

Task 2 instructions

You will need two different coloured pens to complete this exercise.

For this exercise, assume you are a typical, mid-income member of a community. You live about half a mile from the coast, about 10m above sea level.

- In an **HIC**, you would own a house, have a car and savings, and are literate with good access to the internet.
- In an **LIC**, you will have a smaller, lower quality, smaller house, possibly access to a car (though you may not own it), you are literate, but have sporadic and/or slow internet connectivity.

Considering how your own personal circumstances give you the ability to mitigate (reduce) or avoid the impacts of tropical cyclone, complete the worksheet.

Remember to consider that personal cost might be lower in monetary terms in an LIC country, but probably higher in absolute terms as that person probably doesn't have savings or the ability to borrow money to recover from the impacts.

Hazard(s)	Impact(s)	Potential personal severity (0 low – 10 high) A	Likelihood (0 low – 10 high) B	Potential personal cost (0 low – 10 high) C	Impact score (A+B+C)
Storm surge Storm tide	Coastal flooding River flooding Inland flooding Infrastructure damage				
River flooding	Flying debris Property damage Infrastructure damage Disruption to services* and communications^ Difficulty in travelling				
Inland flooding	River flooding Urban flooding Inland flooding Flash floods Landslides				
Infrastructure damage	Property damage Flying debris Infrastructure damage Disruption to services				
High winds	Drowning				

*Services include electricity supply, water supply, sewerage, internet access, mobile phone networks, gas supply.

^ Infrastructure includes roads, railways, bridges, electricity pylons, dams, sea walls/levees, tunnels

Key

HIC

LIC

Once you have filled in the table, answer the question below:

What is the effect of lower income on your ability to avoid the impacts of a tropical cyclone? Refer to your impact scores in your answer.

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