

World's poorest will be hardest hit by climate change

From the river deltas of Bangladesh, to the deserts of Africa, and the South American Andes, Oxfam works with communities already affected by changes in the world's climate.

They are among the poorest people on the planet. This makes them especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change, even though they have done very little to cause it. It also makes them less able to afford the steep costs of adapting to new climatic realities.

The [latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) released today (April 6th) makes this point clearly. The IPCC is a United Nations body set up in 1988 to bring together all the latest science on climate change around the world. It is the most authoritative body on this subject because it assesses only peer-reviewed science and its main findings are agreed line-by-line by nearly all of the world's governments.

The IPCC's latest report focuses on the impact climate change is already having, projections of what future impact will look like, and the burden this will place on the world's peoples if they are to adapt and survive.