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As the world becomes more urban, both natural and man-made disasters are increasing in their frequency and catastrophic impact on humankind. This is particularly the case in large urban agglomerations in developing countries such as Ghana. The study builds on a previous research in a bid to derive a holistic view of the interconnections between environmental health risks and disaster risks in GAMA.

The current study adds both breadth and depth by integrating disaster risks into the analysis and locating it within a risk continuum from everyday risks to disaster risks. It also uses a GIS database to show the risk accumulation among communities.

The study also demonstrates the importance of tropical seasonality in environmental health monitoring and disaster reduction and recommends the implementation of the National Sanitation Policy to reduce everyday risks in deprived communities and capacity building of the National Disaster Management Organisation to be more effective.

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