Climate and Health Project Plan Template

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As the climate changes, we’re exposed to new health risks. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ Health Department is working to better understand how we can prepare our community for these increased climate risks.

Working to better understand the current and projected climate changes in our area, the associated health risks, and who is most vulnerable to those risks, will help us to make effective changes in the way we deliver core public health services.

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* Increase awareness about the connections between climate change and public health
* Identify and build new partners across programs, agencies, and communities
* Communicate risks and partner with stakeholders to develop community-based solutions
* Empower and equip communities to prepare for the health effects of climate change
* Build capacity of partners to consider health equity in broader climate change planning and policy

DESIRED OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS

Communities are prepared to deal with adverse climate events when they occur

**Intermediate Outcomes**

Increased awareness and empowerment among leaders

**Long-term Impacts**

**Short-Term Outcomes**

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Decreased disparities

Improved quality of life

Injuries, illnesses, and deaths that otherwise would have resulted from climate change are reduced or prevented

Climate change assessment, planning, and action is institutionalized within health jurisdiction

Change in policies, systems, & environments

Increased leveraging, coordination, and institutional adaptation

Our team implements and evaluates the effectiveness of prioritized strategies

Together with partners, we have identified and prioritized climate actions and community-based solutions

Our jurisdiction has developed new partnerships and has increased capacity to plan for climate change

Local climate and health risks are shared with stakeholders and communicated to the public

Local climate and health risks are well-understood by our health jurisdiction

CLIMATE AND HEALTH PLANNING TOOLKIT

The Oregon Health Authority’s Climate and Health program developed a Climate and Health Planning toolkit to provide guidance to local health jurisdictions on how to develop local climate and health planning projects. This, and other resources, can be found at: [www.healthoregon.org/climate](http://www.healthoregon.org/climate)



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PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of activities that help achieve the outcomes identified above. The examples are listed to illustrate the types of actions we may undertake within a two-year timeline (divided into quarters). Project activities may change over time based on our capacity and on the feedback received from stakeholders.

We have a public health system that's robust, resilient, and empowered to act to prevent and prepare for the negative health impacts of climate change

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| **Getting Started** | **Activities** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** | **Q8** |
| Gain internal support | * Familiarize with the issues, tools, and resources
* Describe how climate change connects with our current work and agency’s mission
 | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Develop a statement of intent | * Use to communicate to internal and external partners what we are working on and why
* Clarify how we talk about climate and health
 | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Develop a project plan  | * Adapt this project plan so that it is appropriate for our department
 | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Identify potential stakeholders  | * Develop a comprehensive list of potential stakeholders, both within and beyond our agency
* List existing partnerships and programs, as well as new partnerships that could form through this work
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| **Step 1: What are the risks?** | **Activities:** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** | **Q8** |
| Research and review the tools | * Walk through the checklist for identifying climate risks
* Practice using the presentations and talking points provided
 | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Convene an internal workgroup | * Facilitate internal meetings to gather input
* Collectively identify risks specific to our jurisdiction
 | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Draft a local Climate Risk Profile | * Develop a summary of local climate and health risks based on research and internal workgroup meetings
 |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Review and revise | * Share local climate risk profile with workgroup members and improve the document based on their input
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| **Step 2: What are our strengths and vulnerabilities?** | **Activities:** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** | **Q8** |
| Review existing risk assessments and plans | * Review the vulnerability chapter in the Climate and Health Profile Report, The Public Health Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, and the regional section within the latest Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.
* Review your Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan.
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| Host a community event  | * Invite a guest speaker, show a film, facilitate community dialogue, etc.
* Share your local Climate Risk Profile and gather feedback
 |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| Collect stakeholder input | * Collect qualitative feedback. This could be through a ‘Story Project’, a survey, informational interviews, etc.
* Target feedback from a diversity of perspectives, especially those representing vulnerable groups
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| **Step 3: Assess & Build Capacity** | **Activities:** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** | **Q8** |
| Assess internal capacity | * Talk with internal stakeholders
* Assess capacity within organization
 |  |  | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| Assess community readiness | * Talk with external stakeholders
* Assess community readiness
 |  |  | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| Capacity building  | * Consider setting up a standing climate change workgroup
* Consider bringing on an intern or AmeriCorps VISTA to support the project
* Explore opportunities to collaborate with internal and external partners
* Participate in learning opportunities online, at conferences, etc.
 |  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Scan funding opportunities | * Explore joint-projects with new partners
* Contact the Oregon Climate and Health program
 |  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| ***Planning and implementation activities will vary, depending on available capacity.*** |
| **Step 4:** **Plan to take action** | **Activities:** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** | **Q8** |
| Learn from other local health jurisdictions | * Review local health jurisdiction adaptation plans
* Reach out to other health jurisdictions who are farther along
 | x | x | x | x |  |  |  |  |
| Develop a planning process that involves stakeholder engagement | * Plan how you will reach out to different stakeholder groups to gather their input and build new partnerships
 |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| Collectively assess and prioritize strategies | * List all promising strategies for advancing climate and health adaptation
* Collectively evaluate strategies based on a set of shared criteria
 |  |  |  |  | x | x | x |  |
| Engage in other planning efforts | * Partner with other agencies and organizations working on climate change and lend the health equity perspective
* Pursue opportunities to participate in advisory committees where a health and climate perspective is needed.
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| Communicate plan and raise awareness | * Disseminate educational materials, webinars, workshops
* Publish resources on the web
* Utilize social media
* Train partners on messaging
 |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |
| Present and discuss with key decision-makers | * Offer briefings with clear messages and ask
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| **Step 5: Evaluate** | **Activities:** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** | **Q8** |
| Develop performance metrics for each of the planned actions | * Find ways to integrate actions into other planning efforts
* Connect with OHA’s Climate and Health team to identify any new tools or resources

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| Develop plan for evaluating progress on a regular basis  | * Review example evaluation plans
 |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |