

Environmental Impacts

PAHO Foundation supports a healthy environment as it is essential to increasing quality of life for humans.

Rationale



Humans interact with the environment continuously. These interactions can affect quality of life, years of healthy life lived, and health disparities. Environmental impacts on health could be prevention or control of disease, injuries, or disabilities related to contacts people have with their environment. The world is beginning to recognize global problems with significant local impacts, mostly in poor populations. In Latin America and the Caribbean, environmental health is at the crossroads, where new models and partnerships are required.

Current Areas of Focus



The Foundation is tackling the burdens caused by Environmental Impacts with an integrated approach that brings impactful changes. Our current focuses in environmental impacts are:

- Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Diet and Nutrition
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Goal

The overall goal is to integrate multiple sectors to enhance sustainable development in countries and reduce or reverse negative health effects that are caused by environmental factors.

PAHO Foundation Approach

The Foundation's approach asserts that optimum public health exists within the interactions of complex systems that create conditions conducive to healthy and productive lives. Our framework highlights the existence of these systems and the intractability of challenges within sectors ranging from family/community practices, culture, nutrition, and the environment to policies and responsive capacities. Each sector contributes to the complexity and challenges that constrain the development of effective and sustainable solutions. Below is the Foundation's innovated approach to public health.



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