Rise in skin diseases, as the torrential flood water recedes is a state of humanitarian emergency

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Abstract

Pakistan is experiencing its worst humanitarian crisis due to widespread flooding. Our study explains the different kinds of skin diseases which are spreading due to contaminated floodwater and the need for immediate control measures, which are essential for survival in these catastrophic crises. The public authorities should look into this matter seriously. The development of dams is an ideal way to overcome the detrimental effects of flooding in the future. Public authorities should provide financial assistance and resources during the monsoon seasons and beyond. An increase in networking at the public level can help mitigate floods and the loss of irreplaceable lives. Timely implementation of preventive measures should be done which can minimize the transmission of diseases, especially in areas that are more prone to flooding. Usage of environment control, personal protective equipment should be emphasized. Crowded places with infectious individuals must be avoided. Awareness programs, education, and personal hygiene of the community should be prioritized. This would help reduce the spread of diseases arising from stagnant floodwater and control the situation to some extent.

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