Building Climate Resilient Health Systems

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WHO Manifesto for a healthy recovery from COVID-19

Six Prescriptions for a healthy and green recovery

Protect nature 🐝
Ensure basic services 🚿⚡
Shift to clean energy ☀️
Promote healthy, sustainable food systems 🌶️
Build liveable cities 🏙️
Stop subsidizing pollution 🔥💰
Health initiatives are central to COP26

Building climate-resilient health systems

Health Leadership in Emissions Reduction

Delivering a ‘Net Zero’ National Health Service

Promoting healthy NDCs

Mobilizing health voices for climate action
Climate change undermines the determinants of health, increasing disease and deaths.
Those who have contributed least to the problem are most impacted

Estimates of cumulative carbon emissions per capita

WHO estimates of deaths attributable to climate change in 2000

Healthcare is now a significant emitter of carbon - while some facilities have no energy access at all.
Strengthen health system resilience to climate change


- Health access to climate finance
- Health workers trained, engaged on climate
- Climate informed surveillance systems
- Resilient, sustainable health facilities
Strengthen health *facility* resilience to climate change
About half of countries have some form of climate change and health strategy or plan

WHO Climate and Health Survey Report: Tracking Global Progress (2019): 101 respondents
Few countries have funding to implement their climate & health plans

At least partially: 38.0%
Not even partially: 62.0%

Fully available: 9.0%
Not fully available: 91.0%

WHO Climate and Health Survey Report: Tracking Global Progress (2019): 45 respondents
Multilateral climate finance does not protect health from climate change

- 99.5% Non-health projects
- 0.5% Health projects

Review of “Climate Funds Update” database for multilateral climate finance projects with objective to protect human health
Countries commit to:

- Conduct climate change and health vulnerability and adaptation assessments (V&As) at population and/or health facility level;

- Develop a Health National Adaptation Plan (HNAP) informed by the V&A, for inclusion in the National Adaptation Plan;

- Use the V&A and HNAP to facilitate health access to climate change funding (e.g. submission to Global Environmental Facility, Green Climate Fund or Adaptation Fund).
Thank you
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Vielen Dank

More initiative information and resources
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