

**Fogarty International Center** 

# The Global Forum on Humanitarian Health Research (GFH2R) 2025

Health research at the nexus of humanitarian crises and climate change

Launch Webinar – August 28, 2024

GFH2R 2025 is hosted by the **Fogarty International Center** at NIH in collaboration with **IDRC** and **Elrha**.

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## Welcome

#### Goals

- Introduce GFH2R
- Show how you can participate
- Share experiences from past participants and mentors
- Answer your questions

## Logistics



Participants are muted



 Slides and recording will be shared



 More information → <u>https://go.nih.gov/GFH2R</u>



 Questions → gfh2r@mail.nih.gov





# Agenda

Welcome [5 min]

Introduction to GFH2R & Themes [15 min]

**Q&A #1** [5 min]

GFH2R 2021 Participant Panel [15 min]

GFH2R 2021 Steering Committee/Mentor Panel [10 min]

**Q&A #2** [25 min]





## Fogarty Center for Global Health Studies

NIH **Fogarty** International Center Center for Global Health Studies (CGHS)

Goals

CGHS

Identify emerging research priorities

Stimulate new scientific directions in global health

Catalyze multidisciplinary and multi-sector collaboration

Convene leading scientists on critical research priorities, opportunities and synergies





## **Humanitarian Crises**

## **Types of Crises**

- Natural Disasters
- Epidemics/ Pandemics
- Forced Displacement and Migration
- Armed Conflict

### **Impacts**

- Severe trauma
- Loss of homes, livelihoods
- Overwhelm health systems
- Complex health challenges
- Uncertainty

#### **Trends**

- ↑ Frequency
- Duration
- ↑ Complexity
- ↑ Cost
- ↑ Impact in LMICs

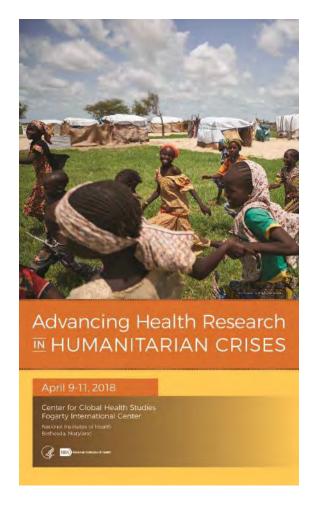
## **Climate Change**





#### **Center for Global Health Studies**

## **Health Research in Humanitarian Crises**



#### Goals

- Catalyze timely, high-quality, ethical, and actionable research in humanitarian crises.
- Strengthen the capacity of scientists, especially from LMICs, to conduct health research in crisis settings.

Scientific Co-Chairs

Sabina Faiz Rashid BRAC University



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### Global Forum on Humanitarian Health Research

## Gaps in the Field



Community of practice for researchers and practitioners across silos



Need to elevate early/midcareer LMIC voices

#### **GFH2R Overview**

- Convening of early/mid-career researchers from LMICs built around research case studies and networking
- Specific theme: Health Research at the Nexus of Humanitarian Crises and Climate Change





## **GFH2R Model**

#### WHO ATTENDS

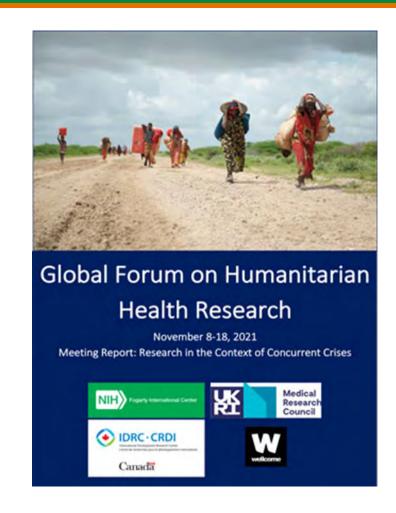
Researchers, Humanitarian organizations, Community representatives, Policymakers, Funders

#### WHY UNIQUE

- Focus on research
- Structure around case studies
- Emphasis on LMIC-based researchers and crises in LMICs
- Opportunities for networking and mentoring

2021 Virtual Pilot GFH2R

More details → GFH2R 21 Meeting Report







## GFH2R 2025 Collaborators & Steering Committee

- Adam Levine, Brown University
- Catherine Lee, Community Partners International
- Chaza Akik, Independent Consultant
- Eliana Martinez Herrera, Universidad de Antioquia
- Gillian McKay, Elrha
- Irene Torres, Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
- John Jamir Benzon Aruta, De La Salle University
- Jura Augustinavicius, McGill University
- Manuela Orjuela-Grimm, Columbia University
- Marie-Roseline Belizaire, World Health Organization

- Miriam Orcutt, World Health Organization
- Montasser Kamal, International Development Research Centre
- Patrick Owili, African Population and Health Research Center
- Sabina Faiz Rashid, BRAC University
- Sasha Fahme, Cornell University
- Shannon Doocy, Johns Hopkins University
- Thandi Kapwata, South African Medical Research Council
- Veena Pillai, Diode Consultancy/MSF
- Yasser Kamaledin, MSF Holland

Collaborators: Elrha, IDRC

Informal Funding Group: UK Research and Innovation, Novo Nordisk Foundation, and various NIH Institutes and

Centers





## **GFH2R Events**

#### **Open to the Public**

Pre-Meeting Webinars

Aug 28	Oct/Nov 2024	Feb/Mar 2025
Launch Webinar	Nexus of Humanitarian Crises and Climate Change	Research Funding

### **By Application Only**

In-Person Meeting Nairobi, Kenya

May 2025 (dates TBD)

- Case study presentations
- Small group discussions
- Keynotes
- Workshops
- Networking





## **How to Apply – In Person Meeting, May 2025**

Case Study Presenters will receive informal mentoring prior to the Forum and present case studies of their research experiences during the Forum

- May apply as individuals or in teams of two
- Case study applicants who are not selected will automatically be submitted for consideration as general participants

General Participants will join the meeting and participate in small group discussions and networking activities





## How to Apply – Case Study Presenters

- Submit a case study that highlights issues related to conducting health research at the nexus of humanitarian crises and climate change
- Case studies must address research that is funded and will be complete by January 2025 <u>OR</u> research that is funded and still in progress after January 2025 that could benefit from feedback
- Selected case study presenters develop their application into a brief paper (2-3 pages) and a PowerPoint presentation





# Eligibility

# Priority is given to early- to mid-career applicants and applicants from LMICs, although HIC or more senior applications are accepted

- Applicants are not limited to academic researchers; staff from government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and private sector organizations are encouraged to apply as long as their applications are focused on research
- All applicants must be able to submit an application in English





# Timeline

Aug 2024	- Call for applications opens
Aug 28, 2024	- Launch webinar (open to public)
Oct 7, 2024	- DEADLINE: Applications due by 23:59 ET
Oct/Nov 2024	- Second webinar (open to public)
Dec 2024	- Applicants notified of their application status
Jan-Apr 2025	- Mentoring/feedback for case study presenters
Feb/Mar 2025	- Third webinar (open to public)
May 2025	- GFH2R Meeting (in-person in Nairobi, Kenya)





## Theme: Nexus of Humanitarian Crises and Climate Change

#### Climate change in humanitarian settings

- Leads to population displacement 30 million in 2020
- Drives food insecurity, which catalyzes democratic breakdown and conflict

#### Climate change as a threat multiplier

Exacerbates vulnerability of populations to concurrent health threats

#### Research needs

- Limited evidence base, siloed literature
- Need to focus on local researchers and affected populations for better quality data and more relevant findings
- Limited insight into what this looks like in practice





## **Case Study Sub-Themes**

- Community engagement in research
  - "Communities" refers to affected populations
- Equity in global research partnerships
- Academic-humanitarian collaboration
- Research methods innovation and adaptation in humanitarian settings
- Evidence use





## **Background Paper**

## Guide for applicants on the Forum, theme, and sub-themes

- Synthesizes existing literature on Forum theme and sub-themes
- Identifies knowledge gaps
- Poses questions based on knowledge gaps to guide case study submissions

Not intended to be exhaustive or prescriptive but to stimulate applicants' thinking





# More Questions? Please email GFH2R@mail.nih.gov

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