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Climate Change and Health Sector - Pacific Region

The paper looks at the health-care capacity of the Pacific Island countries (PICs) to respond to disasters under a changing and variable climate, based on findings from fieldwork and stakeholder interviews in Australia and four PICs: Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu. It finds several elements that are likely to support or constrain the adaptive capacity of the health-care sector to effectively respond to disasters.

[A Qualitative Examination of the Health Workforce Needs during Climate Change Disaster Response in Pacific Island Countries](#), Michele Rumsey et al., Human Resources for Health, Vol. 12, No. 9, doi:10.1186/1478-4491-12-9, 2014 [153 KB, PDF]

Environmental Change and the Voices of People

This document compiles testimonies from ten regions across the world; from local news reports, academic journals and interviews recorded by civil society groups. The stories highlight different kinds of movement affected by slow- and rapid-onset disasters, showing that movement linked to environmental change happens very differently in different parts of the world. A number of stories show how people have used moving seasonally and temporarily, rather than permanently, as a way of adapting to changing environmental conditions.

[Moving Stories: The Voices of People who Move in the Context of Environmental Change](#), Alex Randall, Jo Salsbury and Zach White, The Climate Outreach and Information Network, UK, 2014 [9.57 MB, PDF]

Annual Global Climate and Catastrophe Report

This report evaluates the impact of the natural disaster events that occurred worldwide during 2013. Economic loss was below the 10 year average; most losses were in Asia and Europe, while 2012 losses were concentrated in the USA. Insights include a recap of 2013's top natural catastrophe events, background information about El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO), as well as climate review and forecasts for the 2014 Atlantic hurricane season.

[Annual Global Climate and Catastrophe Report: Impact Forecasting - 2013](#), Aon Benfield, Impact Forecasting, pp. 66, 2014 [5.25 MB, PDF]

Children's Perceptions and Adaptive Behaviours

The paper uses a case study of Western Australia primary and secondary college to examine children's perceptions of emergency impacts. It applies a child-centred approach to the collection of data regarding children's perceptions of how the wet and dry season affects the young people, particularly where they play, how they get to school and where they live. The paper asks students to describe the adaptive and mitigative actions they believed would alleviate the negative impacts of seasonal changes on their lives.

[Children's Perceptions and Adaptive Behaviours in Response to Seasonal Change and Extreme Weather in Broome](#), Western Australia, Dr Sharon Harwood, Dr Katharine Haynes, Dr Deanne Bird, and Jeanie Govan, Australian Journal of Emergency Management, Vol. 29, No. 1, January 2014 [3.60 MB, PDF]

Twelve Reasons Why CCA M&E is Challenging

This Guidance Note addresses the critical role monitoring and evaluation (M&E) play in informing and improving climate change adaptation (CCA) policies and activities. It identifies twelve challenges that make M&E of CCA programmes difficult, and highlights strategies to address each. While most are not unique to CCA, together they present a distinctive package of dilemmas that need to be addressed.

[Twelve Reasons Why Climate Change Adaptation M&E is Challenging](#), Dennis Bours, Colleen McGinn & Patrick Pringle, SEA Change Community of Practice, UKCIP, Rockefeller Foundation, Pact, and Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford, 2014 [356 KB, PDF]

International Conference - Deltas in Times of Climate Change

The second International Conference 'Deltas in Times of Climate Change' will take place from 24-26 September 2014 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Its focal questions are: What can we do to make delta areas less vulnerable? What climate adaptation measures are effective and feasible? What are the benefits of climate adaptation? Who is responsible for advancing it? What does climate adaptation cost and how do we finance it? The deadline for submission of abstracts is 15 March 2014.

[International Conference - Deltas in Times of Climate Change, Knowledge for Climate](#), Rotterdam Climate Initiative, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 24-26 September 2014

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