

**Climate Change – A Global Concern**

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The World Health Organization (2021) reported that climate change is the single biggest health threat facing humanity. Supporting documentation from WHO also indicates that this climate crisis threatens to undo the last fifty years of progress. Burning fossil fuels, farming livestock, cutting down forests is changing the patterns of weather and disturbing the balance of nature. Extreme weather conditions are becoming a new normal across the entire globe. Decades ago, the weather events that were rare occurrences from year to year and season to season, are increasingly commonplace now. According to the World Economic Forum's Global Risk Report 2021, the failure to mitigate and adapt to climate change is "the most impactful" risk facing communities worldwide - a head of even mass destruction of weapons and even bigger than water crisis. According to Wong (2015), "Naturally occurring fluctuations have always existed and have caused temporary and cyclical regional and global changes in temperature, average precipitation, and other weather phenomena" (p.5). Unfortunately, the risk associated with climate change are disproportionately felt by the most vulnerable, and disadvantaged, including women, children, ethnic minorities, poor communities, migrants or displaced persons, older populations, and those with underlying health conditions. Since climate change affects all the social and environmental determinants of health, human activity is the core proponent of climate change.

There is no single cause to point out for greenhouse gas emissions. Generating heat and electricity by burning coal, fossil fuels is one of the biggest causes of greenhouse gas emissions. Cutting down forests to create farms, making office buildings and residential buildings or for other reasons also indirectly contribute since they consume tons of electricity for cooling and heating which contribute enormously to emissions. Manufacturing and industry produce