

Effects of Natural Disasters on the Public Health of Citizens in the United States and its Territories

A reflection of the relationship between destruction, disaster and loss on the well-being and health of those with that lived experience

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The relationship between public health and climate change is important yet still relatively unexplored. There are many unintended and often negative consequences that come from the extreme weather events and storms. The prevalence of storms is increasing with time and needs to be properly prepared for. In the United States of America and territories, that is often overlooked or considered a responsibility of individuals rather than a responsibility of those in government both local and federal. However, without adaptive measures and more comprehensive strategies moving forward, natural disasters will take a bigger toll on communities and their public health.

Lack of preparation might also worsen conditions of multidimensional poverty in some areas.

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