



Climate change is the single biggest health threat facing humanity: What are the proposed actions?

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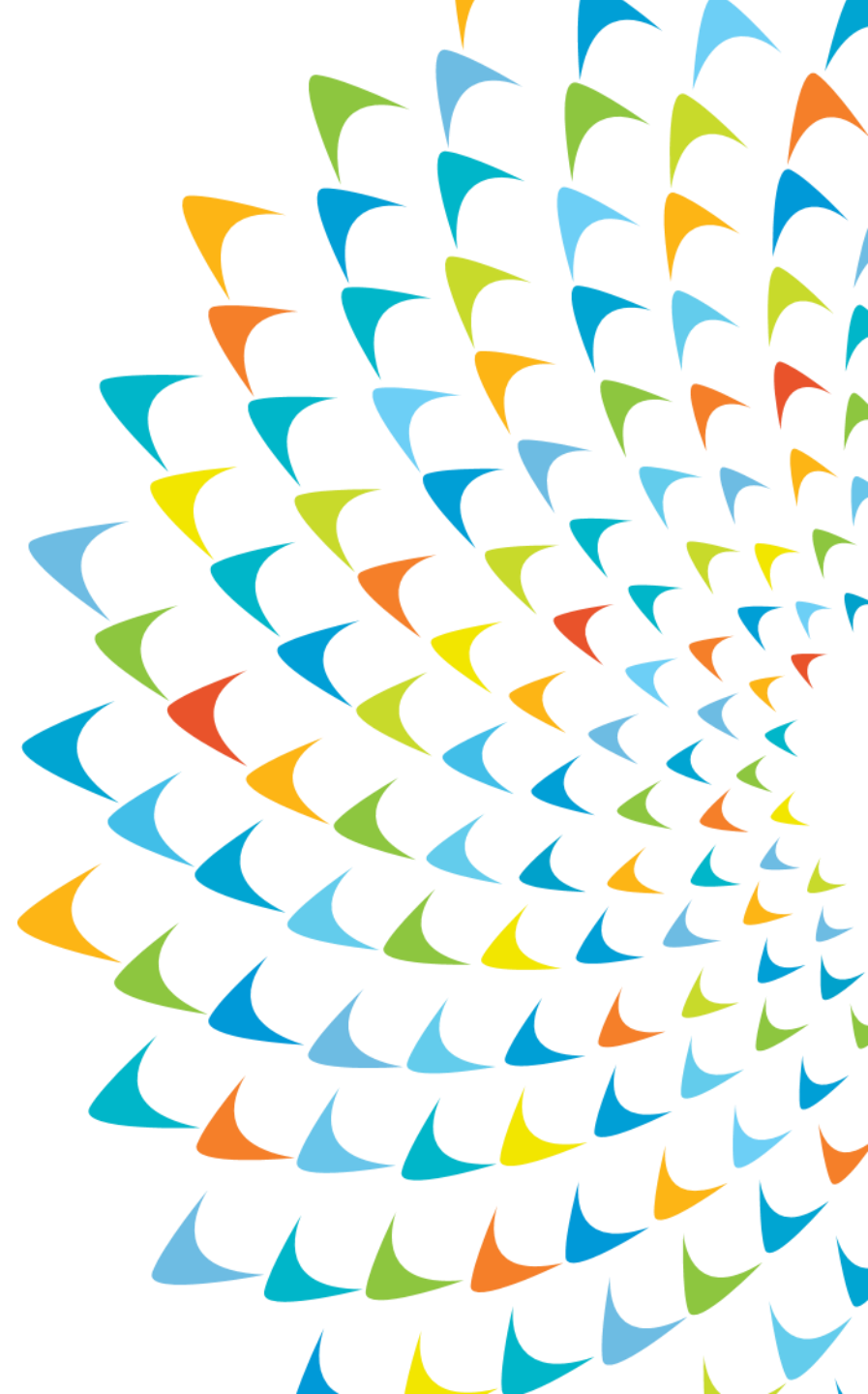
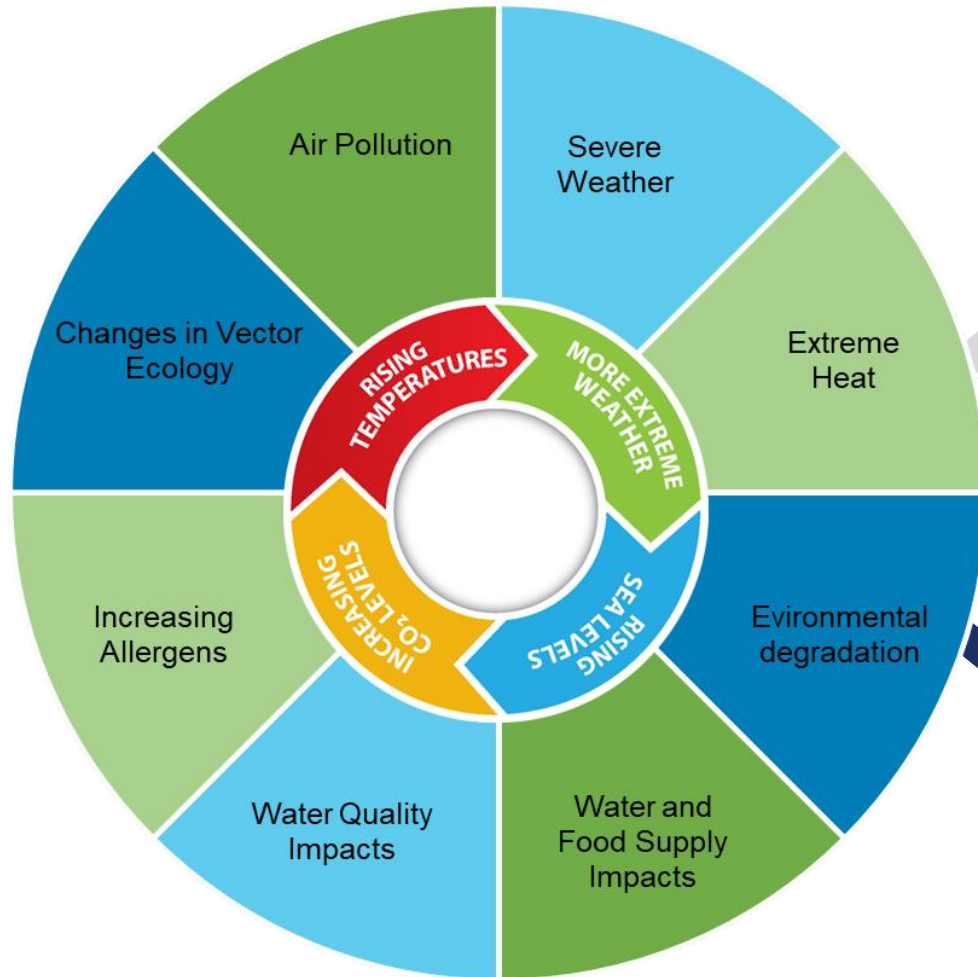


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Overview: Intersection between Climate Change and Health



Climate change could push 100 million+ people into extreme poverty by 2030



Direct impacts on healthcare may cause losses of \$2-3 billion per year by 2030



Indirect impacts on food systems, water quality, air pollution etc.



Health sector is a major contributor to climate change



Health carbon footprint ~5% of global emissions



If the health sector were a country, it would be the 5th largest emitter on the planet

1. USA, 2. China, 3. EU, 4. Japan, **5. Health Sector**, 6. Russia, 7. Brazil

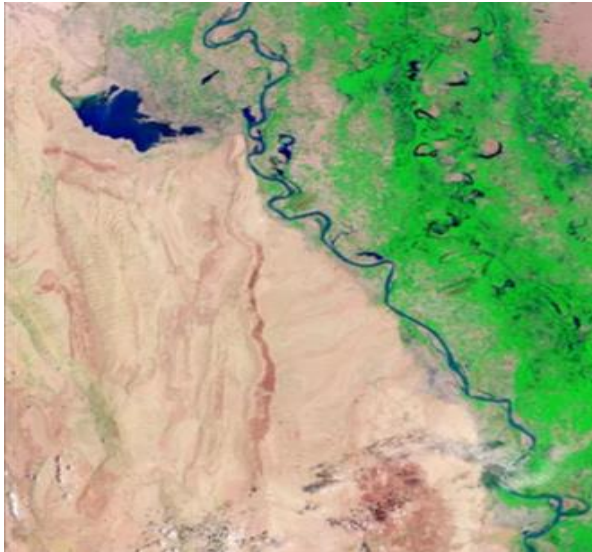
CLIMATE RESILIENCE ESSENTIAL FOR HEALTH SECTOR

- Health systems are on the front lines of the climate crisis.
- Human and animal health is impacted by:
 - Extreme weather
 - Increasing burden of infectious and non-communicable diseases
 - Changes to the air, water supplies, and food systems
 - Human migration

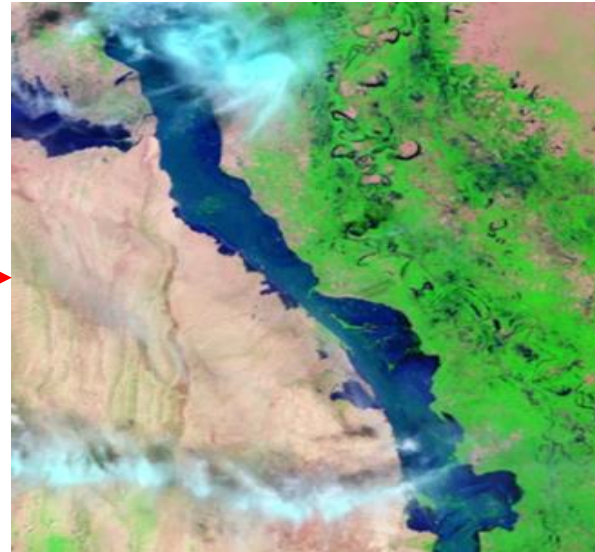


CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE BIGGEST HEALTH THREAT FACING HUMANITY

PAKISTAN FLOODS (2022) – SINGLE EXTREME WEATHER EVENT



Before floods



After floods

- 33 million+ people affected
- 2,000 health facilities damaged / destroyed
- 5.5 million+ people without access to safe drinking water

Immediate

- Damage to infrastructure including health facilities
- Lack of clean water supplies
- Lack of sanitation
- Loss of farmland & livestock

Medium Term

- Water-borne diseases surge
- Disrupted vaccination programs including polio
- Disrupted care for NCDs, longer-term infectious diseases
- Food insecurity

Longer Term

- Severe malnutrition
- Persistent food insecurity
- Resurgence of Vaccine Preventable Diseases
- Increased NCDs and mental health issues

INCREASING BURDEN OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

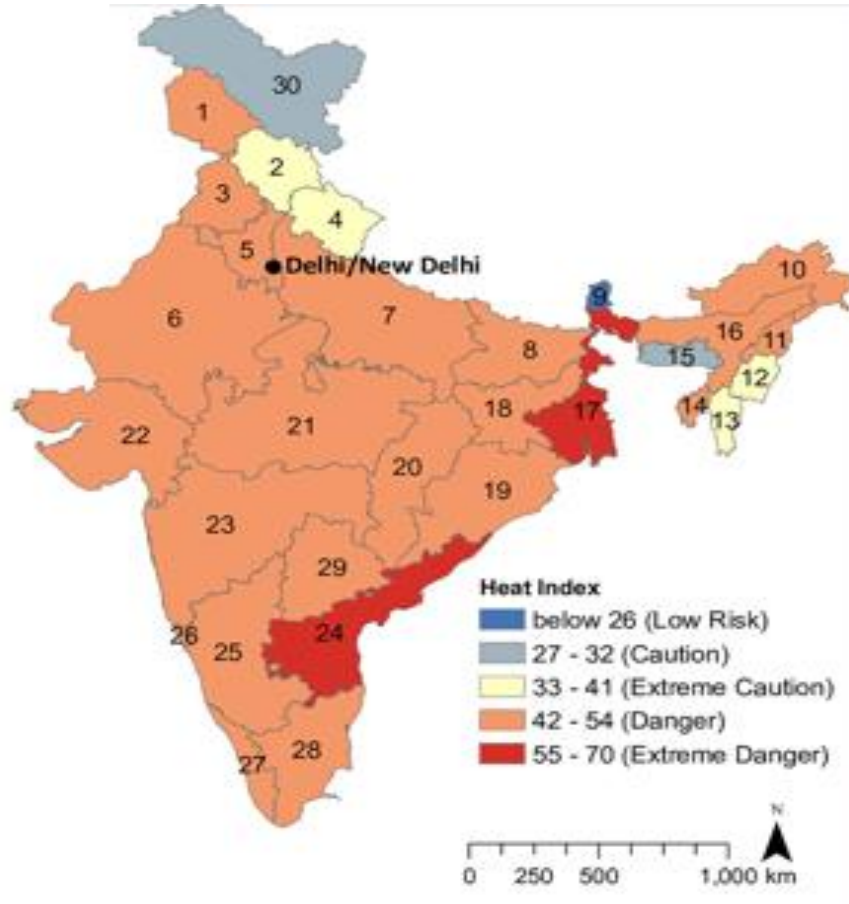
- Health systems are on the front lines of the climate crisis.
- Bangladesh has witnessed the deadliest outbreak of dengue :
 - 274,444 hospitalizations, 1327 deaths*
 - More than 2000 cases reported daily
 - More than 750,000 suspected cases**
 - Climate change with erratic rainfall and high temperatures fertile breeding for mosquitoes

**As of 28 October 2023*



CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEASONAL DISEASES BECOMING ENDEMIC

HEAT STRESS IN INDIA

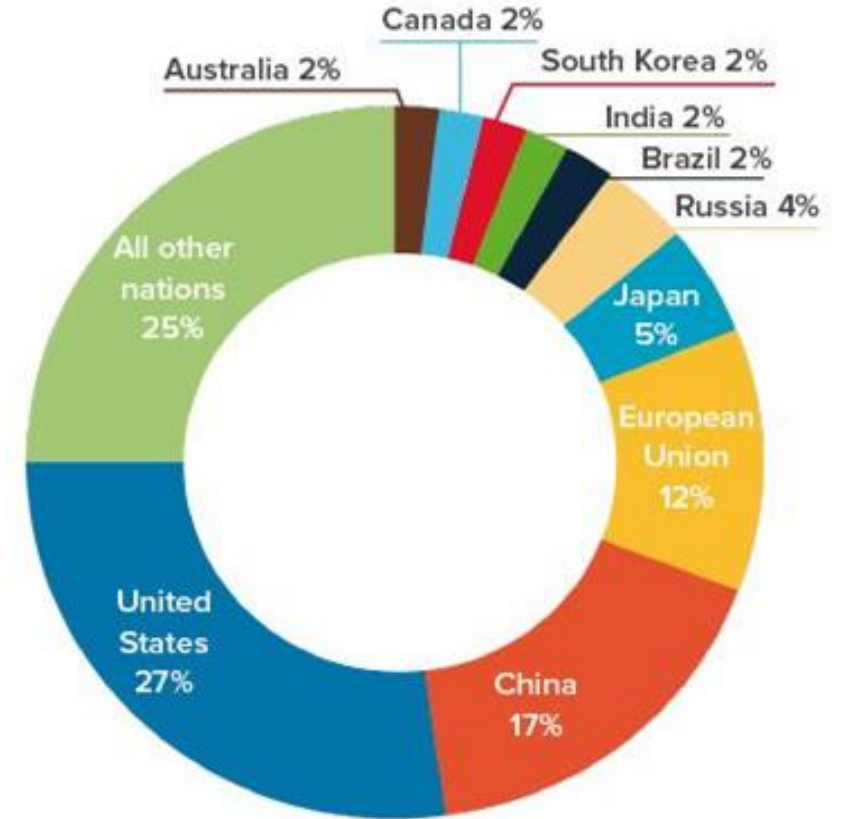


- **24,000+ deaths** due to heat waves since 1992
- Heat waves in India and Pakistan **30 times more likely** due to climate change
- **One Health** impact on:
 - Heat stress, deaths, longer term cardiovascular and respiratory diseases
 - Increased infections and deaths among animals (livestock and wildlife)
 - Reduced agricultural productivity causing nutrition insecurity

INDIAN HEATWAVES COULD CROSS THE SURVIVABILITY LIMIT BY 2050

CLIMATE FOOTPRINT OF THE HEALTH SECTOR

- Health sector's climate footprint equivalent to roughly 5% of global net emissions.
- If the health sector were a country, it would be the 5th largest emitter on the planet.
- Healthcare climate footprint equal to annual greenhouse gas emissions from 514 coal-fired plants
- 84% of emissions are related to fossil fuel combustion.



**71% OF HEALTH SECTOR'S EMISSIONS FROM HEALTHCARE SUPPLY CHAIN,
17% FROM HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, AND 12% FROM PURCHASED ELECTRICITY**

Climate-Health: Need recognized and highlighted by G20

G20 Health Minister's Declaration (9/9/2023)

Problem

Climate change will continue to drive health emergencies, including through:

- the emergence and re-emergence of infectious diseases and
- by increasing the severity and frequency of natural disasters

→ thereby threatening to overwhelm health systems' ability to deliver essential health services.

Solution

As such, we recognize the need **to enhance the resilience of health systems** against the impact of climate change.

Approach

We commit to prioritizing:

- Climate-resilient health systems development
- Building sustainable and low-carbon health systems
- Healthcare supply chains that deliver high-quality healthcare,
- Mobilize resources for resilient, low-carbon sustainable health systems, and
- Facilitate collaboration, including the WHO-led Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH).

Role of ADB – G20 Leaders Delhi Declaration

G20 Leader's Communique (9/9/2023)

We will:
Enhance the resilience of health systems and support development of climate-resilient and low-carbon health systems in collaboration with MDBs and support the work of the ATACH.

G20 Climate Change and Health Principles and Actions

- Prioritize climate resilient health development
- Build sustainable and low carbon health systems
- Decarbonize the healthcare supply chain
- Mobilize finance for resilient, low-carbon, sustainable health and climate systems
- Facilitate collaboration on human, animal, and climate-health challenges

Climate and Health Initiative

MISSION

Consolidate, streamline, and amplify policies and practice on the intersection of climate change and health

- Knowledge generation
- Novel Financing
- Forging Partnerships
- Incubating Innovation
- Capacity Building
- Championing Advocacy

ADB Thought Leadership

ADB Defined Approach

ADB administered response

Climate and Health Initiative (CHI) Overview

MISSION

Consolidate, streamline, and amplify policies and practice on the intersection of climate change and health

VISION

Coherent global efforts to scale up commitments and investments on climate and health

Inclusive & diverse membership

Tiered structure and phased approach

Digital approach across functions

Bureaucracy light through hub-and-spoke model



Knowledge Generation



Novel Financing



Forging Partnerships



Incubating Innovations



Capacity Building



Championing Advocacy

G20 Climate and Health Principles and Actions



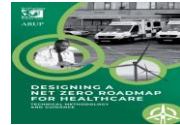
Prioritize climate resilient health development



- Early Warning Systems
- Disease and climate sensitive surveillance systems
- Resilience to heat stress and air pollution



Build sustainable and low carbon health systems



- Telemedicine and digital healthcare
- Solarisation
- Electric Fleet
- Green Infrastructure
- Green Bio Waste Management



Decarbonize the healthcare supply chain



- Energy efficient manufacturing solutions
- Strengthening National Regulator to set emission standards



Mobilize finance for resilient, low-carbon, sustainable health and climate systems



- Health Financing
- Catalyze novel financing mechanisms
- Incubate innovations
- Blended financing
- Scalable pilots



Facilitate collaboration on human, animal, and climate-health challenges



- Strengthening Animal Health Preparedness
- One Health Surveillances Units
- Data Interoperability Upgrading Diseases Control Centers

Workforce capacity building on climate and health interplay

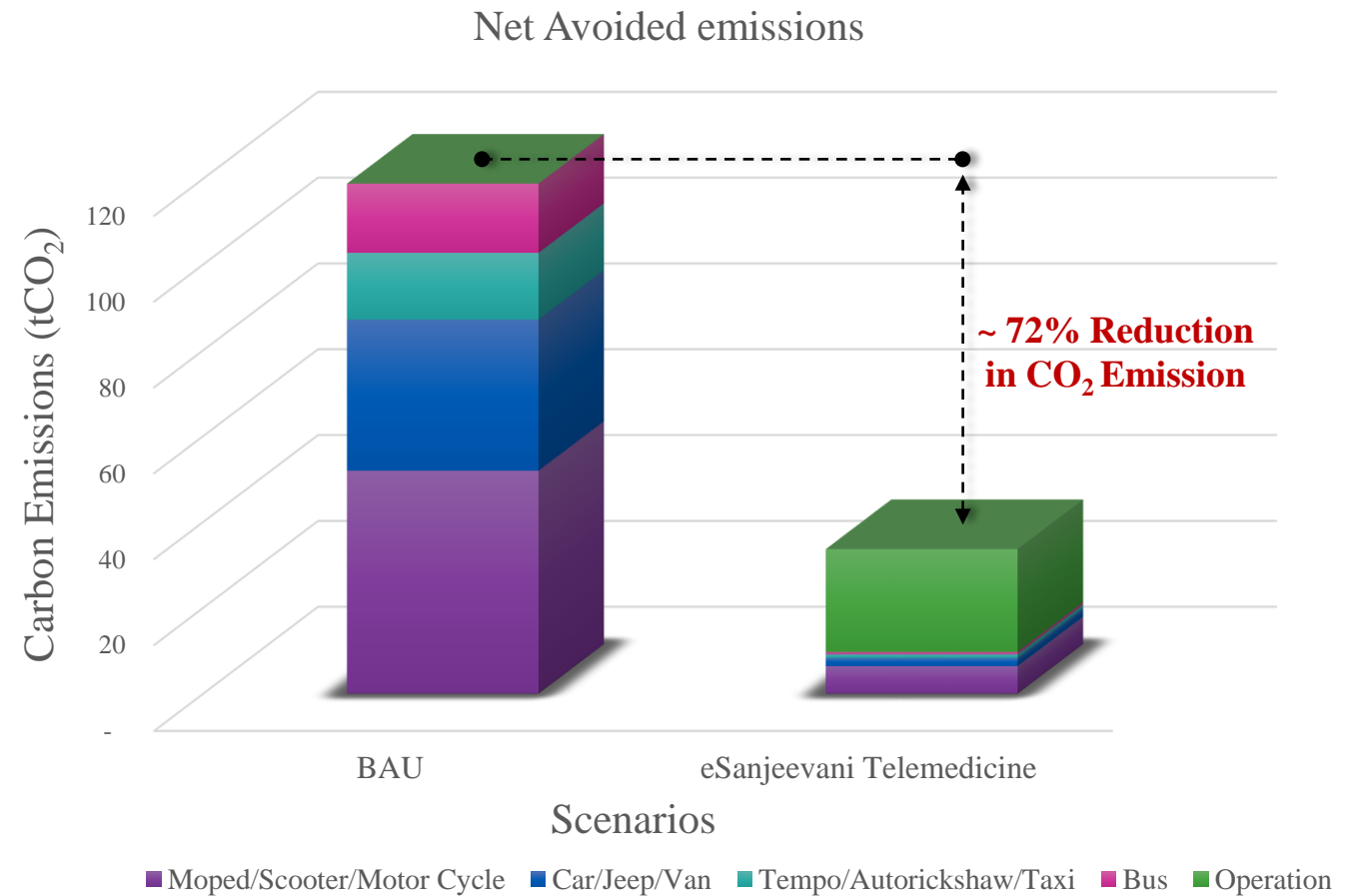
Telemedicine Study Findings

Net **Avoided Emissions** from Apr 2022 to March 2023 for 619,598 e-Sanjeevani telemedicine consultations in Jharkhand

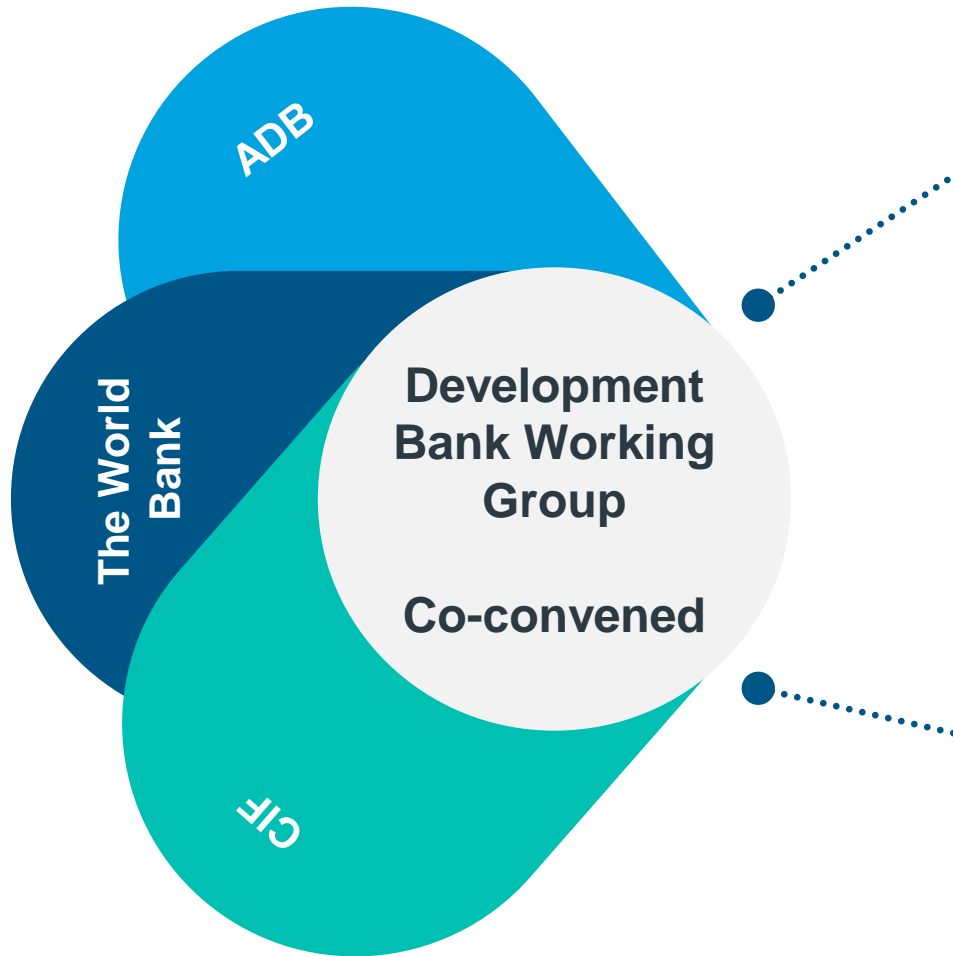
Telemedicine results in
~ 72% reduction in CO₂
emission as compared to BAU
scenario

85 tonnes CO₂ emissions avoided in
comparison to Business-as-usual

Equivalent to 43,190 kg of coal or 197 barrels of oil saved.



Role of Development Banks in Climate-Health investment



ADB lead in key DB climate-health financing

- Shared investment framework for climate and health;
- Better application of joint MDB methodology for calculating climate investment allocations to health sector;
- Pipeline co-investment opportunities for climate and health

jDBWG on climate-health financing membership

- World Bank, including the International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- The Climate Investment Funds (CIF)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- European Investment Bank (EIB)
- KfW Development Bank
- Finance in Common Coalition for Social Investment (AFD+)



COP²⁸
UAE

COP28 Health Day (3 December 2023)

- **COP 28 Health Declaration** – Health Ministers’ first-ever declaration on Climate Change and Health
- **ADB Roundtable** – featuring G20 initiatives, inc’l Climate Health Initiative
- **Climate and Health Finance Roundtable** – Joint Development Banks statement & action plan for climate-health investment framework
- **Multi-stakeholder Roundtable** – Shared vision statement for climate-health financing
- **ADB side event on Climate and Health** – Walk the talk !
- Other **25+ Climate-Health events** to announce new schemes/networks...etc.

Climate Change and Health:

- ❖ **Climate Change and our Health (ADB Episode with WHO):** <https://youtu.be/CA8iTY7iMCK?si=lr0fFqpZdnOYNOyQ>
- ❖ **Accounting for Health Impacts of Climate Change:** <https://www.adb.org/publications/accounting-health-impacts-climate-change>
- ❖ **COP28 Health Day:** <https://www.cop28.com/en/health-events>
- ❖ **ClimateXHealth Coalition:** <https://www.climatexhealth.org/>
- ❖ **Climate and Health Alliance:** <https://climateandhealthalliance.org/>

