



## **Disasters and Their Consequences for Public Health**

Guest Editor:

**Dr. Kimberley Shoaf**

Department of Family and  
Preventive Medicine, Division of  
Public Health, University of Utah,  
Salt Lake City, United States

Deadline for manuscript  
submissions:

**closed (30 June 2022)**

### **Message from the Guest Editor**

The likelihood of disasters and catastrophic events is increasing worldwide. This is a result of many factors, including climate change and population movement. Climate change is impacting our world, bringing with it an increase in disasters related to extreme weather, droughts, rising sea levels, and wildfires. Furthermore, as populations continue to move to urban areas, and as the urban areas grow, they are increasingly intersecting with hazard prone areas (such as coastal areas and the interface with wildlands). At the same time, health care and public health systems are increasingly complex and facing economic challenges.

This special issue seeks articles that address the public health effects of disasters and the actions that public health agencies and society as a whole can take to address the current and future risks.





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

## Editor-in-Chief

**Prof. Dr. Paul B. Tchounwou**

RCMI Center for Urban Health  
Disparities Research and  
Innovation, Richard Dixon  
Research Center, Morgan State  
University, 1700 E. Cold Spring  
Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251, USA

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Addressing the environmental and public health challenges requires engagement and collaboration among clinicians and public health researchers. Discovery and advances in this research field play a critical role in providing a scientific basis for decision-making toward control and prevention of human diseases, especially the illnesses that are induced from environmental exposure to health hazards. *IJERPH* provides a forum for discussion of discoveries and knowledge in these multidisciplinary fields. Please consider publishing your research in this high quality, peer-reviewed, open access journal.

## Author Benefits

**Open Access:** free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

**High Visibility:** indexed within Scopus, PubMed, MEDLINE, PMC, Embase, GEOBASE, CAPus / SciFinder, and other databases.

**Journal Rank:** CiteScore - Q1 (*Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health*)

## Contact Us

---

International Journal of  
*Environmental Research and Public  
Health* Editorial Office  
MDPI, St. Alban-Anlage 66  
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[www.mdpi.com](http://www.mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/ijerph](http://mdpi.com/journal/ijerph)  
[ijerph@mdpi.com](mailto:ijerph@mdpi.com)  
[X@IJERPH\\_MDPI](https://twitter.com/IJERPH_MDPI)