
Acknowledgements

The present publication has its roots in a 3-year IAP project on ‘Climate Change and Health’ that was completed in 2022.¹ As a follow-up, IAP has partnered with Save the Children to select and present the case studies collated here, with the aim of providing them as real-world examples of co-designed, systems-based, interdisciplinary approaches that can be used to support policy development at the nexus of climate change and health.

We hope, therefore, that this book will be useful for those considering developing such studies and implementing such policies.

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¹ <https://www.interacademies.org/project/climate-change-and-health>

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