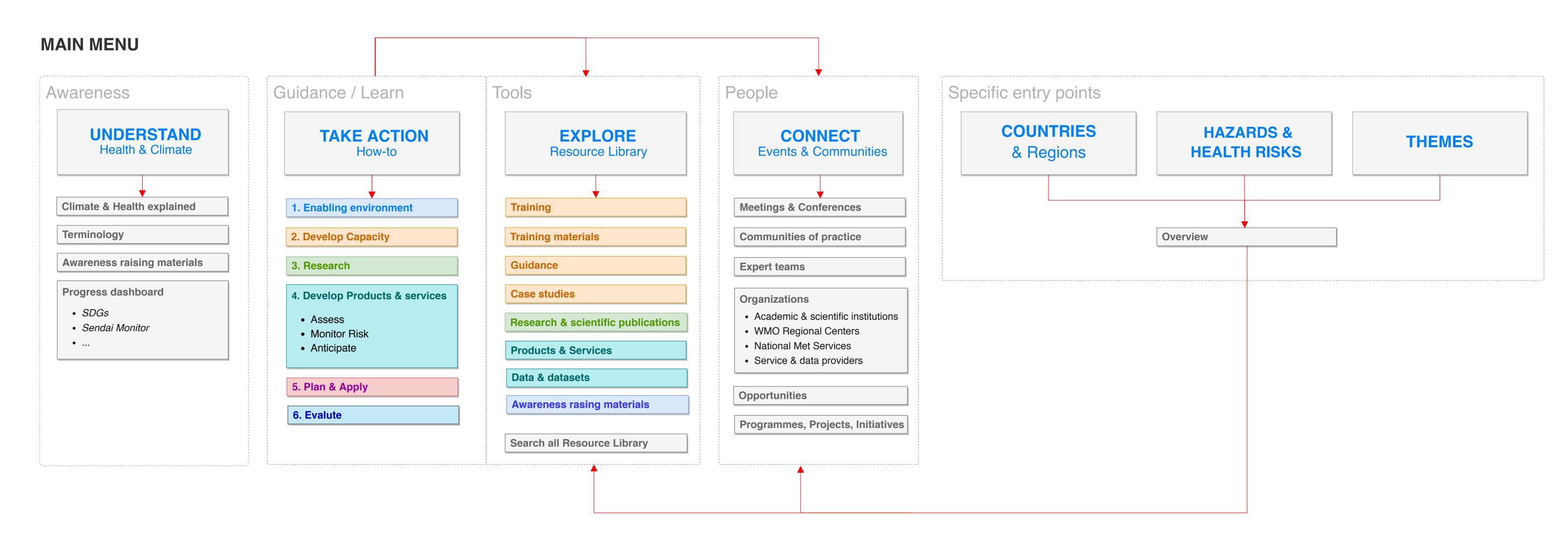
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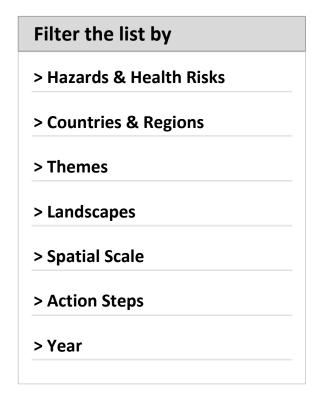


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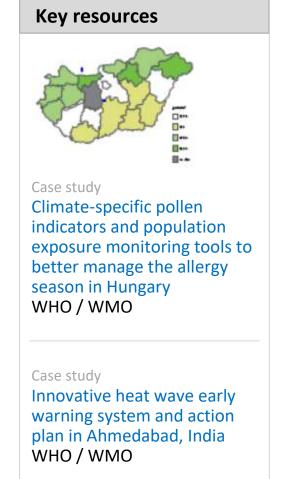
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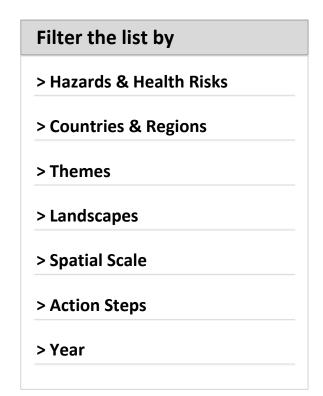
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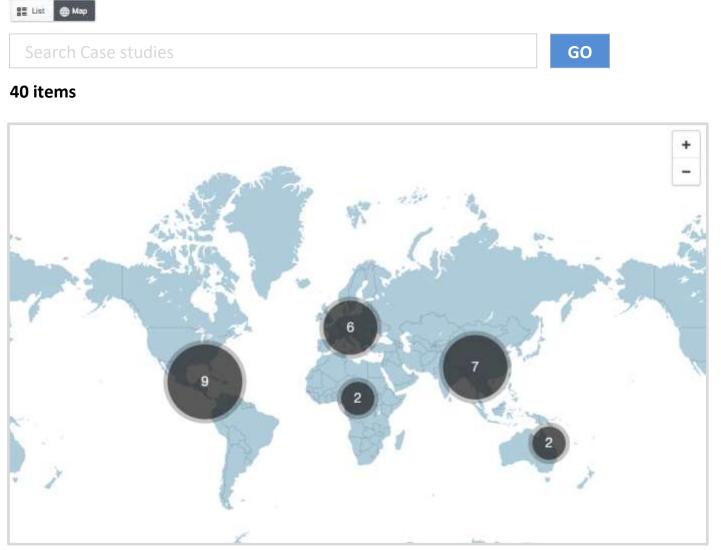
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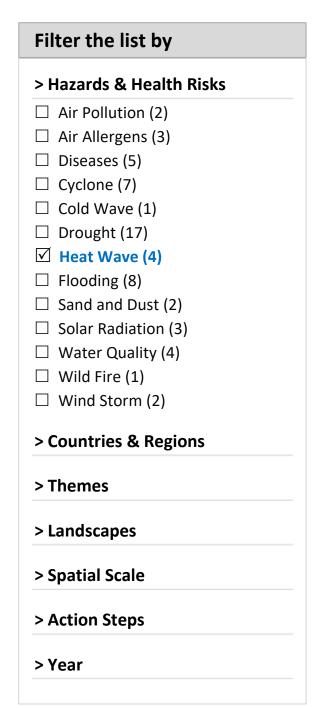
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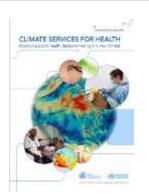
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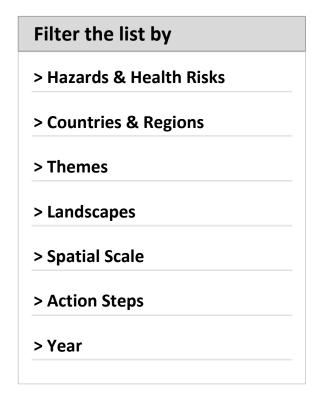


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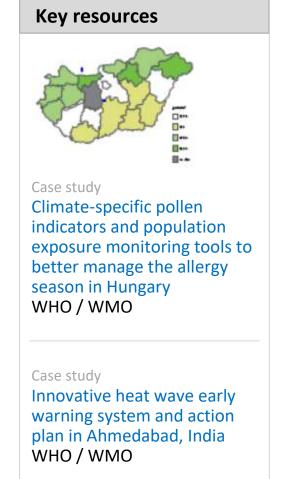
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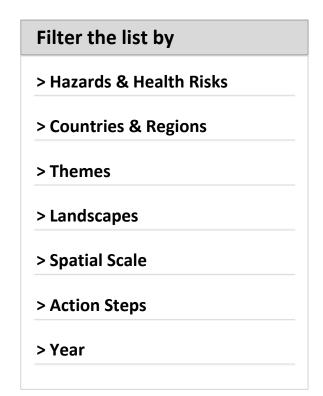
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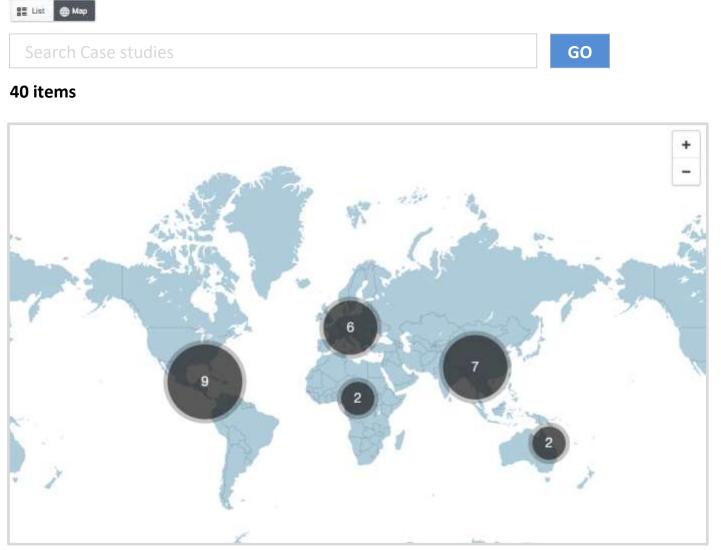
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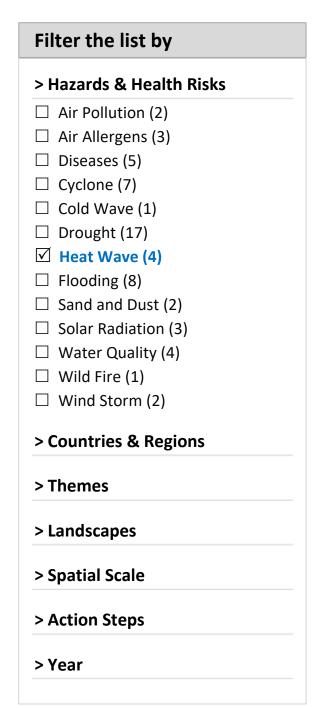
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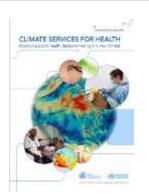
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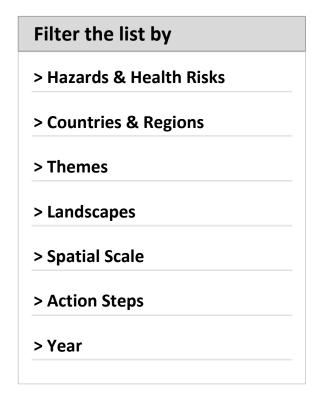


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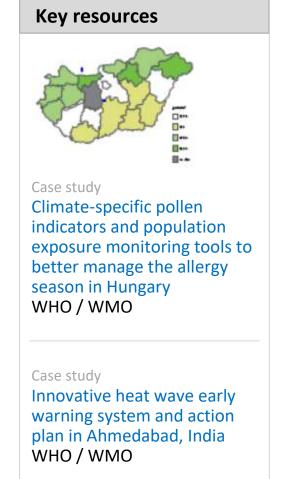
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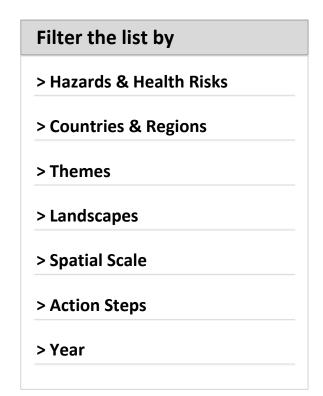
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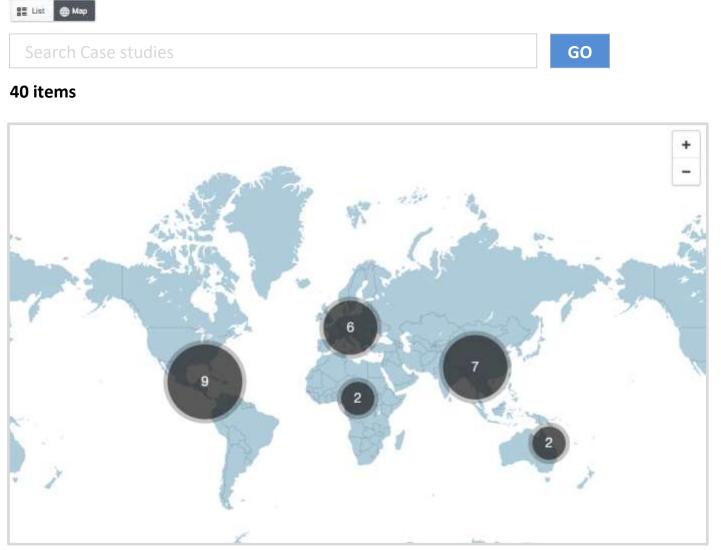
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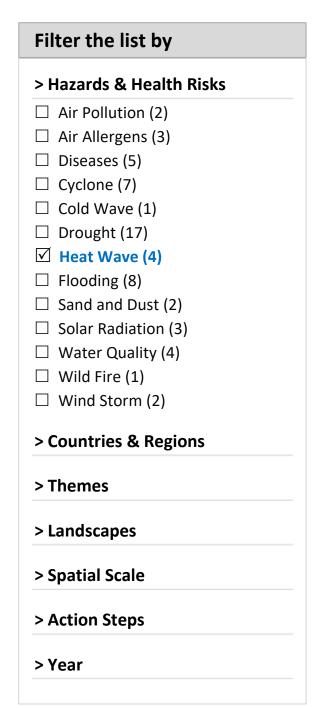
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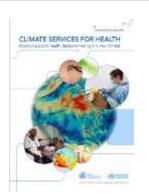
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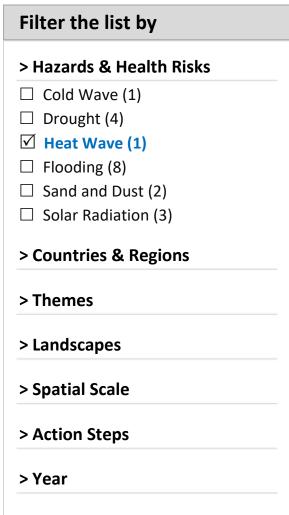
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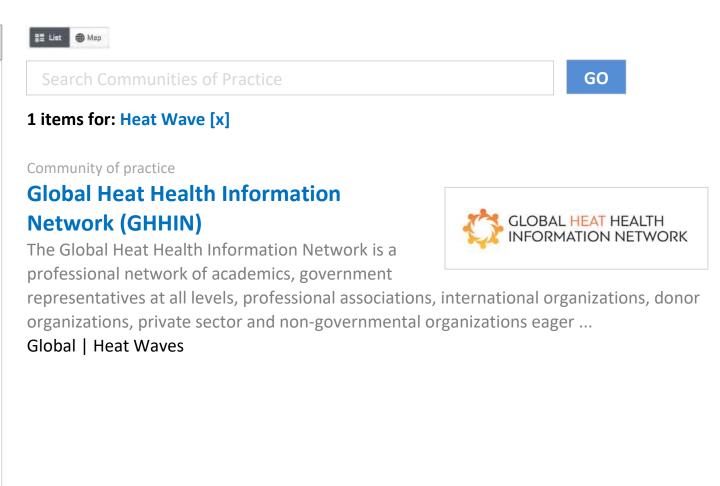
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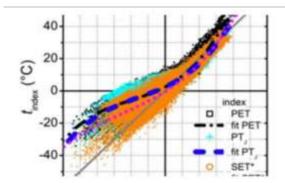
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Heat waves, or hot weather that lasts for several days, can have a significant impact on society and are associated with a rise in morbidity and mortality. The impact of heat waves on human health can be catastrophic.

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Mapping the vulnerability of human health to extreme heat in the United States

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Heat wave vulnerability mapping for India

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Protecting health from climate change: vulnerability and adaptation assessment

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Counteracting Urban Heat Island Effects in a Global Climate Change Scenario

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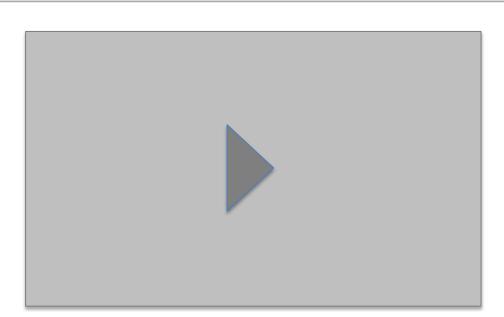
Both high and low temperatures, indoors and outdoors, pose substantial risks to human health, including increases in mortality, morbidity and health service use (Ryti et al., 2016; WMO, 2015).

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Health Impacts

- Severe dehydration
- Acute cerebrovascular accidents
- Heat cramps
- Heat exhaustion
- Heat syncope (fainting)
- Heat edema (swelling)
- Heat stroke
- Exacerbation of preexisting chronic conditions

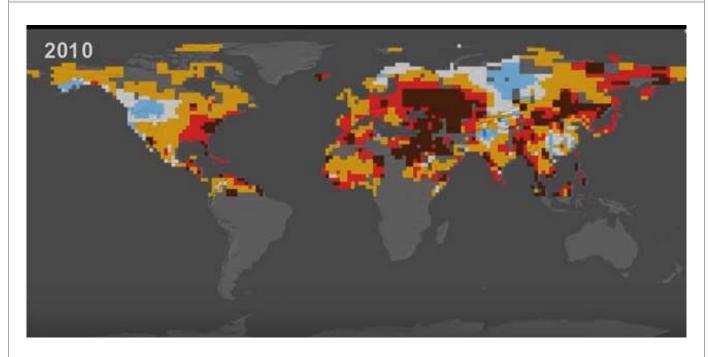
Mechanism



Hot environments can overwhelm the body's heat-dissipating mechanisms, resulting in a rise of core temperature. When exposed to high temperatures, the body undergoes a physiological process to increase blood flow to the skin and initiate sweating. The evaporation of sweat helps the body cool off and maintain a safe body temperature.

his physiological response can strain the cardiovascular system, causing a number of negative health impacts, or even death in persons with impaired cardiovascular systems due to existing health conditions. Additionally, heatwaves can exacerbate ozone smog causing harm to people with respiratory illnesses, such as asthma.

Where is it a health problem?

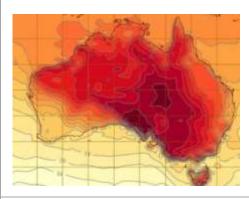


Heat waves are a global problem

Areas particularly impacted by a significant number of excess deaths from heatwaves:

- Southern and Eastern Asia
- Europe
- United States of America (parts)
- Australia

Case studies



Building evidence that effective heat alert systems save lives in southeast Australia

In the January 2009 heat wave, a prototype heat wave alert system had just been

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Heat-Health Watch – UK

UK Met Office

This service operates annually between June and mid-September to forecast maximum day and nighttime temperatures and monitor temperatures. Once a heat threshold is passed, warnings are sent to health professionals and updated on their website.

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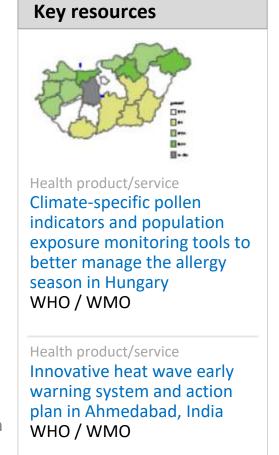
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Heat Health Watch Warning System - France

Meteo France

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Heat Wave Service - Australia

Bureau of Meteorology Australia

National heatwave monitoring and forecasting service for Australia. Provides monitoring from the past two three day periods and forecasts heatwaves for the next three to five days.

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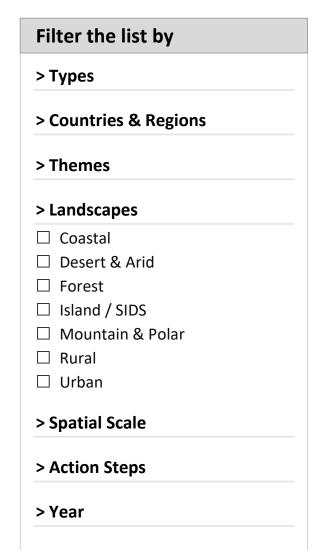
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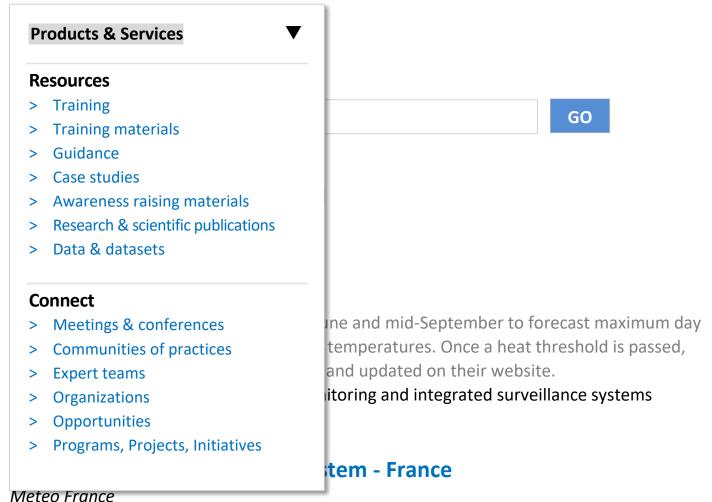
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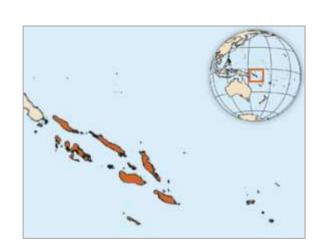
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Solomon Islands is a scattered archipelago of over 900 small islands located in the 'Ring of Fire', the earthquake belt of the Pacific Region. Geographically, the islands are a combination of mountainous lands and low-lying coral atolls... more >

Key recommendations

- 1 Institutionalize climate change in the ministry of health and medical services organizational structure
- 2 Strengthen implementation of the climate change and health strategic action plan
- Assess health vulnerability, impacts and adaptive capacity to climate change

Conduct a national assessment of climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation for health in collaboration with the Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management (MECCDM). Cover both community and health care facilities in the assessment and use results of the assessment for policy prioritization and allocation of resources.

- > Learn how to conduct an assessment
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- 4 Strengthen integrated risk surveillance and early warning systems
- 6 Address barriers to accessing international climate change finance to support health adaptation

+ Climate Hazards relevant for health Sea level rise Cyclone 4.5 Drought 3.4 Flooding 0.1 Sea level rise O.4-0.9 m Further rise in Solomon Islands by 2090 (3) High emissions scenario (RCPS.5), With variation in models and emissions scenarios.

Risk scores as per © INFORM Hazard & Exposure Index

+ Health Impacts

- Heat stress
- Infectious/vector-borne diseases
- Non communicable diseases
- Food and nutrition security

+ Health sector response: Measuring Progress



Empowerment: Supporting health leadership

- **B** Evidence: Building the investment case
- c Implementation: Preparedness for climate risks
- **D** Resources: Facilitating access to climate and health finance

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- > Pacific RCC-Network, Camberra
- > Pacific RCC-Network, Melbourne

NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL & HYDROLOGICAL SERVICE

> https://www.met.gov.sb

Responsible Ministry:
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change,
Disaster Management and Meteorology

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- Climate Change and Health in Small Island Developing States
 WHO Special Initiative in collaboration with UNFCCC Secretariat and Fijian Presidency of COP-23
- > Building Resilience of Health Systems in Pacific Island LDCs to Climate Change WHO Project

National Integrated Surveillance Systems



District Health Information Software 2 (DHIS2) - Solomon Islands

DHIS2 pilot project has been launched in January 2019 in Solomon Islands.

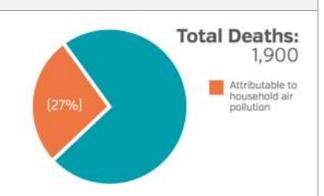
Wider use of DHIS2 could result in more accurate reporting on the lorem ipsum dolor sit amet numque semper...

Air pollution & Health

Percent of total **deaths** attributable to **household air pollution** (2012)

Deaths from

- ischemic heart disease
- stroke
- lung cancer
- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (18 years +)
- acute lower respiratory infections (under 5 years)



Health vulnerability to climate change

SDG indicators related to health and climate change

Many of the public health gains we have made in recent decades are at risk due to the direct and indirect impacts of climate variability and climate change. Sustainable development across sectors can strengthen health resilience to climate change.

1. Nopoverty





3. Goodhealth andwell-being

50 Universal Health Coverage Service Coverage Index (2015)a (16)



5.2% Current health expenditure as percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) (2016) (17)

20 Under-five mortality rate (per 1000 live births) (2017) (18)

6. Cleanwater

14 Total number of weather-related disasters recorded between 2000–2018c (20)



52.000 Highest total number of persons affected by a single weather-related disaster between 2000–2018c (20)

13. Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change and natural disasters

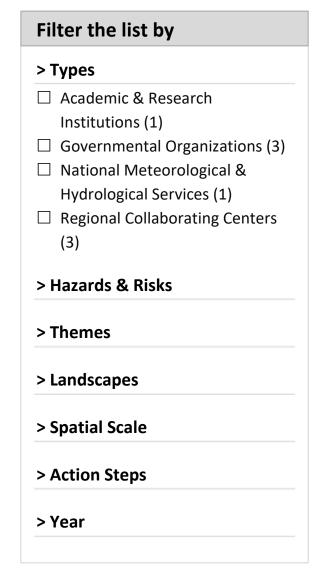


64% Total population using at least basic drinking-water services (2015)b (19)

31% Total population using at least basic sanitation services (2015)b (19)

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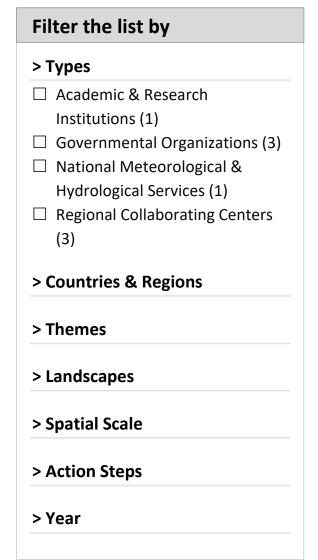
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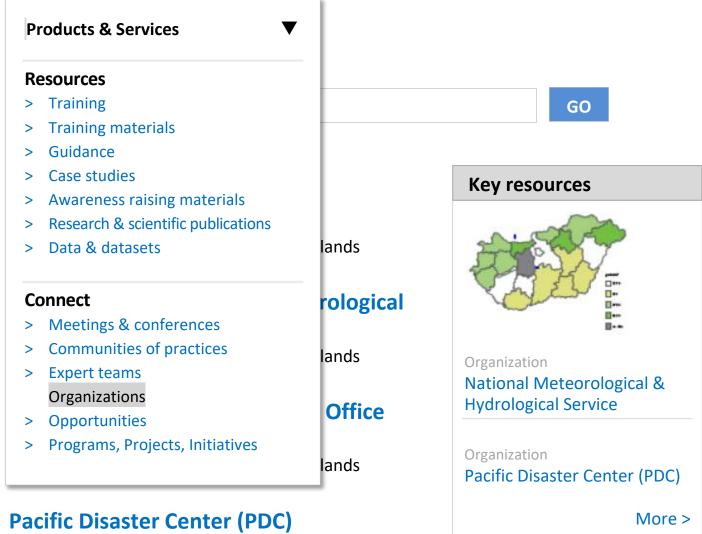


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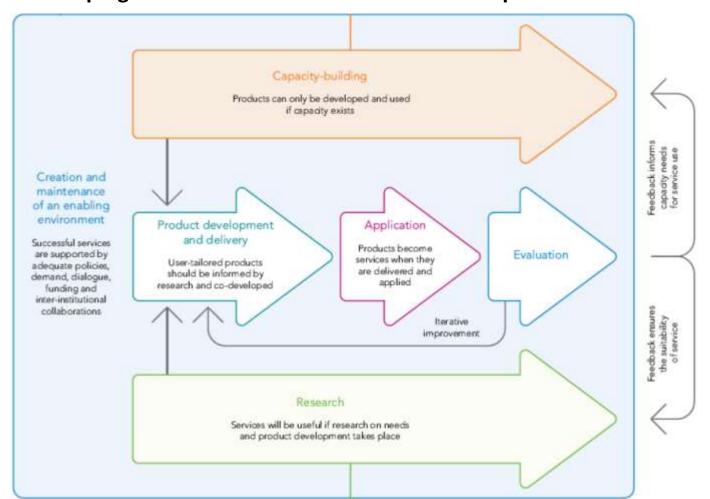
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Climate Services Development process

Developing climate services for health: a holistic process





By definition, climate services are an end-to-end multifaceted process through which a partnership creates a fit-for-purpose information solution. The process of developing a climate service starts with an active discussion between climate information producers and users about specific problems, such as the context, ultimate application, and user specifications. It starts with the question, "What is

the climate-sensitive health problem, decision, or policy relevant research question that needs to be addressed, and what is its spatial and temporal dimension?"

Following careful problem definition, six common components frequently comprise the approaches taken to develop and deliver climate products and services for health. These include activities to create an enabling environment, build capacity, conduct research, develop and deliver products and services, apply the knowledge, and evaluate the products and user experience. Each component serves a specific goal in the overall process, as shown in Figure 1.1.

It is highly recommended that an assessment of readiness is conducted to identify available building blocks, resources, and the level of readiness for each phase of development. Although this is not a strictly sequential process, the components of enabling, the components of enabling environment, capacity, and research set the foundations and readiness levels to adequately advance to product and service development and delivery, application and evaluation. Additionally, maintaining the enabling environment and strengthening capacities should occur in parallel to activities focused on the design, development, and application of weather and climate services.

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> Climate Services Development process

Action Steps

- > Enabling environment
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- > Research
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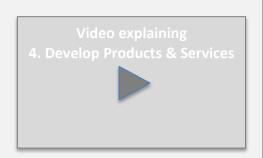
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Co-development and delivery of health-tailored climate products and services

Goal

Collaboratively design and create tailored information products that are integrated and interoperable to user specifications, which provide decision-makers and communities with timely and relevant information to manage health risks specific to climate and weather.



Tailored climate products

Tailored climate products are most frequently the result of partnerships that process and present climate data or information, either alone or in combination with other types of data or information, in such a way that makes the information usable for a specific purpose.

Climate services

Climate services on the other hand, refer to the needs-driven processes that bring about the production and delivery of climate information relevant for managing climate-sensitive health risks.

Categories of tailored products

Health decision tools which use climate information to understand and predict health risks commonly fall into the following categories

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The transformation and translation of climate information products to useful tailored climate-informed health decision tools often involves the development of a combination of separate but interlinked products, which are needed to forecast health risks or produce early warnings. Each product must have a sufficient degree of quality, reliability, usability, suitability and responsiveness to changing needs. The degree to which these criteria are met determines how, and if, the information can be further applied, and whether health decision-makers will trust the information enough to use it confidently for decision-making.

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How to implement

What it is used for

- 1. It can be used to anticipate when and where climate conditions may increase the likelihood for health impacts to occur.
- 2. These risks can be estimated by integrating forecasts of weather, climate and other relevant conditions at different timescales into mathematical or statistical disease transmission or incidence models.



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Solutions to common climate service challenges

- 1. Working with available data to develop fit-for-purpose products and services;
- 2. Drawing upon and developing sufficient foundational capacities to support climate services;
- 3. Generating adequate demand and endorsement to mainstream climate service application;
- 4. Securing and sustaining sufficient financial and human resources;
- 5. Communicating climate information and risks effectively.

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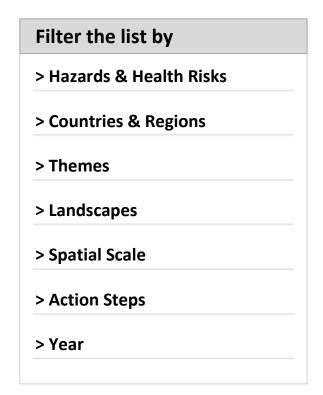
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Case study

Innovative heat wave early warning system and action plan in Ahmedabad, India

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This case study describes a complete end-to-end climate service used to inform city-scale heat health action plans and improve local health professionals' awareness of predicted extreme heat events ...

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Case study

Protecting the elderly from heat and cold stress in Hong Kong: Using climate information and client-friendly communication technology WHO / WMO

This case study focuses on building community and citizen capacity to uptake climate information. Hong Kong is an example of an innovative service and mobile phone application for families of senior citizens to locate and contact them during ...

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Case study

Iterative development and testing of a heat warning and information system in Alberta, Canada

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Case study

SUPREME: An integrated heat health warning system for Quebec. *WHO / WMO*

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