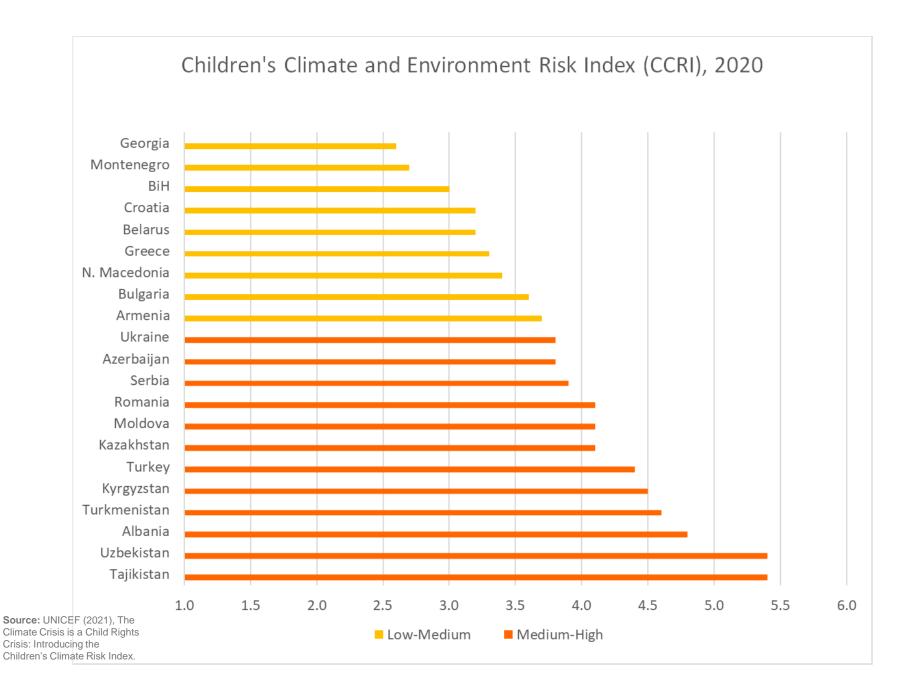
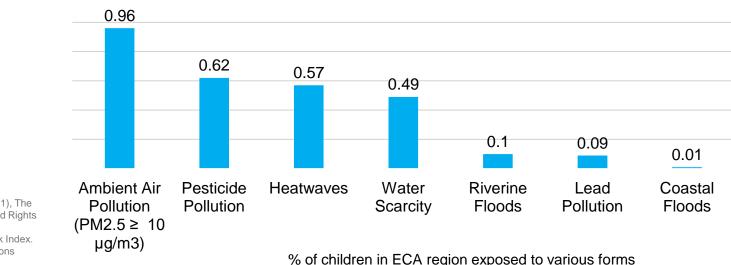
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Source: UNICEF (2021), The Climate Crisis is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index. New York: United Nations Children's Fund \*children with blood lead levels over Suq/dl

## Some populations are disproportionately vulnerable.

- Children have higher risk of heat stroke and illness than adults
- Across all climate risks women and young children are disproportionately affected by, and less resilient to, the health impacts of climate change
- Low-income communities experience increased climate risks due to a combination of increase exposure, lower sensitivity and lower access to healthcare
- Access to healthcare and immunization plays a major role in severity of impacts
- Communities living in risk prone areas face cumulative risks
- Disadvantaged communities currently bear the brunt of climate-induced health risks from extreme heat, poor air quality, flooding, extreme weather events, and vector borne diseases

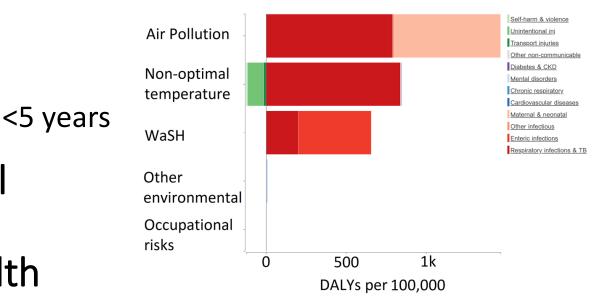
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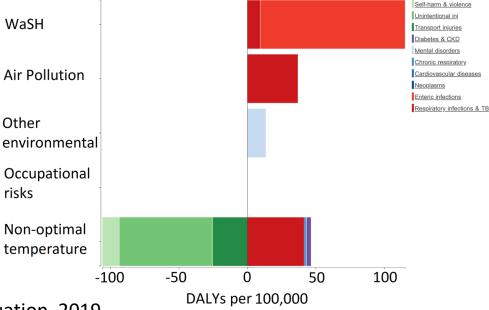
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Different susceptibility and different vulnerabilities to the adult population



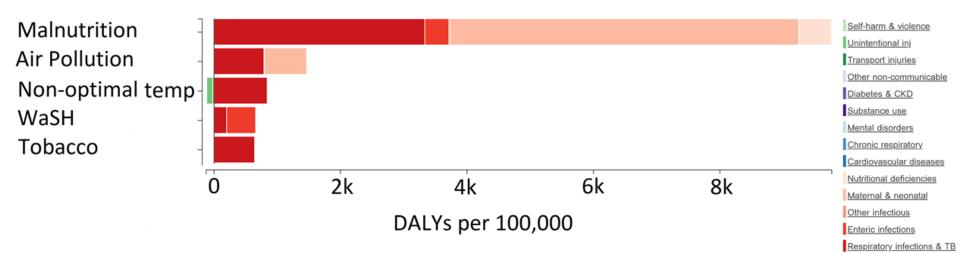


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# How does this relate to other impacts?

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Environment accounts for 3 out of the top 5 risk factors for ill health in children under 5

Source: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, 2019

## Thank you!