LIVE ON AGRICULTURE)
LANDLESSNESS	: 70%
PER-CAPITA INCOME	: US \$ 599
JAPAN	: US \$ 34,000

MAJOR DISASTERS

CYCLONE

FLOOD

RIVER-BANK EROSION

EARTHQUAKE

FLOOD OF 2004

POPULATION : 36 m

CROPS : 1.6 m

HOUSES : 0.9 m



CYCLONE OF 1970

HUMAN LIVES LOST 500,000+



**WORST IN THE RECORDED
HISTORY OF THE WORLD**

HALIMA



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- **WIDOW**
- **VICTIM OF RIVER-BANK EROSION**
- **LANDLESS**
- **3 FAMILY MEMBERS**
- **DOMESTIC AID AND POULTRY REARING**
- **AVERAGE DAILY INCOME IS ¥ 30**



SHARNA KUMAR JALADAS







INDIGENOUS COPING MECHANISMS







TELLING LIVE LESSONS









PRESENT SCENARIO







CHALLENGE

- **KNOCKING HEAD AGAINST CONCRETE WALL**
- **SWIMMING AGAINST TSUNAMI WAVE**

OPTIMIST

LET'S DO OUR BEST

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THANK YOU

