

Pollution and Health A Global Public Health Crisis

Update to the 2017 Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health



9 million deaths

Pollution still kills 9 million people per year - 16% of all deaths



Over 90% of deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries



Deaths from pollution associated with urbanization and industrialization - air pollution and chemicals - are on the rise - increasing by 66% since 2000 and 7% since 2015.



Pollution remains neglected by funding agencies worldwide



International donors, foundations, health professionals, and individuals should prioritize funding for pollution monitoring, interventions, and research.



Governments must integrate pollution challenges and control strategies in planning processes. Programs must be implemented that reduce pollution and save lives. End government subsidies and tax breaks for polluting industries.