



Climate Change, Flooding And Their Impacts On Human Health In Nigeria

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The impacts and risks of climate change have far-reaching environmental, social, agricultural and economic effects and are ultimately harmful to human health in Nigeria. Climate change has been discovered to not only affect our physical health but can also harm our emotional and mental health. Flooding is one of the impacts of climate change and one of the major disasters affecting many countries of the world annually. Over the years, Nigeria has witnessed unprecedented flooding in many states of the country. These incessant cases of flooding have affected the environment, caused outbreak of diseases, damaged properties and endangered the lives of humans. The issues of flooding demand an urgent attention from the Nigerian Government at all levels in order to salvage human health. Mitigation and adaptation strategies are therefore necessary for effective management of the impacts of climate change and flooding on human health for sustainable development in Nigeria. This study recommends that interventions to address climate change and flooding and its impacts on human health need to be well coordinated in order to tackle the problem in a holistic manner. It also explores innovative solutions to the impacts of climate change and flooding on the mental and emotional health of vulnerable groups which includes the use of poetry and music as therapeutics. It concludes with recommendations to conduct further research in this field of study.

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