

Climate Change and Homelessness

A call to action and emerging evidence on responding

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Objectives

- Discuss impacts of climate change on homelessness
- Outline the development of response framework
- Identify considerations for strategy development
- Discuss emergent evidence on responding

Climate Change, Health and Wellbeing

- Temperature extremes
- Environmental disasters
- Slow-onset events
- Physical and mental health
- Violence

Developing Framework

- 2 systematic reviews
- 5 think tank events drawing on a global network of approx. 35
- Aligning efforts



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Strategy Development

- Increase housing availability
- Green infrastructure
- Generating and relying on available data
- Staying in place and planned relocation

Strategy Development Cont'd

- Definitions
- Disaster planning
- Intersectional factors
- Public messaging/destigmatization

Responding

- Toronto: Extreme heat and cold* response plans
- Outreach programs
- Service access
- Transportation
- Education and training

Conclusions

- Intersection of climate change and homelessness
- Data and prevention-oriented work
- Planning and resourcing
- Localized solutions and equity

Thank You!