

Health sector disaster preparedness and planning for extreme weather events

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Impact of extreme weather events on health care facilities

- Health service lost at the time they would be the most needed for population :
 - health impact
 - social impact
 - economic loss (infrastructures, structures, functions)
- ⇒ Need for investing more on resilience of health facilities



Proposed framework 2010 – 2011 (to be approved WHO / HSE / PHE / WSH)

- Back up for intervention in case of extreme weather event within the cluster approach (Health cluster): learning from the field and proposing SOPs
- Defining SOP for preventing adverse effects of extreme weather events through
 - Planning improvement (taking into account the local major weather linked risks)
 - Defining structural / non structural vulnerability related to extreme weather events in health care facilities
 - Looking for saving / green settings for health care facilities (enhanced sanitation, green energy, water saving devices etc.)

