

Call for Papers

Climate Resilient Health Systems Special issue

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Beyond their documented risks to human health, climate hazards such as floods, heat extremes, hurricanes and drought are affecting health systems around the world. Current projections show that risks arising from these hazards will intensify significantly in the coming years. There are calls to better understand the range of health system vulnerabilities to climate-related events and to increase system resilience (defined here as the capacity to absorb, adapt or transform systems when faced with climate stressors or disturbances), to assure long-term health system performance. The [8th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, due to be held in November 2024, will focus specifically on ways of building just and sustainable health systems in the context of climate change.](#)

This special issue would welcome submissions that focus on documenting the effects of climate change or specific climate hazards on health systems at any system level (from local to global), assessing related health system vulnerabilities, and/or exploring system changes and their consequences in response to climate hazards. Submissions might consider effects on one or more of the WHO health system building blocks at national or sub-national levels, for example, but may also address effects on community health systems or regional systems and international actors within national systems. The special issue will also consider in-depth case studies (qualitative or quantitative in design) on interventions or initiatives to build or sustain resilience to climate change and hazards at any system level. We would also welcome articles evaluating the effect (and cost-effectiveness) of mitigation or adaptation measures within health systems to reduce climate risks and build resilience, and/or those documenting the health co-benefits of such measures, as well as those considering approaches to the assessment or measurement of resilience to climate-related risks.

Evidence-informed conceptual pieces presenting new thinking about the meaning of climate resilience for health systems, or methods for climate resilience measurement/assessment for health systems may also be considered. Interdisciplinary submissions would be especially welcome.

Further information about submission requirements can be found at:

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For any additional information, please contact the Editorial Office:

publichealth@rsph.org.uk. The deadline for submission to the special issue is **28th February 2025**.