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Special Issue on Health and Risks: Integrating Health into Disaster Risk Reduction, Risk Communication, and Building Resilient Community



Asia-Pacific is the world's most disaster-prone region. In addition to geophysical hazards, global climate change will increase the probability of extreme weather events, including heatwaves, droughts, wildfires, cyclones, and heavy precipitation that could cause floods and landslides. More people will be exposed to climate-related natural hazards and greater disaster risks especially in less developed countries. Certain groups of population such as the poor and marginalized, people with disabilities, the elderly, women, and young children will bear the greatest burden of risk in all regions. Every disaster creates significant public health needs that can exceed local capacity to respond, resulting in excess morbidity. Promoting systematic integration of health considerations into disaster risk reduction policies and plans and the inclusion of emergency and disaster risk management professionals in health strategies become urge and necessary. Furthermore,

effective communication that intends to foster resilience of community in all states of emergency process—prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery—is imperative.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Case study in health effect of disasters
- Integrated health risk assessment in the One Belt One Road region
- Understanding health risk of disasters from a community perspective
- Risk communication for public health emergencies
- Building community resilience and reduce vulnerability to health-related emergencies
- Response to the Bangkok Principles for the implementation of the health aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030
- Knowledge transfer / action on public health promotion and disaster risk reduction

Submission Procedure

Manuscript due: 17 February 2017

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit papers for this Special Issue by 17 February 2017. Manuscripts should be submitted through the online manuscript submission system of the *International Journal of Disaster Risk Science*. Please read the Instructions for Authors before submission. Submitted manuscripts must be original and may not be under review by another publication. Cover letter should note that the paper is being submitted in response to the call for papers on “Integrating Health into Disaster Risk Reduction, Risk communication, and Building Resilient Community”. Manuscript selection process will follow standard journal procedures, reviewed on a double-blind peer review basis.

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