

Preliminary insights from [Apolitical's 2026 survey](#) on adapting to an era of shocks

Only 1 in 6 public servants think their governments are doing enough to prepare for climate shocks

Climate extremes, geopolitical instability, supply-chain failure, economic crises and cyber threats increasingly overlap and compound, complicating life in government. Our survey of public servants suggests that governments are not ready for the complex realities of the decade ahead. We can help them prepare.

Only
1 in 6
say their government is doing enough on climate

Only
1 in 3
feel equipped to handle major disruptions

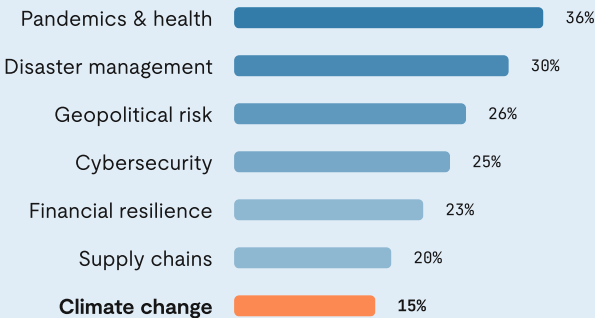
Public servants feel
2x
more confident tackling disruption when they've had relevant training

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Public servants rank climate change lowest on the list of the issues they feel their governments are prepared for

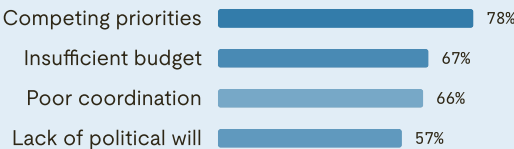
Even as climate shocks impact more departments, more frequently, public officials say their governments are not preparing sufficiently; especially compared to other areas.

SHARE WHO SAY THEIR GOVERNMENT IS DOING ENOUGH, BY RESILIENCE AREA



Barriers reflect a lack of prioritisation

When asked what's stopping governments from doing more, respondents name obstacles that highlight a mismatch between political priorities and the realities of these climate impacts.



Better training can bolster preparedness

Public servants who've had some training are twice as likely to feel confident to prepare for these shocks, but confidence levels are still low. More targeted training could further equip public servants to build the resilience governments need.

15%
OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD TRAINING FEEL CONFIDENT

36%
OF THOSE WHO HAVE HAD TRAINING FEEL CONFIDENT

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