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# 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 →

<https://go.nih.gov/GFH2R>



- Questions →

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# Agenda

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**Welcome [5 min]**

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**Introduction to GFH2R & Themes [15 min]**

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

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**GFH2R 2021 Participant Panel [15 min]**

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**GFH2R 2021 Steering Committee/Mentor Panel [10 min]**

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

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# Fogarty Center for Global Health Studies



CGHS Goals

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Identify emerging research priorities

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Stimulate new scientific directions in global health

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Catalyze multidisciplinary and multi-sector collaboration

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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



# Health Research in Humanitarian Crises



Advancing Health Research  
IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

April 9-11, 2018

Center for Global Health Studies  
Fogarty International Center  
National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda, Maryland



## 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



**Shannon Doocy**  
Johns Hopkins University



# Global Forum on Humanitarian Health Research

## Gaps in the Field



Community of practice for researchers and practitioners across silos



Need to elevate early/mid-career 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 **OR** 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
<b>Aug 28, 2024</b>	- <b>Launch webinar (open to public)</b>
<b>Oct 7, 2024</b>	- <b>DEADLINE: Applications due by 23:59 ET</b>
<b>Oct/Nov 2024</b>	- <b>Second webinar (open to public)</b>
<b>Dec 2024</b>	- <b>Applicants notified of their application status</b>
Jan-Apr 2025	- Mentoring/feedback for case study presenters
<b>Feb/Mar 2025</b>	- <b>Third webinar (open to public)</b>
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**



# Questions?

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Launch Webinar Feedback Survey



Call for applications:

Global Forum on Humanitarian  
Health Research 2025

Nairobi, Kenya — May 2025

Application deadline:  
October 7, 2024



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