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Abstract

Climate change poses significant threats to healthcare infrastructure, particularly in flood-prone regions. This paper examines the multifaceted impacts of climate change on hospitals located in flood-prone areas, highlighting vulnerabilities, economic costs, and potential mitigation strategies. By analysing case studies and integrating data from recent literature, the study underscores the urgent need for climate-resilient healthcare infrastructure.

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Introduction

Climate change is an escalating global crisis, characterized by rising temperatures, sea-level rise, and an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. Its far-reaching impacts are felt across every continent, with vulnerable regions, particularly low- and middle-income countries, disproportionately bearing the brunt of its effects (IPCC, 2021). Among the critical sectors affected, healthcare stands out as one of the most essential yet fragile systems. Hospitals, clinics, and healthcare workers face mounting challenges in maintaining functionality during and after climate-induced disasters. Flooding, one of the most direct consequences of climate change, is a growing threat that highlights the vulnerabilities of healthcare systems globally.

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Sub-Saharan Africa faces disproportionate challenges in mitigating the impacts of climate-induced flooding, and Nigeria exemplifies these vulnerabilities. As the most populous country in Africa, Nigeria grapples with recurrent and increasingly severe flooding events that severely impact healthcare infrastructure, public health, and the overall well-being of its citizens. These floods not only disrupt the healthcare system but also exacerbate pre-existing challenges such as inadequate healthcare funding, weak infrastructure, and limited disaster preparedness mechanisms.

One of the most devastating instances occurred in 2022, when Nigeria experienced its worst flooding in over a decade. The floods, attributed to heavy rainfall and the release of excess water from the Lagdo Dam in neighbouring Cameroon, affected 33 of the country's 36 states. Over 130 health facilities across states like Bayelsa, Kogi, and Anambra were submerged, rendering them inoperable at a time when they were most needed. The floods displaced more than 1.4 million people, with many forced into overcrowded temporary shelters that lacked basic sanitation, thereby increasing the risk of communicable diseases such as cholera, typhoid fever, and malaria (NEMA, 2022; WHO Nigeria, 2022).

In Bayelsa State, for example, entire communities were cut off from accessing healthcare services as major roads leading to health centers were submerged. Patients requiring emergency care were unable to reach hospitals, and critical supplies, including vaccines and medications, were destroyed. The resultant public health crisis was compounded by the contamination of water sources, which triggered widespread cholera outbreaks that overwhelmed the already strained healthcare facilities (WHO Nigeria, 2022).

Similarly, in Kogi State, flooding disrupted the operations of major hospitals, including the Federal Medical Centre in Lokoja. The hospital, which serves as a referral centre for surrounding states, was inundated, forcing the evacuation of patients and the suspension of essential services. Healthcare workers struggled to deliver care in makeshift settings, often without adequate equipment or resources. Pregnant women and children were among the most affected, with limited access to maternal and paediatric care exacerbating health inequities in the region (ReliefWeb, 2022).

The situation was no different in Anambra State, where the flooding of riverine communities devastated primary healthcare facilities. Health workers reported that vaccines for routine immunizations were lost due to power outages and the destruction of cold chain systems. The inability to maintain

vaccination programs increased the risk of preventable disease outbreaks, further straining the public health system (UNICEF Nigeria, 2022).

The economic toll of these floods on Nigeria's healthcare sector is staggering. Beyond the immediate costs of repairing damaged facilities and replacing medical supplies, there are significant long-term implications. The displacement of communities disrupts healthcare delivery and continuity of care, while disease outbreaks increase morbidity and mortality rates, further burdening the system.

In addition to the 2022 floods, other notable instances highlight the recurring nature of this crisis. In 2018, flooding in Nigeria affected over 1.9 million people and submerged hundreds of health facilities, particularly in Niger, Benue, and Delta States. The lack of resilient infrastructure and comprehensive disaster response plans has made it difficult for affected regions to recover fully before the next flooding event occurs (NEMA, 2018).

These examples underscore the urgent need for Nigeria to adopt proactive measures to mitigate the impacts of flooding on its healthcare system. Strategies such as the construction of climate-resilient healthcare facilities, investment in disaster preparedness, and the development of early warning systems are critical to reducing the vulnerability of the country's healthcare infrastructure. Moreover, strengthening collaboration between federal and state governments, as well as international partners, is essential to mobilize resources and expertise for effective disaster management.

Literature Review

Numerous case studies illustrate the devastating impact of flooding on healthcare systems across the continent. During the 2019 floods in Mozambique caused by Cyclone Idai, more than 50 health facilities were destroyed or rendered inoperable, cutting off thousands of people from essential medical services. The disaster exacerbated existing health crises, including outbreaks of cholera and malaria, which thrive in post-flood conditions (UNICEF, 2019). In Sudan, recurrent flooding events have severely compromised healthcare delivery, with inundated hospitals, destroyed medical supplies, and overwhelmed healthcare workers unable to meet emergency demands (ReliefWeb, 2020).

Flooding events disrupt hospital operations, damage critical infrastructure, and jeopardize the safety and quality of patient care. While developed nations may mitigate some of these impacts through advanced disaster preparedness and

resilient healthcare infrastructure, low-resource settings face a more dire situation. In Africa, where healthcare systems often contend with limited resources and insufficient disaster response mechanisms, the effects of flooding are significantly magnified (WHO, 2020).

Statement of the Problem

Flooding is a significant environmental hazard that poses severe challenges to healthcare systems, particularly in flood-prone regions. Healthcare facilities, which are critical to managing health crises, are increasingly vulnerable to flood-related disruptions due to inadequate infrastructure, poor urban planning, and insufficient preparedness measures. Structural vulnerabilities such as poor drainage systems, substandard construction materials, and location in low-lying areas exacerbate the impact of flooding, often resulting in facility closures, damage to equipment, and loss of medical supplies.

The economic ramifications of such events are profound, with healthcare systems bearing the costs of repairs, equipment replacement, and operational downtime. Patients are equally affected, facing increased out-of-pocket expenses, travel burdens, and worsened health outcomes due to delays in treatment. Moreover, flooding disrupts healthcare delivery by impeding access to facilities, creating shortages of essential supplies, and exposing systemic weaknesses in infection control and outbreak management. The psychological toll on healthcare workers further compounds these challenges, reducing the quality and efficiency of care during crises. Despite these pressing issues, many healthcare systems, especially in developing countries, remain inadequately equipped to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of flooding.

Justification of the Study

The increasing frequency and intensity of floods due to climate change necessitate urgent attention to the resilience of healthcare systems. Healthcare facilities are indispensable during disasters, and their disruption can lead to cascading effects on public health, including increased morbidity and mortality. Understanding the structural vulnerabilities, economic impacts, and disruptions to healthcare delivery caused by flooding is essential for developing targeted interventions.

This study is particularly relevant for regions with limited resources, where the compounded effects of flooding and inadequate healthcare infrastructure disproportionately affect marginalized populations. By identifying effective adaptive strategies and policy recommendations, this research will contribute

to building climate-resilient healthcare systems, ensuring continuity of care during and after floods. Furthermore, the findings will provide evidence-based insights to inform urban planning, healthcare infrastructure development, and disaster preparedness initiatives, bridging the gap between current vulnerabilities and the need for sustainable solutions.

Objectives of the Research

General Objective

To assess the impact of flooding on healthcare systems and identify adaptive strategies to enhance their resilience in flood-prone regions.

Specific Objectives

- i. To examine the structural vulnerabilities of healthcare facilities in flood-prone areas and their impact on healthcare delivery.
- ii. To evaluate the economic implications of flood-related damage to healthcare facilities, including direct repair costs and indirect operational losses.
- iii. To analyze the effects of flooding on healthcare delivery, including supply chain disruptions and disease outbreaks.
- iv. To identify and assess adaptive strategies for improving the resilience of healthcare systems to flooding.
- v. To propose policy recommendations for integrating climate adaptation measures into healthcare planning and infrastructure development.

Materials and Methods

Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion Criteria:

Studies addressing the impact of flooding on healthcare facilities.
Case studies from Southeast Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the United States.
Articles published in peer-reviewed journals, government reports, and credible institutional records.

Exclusion Criteria:

Non-healthcare-focused flood studies.
Studies without clear descriptions of adaptive strategies.

Information Sources

Databases searched: PubMed, Scopus, Google Scholar, WHO databases, and government archives.

Supplementary sources: Hospital records and disaster response reports.
Search Strategy

Keywords: “flooding,” “healthcare infrastructure,” “hospital disruptions,” “adaptive strategies,” “case study,” “Southeast Asia,” “Sub-Saharan Africa,” and “United States.”

Study Selection

Initial screening of titles and abstracts for relevance.

Full-text review to confirm eligibility based on criteria.

Data Extraction

Structured template capturing:

Region and context.

Challenges faced.

Impacts on healthcare delivery.

Adaptive strategies.

Results

Structural Vulnerabilities

Hospitals and healthcare facilities in flood-prone areas are particularly vulnerable due to their location and the limitations of existing infrastructure. Many are situated in low-lying regions or near water bodies, which increases their susceptibility to water ingress, structural damage, and equipment failure. This is often compounded by the lack of comprehensive risk assessments during the planning and construction phases of healthcare facilities.

Flooding can have devastating consequences on hospital operations, often resulting in the suspension of critical services. For example, during Hurricane Harvey in 2017, over 20 hospitals in Texas were forced to evacuate due to flooding. These evacuations led to significant disruptions in patient care, including delays in surgeries, interruptions in ongoing treatments, and challenges in relocating critical patients under adverse conditions. The damage to hospital infrastructure included waterlogged emergency rooms, flooded basements housing essential equipment, and compromised electrical systems (Zhang et al., 2018).

In regions with inadequate urban planning, such as those where flood-resistant infrastructure is not prioritized, the risks are even more pronounced. Poor drainage systems and insufficient flood defenses leave healthcare facilities exposed to seasonal flooding and storm surges. This is particularly evident in developing countries, where limited resources for flood management

exacerbate the problem. For instance, in Southeast Asia, seasonal monsoons frequently overwhelm healthcare facilities, leaving them partially or fully submerged. These floods not only damage physical structures but also destroy medical supplies, disrupt power and water supplies, and render diagnostic equipment inoperable. Recovery from such damage often takes months, during which access to essential healthcare services is severely limited.

In Africa, the structural vulnerabilities of healthcare facilities are starkly evident. In Nigeria, annual flooding events have exposed weaknesses in hospital infrastructure, with many facilities located in areas prone to riverine flooding. For example, during the 2022 floods, several health centers in Bayelsa and Kogi states were inundated, forcing the evacuation of patients and staff. The damage extended to cold chain storage facilities, leading to the loss of vaccines and other temperature-sensitive medical supplies (NEMA, 2022; WHO Nigeria, 2022).

Additionally, the absence of robust flood defenses such as levees and embankments further increases the risk. In some cases, even minimal flooding can result in significant structural damage due to poor construction standards and the use of subpar materials. Hospitals with inadequate roofing, drainage, and foundation systems are particularly susceptible to prolonged water exposure, which weakens their structural integrity over time.

The long-term consequences of these vulnerabilities are profound. Flood-damaged healthcare facilities not only incur substantial repair costs but also face operational disruptions that hinder the delivery of timely medical care. This creates a cascading effect, where the inability to provide healthcare during and after floods leads to increased morbidity and mortality rates, particularly in vulnerable populations such as children, pregnant women, and the elderly.

Efforts to address these vulnerabilities require a multi-pronged approach. Investing in climate-resilient infrastructure, integrating flood risk assessments into urban planning, and implementing early warning systems can significantly reduce the impact of flooding on healthcare facilities. Additionally, retrofitting existing hospitals with flood-resistant features, such as elevated construction, waterproof barriers, and reinforced drainage systems, can help mitigate risks and ensure continuity of care during flood events.

Figure 1: Healthcare Facilities Damaged or Disrupted by Flood Events Across Regions

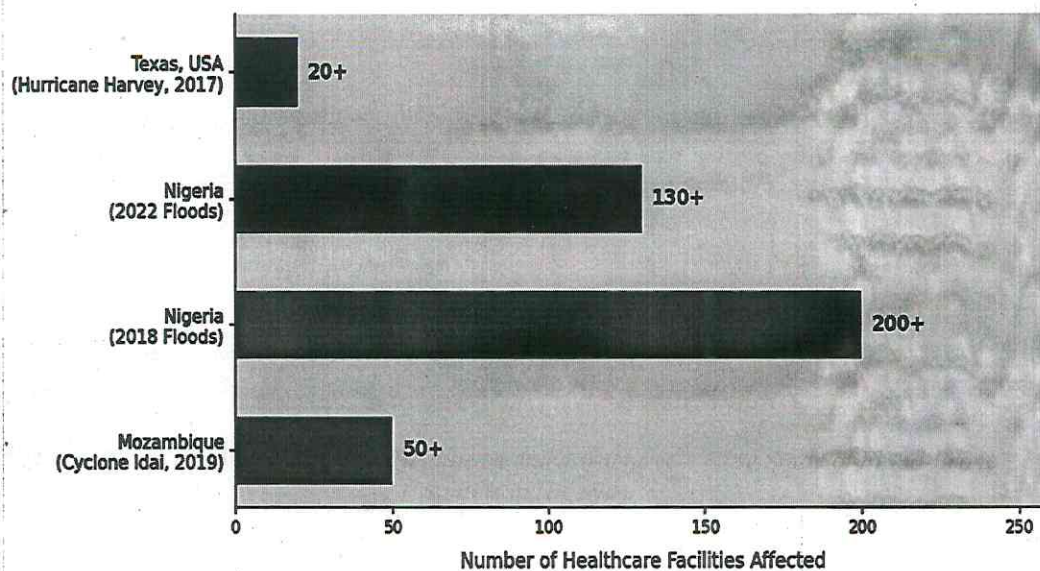


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Economic Impacts

The financial implications of flood damage to healthcare facilities are profound and multifaceted. Repairing physical structures, replacing damaged medical equipment, and restocking essential supplies impose substantial costs on healthcare systems. In Bangladesh, annual flooding results in an estimated \$10 million in damages to healthcare facilities, disrupting medical services for millions of people and diverting funds from other critical health programs (Ahmed et al., 2020). These direct costs are further exacerbated by the indirect economic burdens of operational downtime, which often lead to loss of patient trust, delayed treatment, and worsened health outcomes.

Flood-related damage often targets high-value assets such as diagnostic imaging equipment, laboratory tools, surgical instruments, and pharmaceutical stocks. For instance, during the 2022 floods in Nigeria, several hospitals reported the destruction of cold-chain systems, resulting in the loss of vaccines and other temperature-sensitive medical supplies, which are costly to replace (WHO Nigeria, 2022). In low-income regions, where healthcare budgets are already constrained, such financial shocks hinder long-term investments in healthcare infrastructure and exacerbate existing disparities in healthcare access.

The economic strain extends beyond the healthcare system itself, as patients face increased out-of-pocket expenses. Flood-induced damage often forces patients to travel long distances to alternative healthcare facilities, increasing transportation costs and recovery times. This issue is particularly acute in rural areas, where healthcare services are sparse and alternative options are limited. Additionally, prolonged treatment delays due to flooded roads or inoperable hospitals result in worsened health conditions, which incur higher treatment costs and extended recovery periods (Ogundipe et al., 2021).

Figure 2: Estimated Economic Costs of Flood Damage to Healthcare Facilities by Event

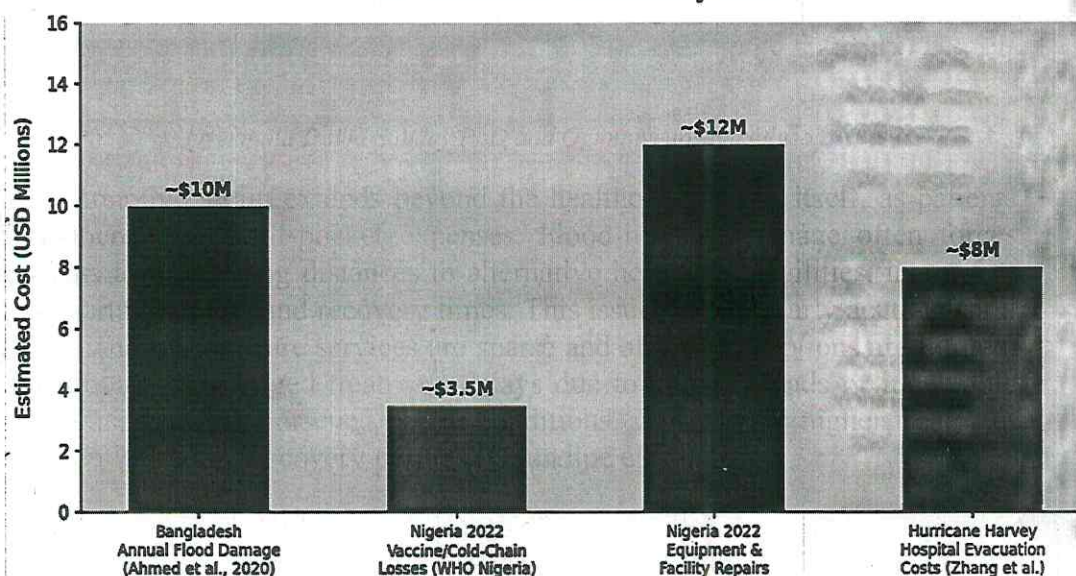


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Impact on Healthcare Delivery

Flooding severely disrupts healthcare delivery by compromising supply chains, leading to shortages of essential medicines, vaccines, and medical equipment. In flood-affected regions, access to healthcare facilities is often impeded by damaged roads and transportation systems, leaving vulnerable populations stranded without care. For instance, during the 2022 floods in Nigeria, submerged roads in Bayelsa and Kogi States prevented the timely delivery of emergency medical supplies, exacerbating the challenges faced by healthcare workers in already overstretched facilities (NEMA, 2022).

Flooding also creates conditions conducive to outbreaks of waterborne diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and hepatitis A, further straining healthcare

systems. A 2021 study in Nigeria found a 35% increase in diarrheal disease cases in flood-affected areas, with many healthcare facilities overwhelmed by the sudden influx of patients (Ogundipe et al., 2021). These outbreaks not only burden hospitals but also expose systemic weaknesses, such as inadequate infection control measures and limited resources for outbreak management.

Healthcare delivery is also compromised by the psychological toll on healthcare workers. Extended shifts, resource scarcity, and the stress of working in disaster-affected conditions often lead to burnout, reducing the efficiency and quality of care provided during critical times. This was observed during the 2022 Nigerian floods, where healthcare workers reported high levels of stress and fatigue due to the lack of support and overwhelming patient loads (WHO Nigeria, 2022).

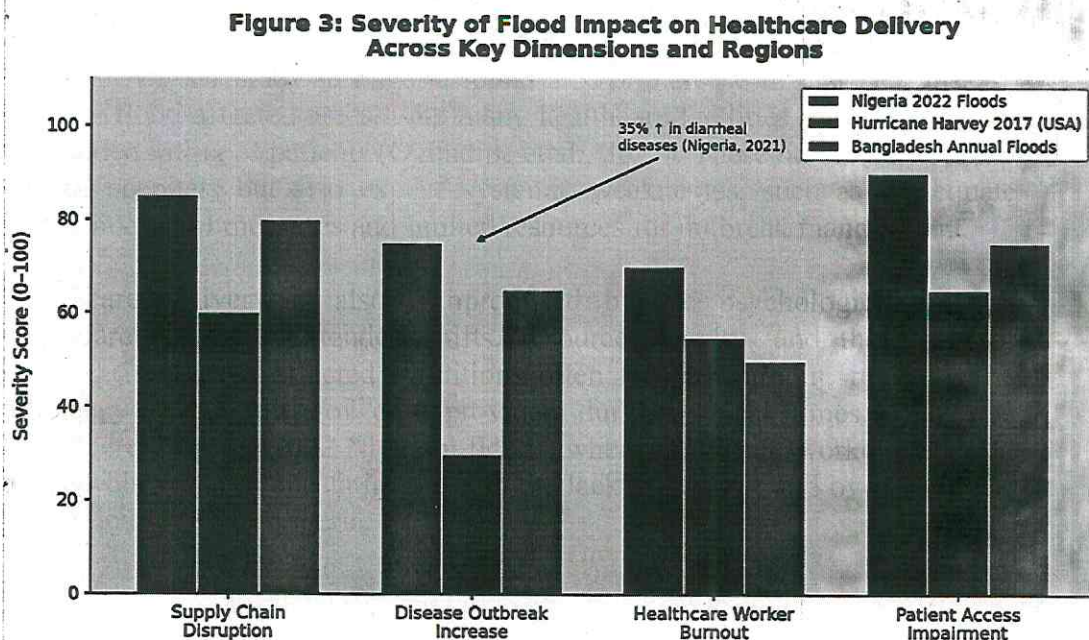


Figure 3: Severity of Flood Impact on Healthcare Delivery Across Key Dimensions and Regions

Adaptive Strategies

To mitigate the impact of flooding, hospitals worldwide are adopting innovative adaptive strategies aimed at enhancing their resilience to climate-induced disasters. One of the most effective strategies is the integration of flood-resilient designs into healthcare infrastructure. These designs include elevated structures, reinforced foundations, and the use of water-resistant materials. In South Asia, hospitals in flood-prone regions are increasingly

being constructed on raised platforms to minimize the risk of inundation, a strategy that has significantly reduced the damage caused by seasonal monsoons (Ahmed et al., 2020).

The Netherlands serves as a global model for flood resilience, incorporating advanced flood barriers, drainage systems, and contingency plans into hospital infrastructure. Dutch hospitals also emphasize redundancy in critical systems, such as power supplies and water storage, to ensure uninterrupted operations during floods (van der Heijden et al., 2019).

Emergency preparedness measures have proven equally important. Pre-positioning medical supplies in disaster-prone areas, establishing alternative care sites, and training healthcare workers in disaster response protocols are critical to maintaining healthcare services during crises. For instance, during Hurricane Harvey in the United States, hospitals with robust disaster response plans were able to minimize disruptions and ensure continuity of care despite significant flooding (Zhang et al., 2018).

Investments in early warning systems and community-based disaster management programs are also essential. These initiatives enable the timely evacuation of patients and healthcare workers, reducing casualties and property losses. In Nigeria, community-led disaster management initiatives in some states have shown promise in coordinating local resources to mitigate flood impacts (NEMA, 2022). However, scaling such programs requires increased collaboration between governments, non-governmental organizations, and private sector stakeholders to secure the necessary funding and expertise.

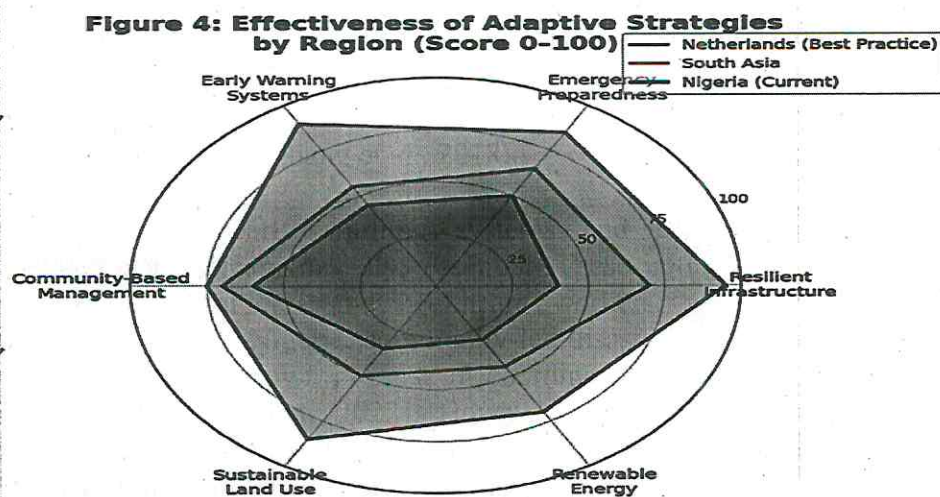


Figure 4: Effectiveness of Adaptive Strategies by Region (Score 0-100)

Discussion

The findings underscore an urgent imperative to integrate climate adaptation strategies into healthcare planning to address the multifaceted challenges posed by flooding. Healthcare systems must adopt a proactive rather than reactive approach, ensuring resilience in the face of increasingly frequent and severe climate-related disasters.

Building climate-resilient healthcare infrastructure is paramount to minimizing disruptions caused by flooding. Hospitals and clinics in flood-prone areas should be designed with elevated foundations, reinforced structures, and water-resistant materials to withstand inundation. Retrofitting existing facilities with flood barriers, sealed electrical systems, and improved drainage mechanisms can also significantly reduce their vulnerability. For example, modular designs that allow for rapid deployment and relocation of critical services can ensure uninterrupted care during emergencies.

Additionally, integrating renewable energy sources such as solar power and backup generators can maintain essential functions like lighting, ventilation, and refrigeration of medicines during power outages caused by flooding. The long-term benefits of such investments extend beyond flood resilience, contributing to sustainability and energy efficiency.

Strengthening emergency response systems is crucial for minimizing the impact of floods on healthcare delivery. This involves developing and regularly updating disaster preparedness plans that include clear protocols for patient evacuation, resource allocation, and staff coordination. Training healthcare workers in disaster response and conducting simulation exercises can enhance readiness and reduce response times during crises.

The establishment of centralized command centers equipped with real-time data on weather conditions, road accessibility, and hospital capacities can streamline decision-making. Such centers can coordinate the distribution of medical supplies, the deployment of emergency personnel, and the transfer of patients to unaffected facilities. Community-based response mechanisms, including local volunteers trained in first aid and evacuation procedures, can complement institutional efforts and ensure timely interventions.

Addressing the root causes of hospital vulnerability to flooding requires policies that promote sustainable land use. Urbanization and deforestation often exacerbate flooding by disrupting natural water flow and reducing soil absorption capacity. Governments must enforce land-use regulations that

prioritize the preservation of wetlands, mangroves, and other natural barriers that act as flood buffers.

Strategic zoning laws can prevent the construction of hospitals and other critical infrastructure in high-risk areas. Where relocation is not feasible, measures such as creating green belts, rain gardens, and permeable pavements can help manage stormwater runoff and reduce the risk of localized flooding.

Investments in modern, well-maintained drainage systems are essential for mitigating hospital flooding. Urban centers, particularly in developing countries, often suffer from inadequate or poorly maintained drainage networks, which fail to cope with heavy rainfall. Upgrading these systems to handle increased water volumes and incorporating technologies such as smart drainage systems with sensors to detect blockages can significantly reduce flood risks.

Community participation in maintaining drainage infrastructure, such as clearing debris from gutters and reporting blockages, can further enhance their effectiveness. Policies encouraging rainwater harvesting can also alleviate pressure on drainage systems by reducing the volume of stormwater runoff.

Healthcare planning must incorporate climate data to anticipate and address future risks. Advanced modeling tools can predict flood-prone areas, guiding the placement of new healthcare facilities and the retrofitting of existing ones. Climate risk assessments should become a routine part of healthcare planning, ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently and vulnerabilities are addressed preemptively.

Partnerships with meteorological agencies can provide hospitals with early warnings of impending floods, enabling timely activation of disaster preparedness protocols. These partnerships can also inform long-term planning by identifying trends in weather patterns and potential future challenges.

The successful integration of climate adaptation into healthcare planning requires a holistic policy framework supported by adequate funding. Governments, international organizations, and private sector stakeholders must collaborate to allocate resources for climate-resilient healthcare systems. Initiatives such as the Green Climate Fund and disaster relief grants can provide critical financial support to vulnerable regions.

Policies must also emphasize equity, ensuring that rural and underserved areas receive the same level of investment and attention as urban centers. This is particularly important given the disproportionate impact of flooding on marginalized communities, who often lack access to alternative healthcare options.

Integrating climate adaptation into healthcare planning is no longer optional but a necessity in the face of escalating climate challenges. By investing in resilient infrastructure, enhancing emergency response systems, and implementing sustainable land-use policies, healthcare systems can significantly reduce the adverse effects of flooding. Collaboration among policymakers, healthcare providers, and communities is essential to building a future where healthcare systems are equipped to withstand the impacts of climate change, ensuring the continuity of care for all.

Conclusion

Flooding poses significant challenges to healthcare systems, from structural vulnerabilities and economic burdens to disruptions in healthcare delivery. As climate change intensifies the frequency and severity of such events, it is imperative to integrate climate adaptation strategies into healthcare planning. Investments in resilient infrastructure, robust emergency response systems, and sustainable land-use policies are essential for mitigating the adverse effects of flooding on healthcare facilities and services.

Effective solutions require collaboration among governments, communities, and individuals. Governments must lead by implementing policies that prioritize climate resilience and allocating resources for infrastructure upgrades and disaster preparedness. Communities play a crucial role in supporting healthcare systems through local initiatives, advocacy, and awareness campaigns. At the individual level, proactive engagement in preventive health measures and sustainable practices can help reduce the strain on healthcare systems during crises.

By adopting a multi-stakeholder approach that incorporates structural, economic, and social dimensions, healthcare systems can not only withstand the immediate impacts of flooding but also build long-term resilience. This holistic approach ensures continuity of care, protects vulnerable populations, and supports sustainable development in the face of an increasingly uncertain climate future.

Recommendations

Governments play a pivotal role in safeguarding healthcare systems against the devastating impacts of flooding. To achieve this, they must prioritize investments in resilient infrastructure by allocating resources to construct and retrofit healthcare facilities with flood-resistant designs. Elevated foundations, flood barriers, and water-resistant materials should become standard features of healthcare infrastructure in vulnerable regions. Strengthening urban drainage systems is equally critical. Governments must upgrade these systems to effectively manage heavy rainfall, accompanied by regular maintenance to ensure their optimal functionality.

Land-use policies must also be reimagined to promote sustainability. Zoning regulations should restrict the construction of critical infrastructure in flood-prone areas while encouraging the preservation of natural flood buffers such as wetlands and mangroves. Comprehensive disaster preparedness plans are essential. These should encompass healthcare-specific protocols, robust early warning systems, and efficient resource mobilization strategies to ensure swift and coordinated responses during emergencies. Lastly, governments must establish funding mechanisms, such as grants and subsidies, to support healthcare facilities in adopting adaptive measures, ensuring that even under-resourced institutions can enhance their resilience.

Communities serve as the backbone of disaster resilience, and their active participation is indispensable in creating flood-resistant healthcare systems. Local initiatives to maintain drainage systems, such as clearing debris and preventing illegal dumping, are vital in reducing waterlogging and preventing floods. Community members can also support healthcare facilities by collaborating with providers to form disaster response teams. These teams, trained in first aid, evacuation procedures, and resource distribution, can act swiftly during crises to minimize disruptions.

Raising awareness through education programs is another critical step. These programs should focus on teaching communities about flood risks, preparedness strategies, and the importance of supporting local healthcare systems during disasters. Furthermore, communities can advocate for the implementation of government policies that reduce flood risks and strengthen healthcare resilience, holding authorities accountable for their commitments to public safety.

At the individual level, proactive measures can significantly mitigate the impact of flooding on healthcare access and personal well-being. Preparing for

emergencies is paramount. Individuals should assemble emergency kits containing essential supplies, including medications, first aid items, and identification documents, to ensure readiness during floods. Engaging in preventive health practices, such as boiling water and maintaining good hygiene, can reduce the burden on healthcare systems by minimizing the risk of waterborne diseases.

Individuals can also contribute to sustainable flood mitigation practices, such as rainwater harvesting and tree planting, which help reduce the likelihood of flooding. Additionally, volunteering for community disaster preparedness initiatives enables individuals to play an active role in supporting healthcare systems during emergencies. By fostering a culture of shared responsibility, individuals can help build a more resilient society capable of withstanding the challenges posed by climate-related disasters.

By addressing these recommendations across governmental, community, and individual levels, a more robust and adaptive healthcare system can be established, ensuring the well-being of populations in the face of increasing flood risks.

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