

# CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO HEALTH



## DID YOU KNOW?

More frequent heat waves will cause 38,000 additional deaths per year by 2030 among people aged over 65 years. Higher temperatures will also lead to an increase in allergens and harmful air pollutants, and result in an increase of chronic respiratory diseases. **Air pollution is already responsible for an estimated 7 million deaths a year.** From the increase of vector-borne and infectious diseases to the breakdown in food systems, population displacements due to disasters, destruction of infrastructure and violent conflict associated with resource scarcity, **climate change endangers the factors that enable a healthy life at every level, acting as a threat multiplier.** Persons with disabilities, older persons, children, indigenous people and poor rural communities are among those most likely to be affected.

**A rights-based approach to climate action is urgently needed to ensure long-term human well-being!**



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