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Almost all disasters have environmental impacts, with human exposures ranging from molds to industrial chemicals, and a range of associated adverse health impacts. Unfortunately, vital research to better understand the human health consequences for these events is lacking due to a range of challenges that impede disaster research. To address some of these challenges the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) has developed the Disaster Research Response Program (DR2). DR2 aims to develop products, strengthen processes, and create new partnerships to improve our collective capabilities to perform time-critical studies in the U.S. and globally to promote response, recovery, and future preparedness for disasters and other emerging threats.

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