

About CCOUC

The Collaborating Centre for Oxford University and CUHK for Disaster and Medical Humanitarian Response (CCOUC) is based in The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care (SPHPC) at CUHK's Faculty of Medicine. Since its inception in April 2011, CCOUC has recruited the very best faculty members and students, undertaken world-class international research, forged partnerships with other institutions internationally, developed the fruits of its research to benefit the wider global community, and engaged in local and international policy dialogue.

Faithful to its mission of conducting research, education and knowledge transfer in community disaster resilience and preparedness, and supported by a total of HK\$104.5 million in grants since its inception, CCOUC has published more than 150 papers in international academic journals, 14 books and 22 book chapters. It has also participated in international research and policy platforms like the World Health Organization (WHO) Global COVID-19 Research Roadmap Social Science working group; the WHO Thematic Platform for Health Emergency & Disaster Risk Management Research Network; the WHO Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network; Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR), a joint research programme of the International Science Council (ISC) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR); the Scientific Working Group of the WHO Centre for Health Development; the Asia Pacific Disaster Mental Health Network, the Asia-Pacific Science Technology and Academia Advisory Group of UNDRR; the World Meteorological Organization SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 Task Team; the Alliance of International Science Organizations on Disaster Risk Reduction (ANSO-DRR) International Steering Committee; the Third China Committee for IRDR; Sphere, an international initiative hosted by the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) in Geneva to promote minimum standards in humanitarian response; and the Disaster Group of Emergency Medicine Branch of the Chinese Medical Association. The Centre has also conducted research, training and knowledge transfer field trips for more than 700 teachers and students from CUHK and other local and overseas universities among 17 ethnic minority groups in 10 less developed peripheral provinces in China, as well as in other Asian countries like Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal and North Korea. Moreover, CCOUC has organised summer schools, as well as regional and graduate fellowships, to build the capacity of researchers and practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region to conduct research and engage in providing local and international medical humanitarian assistance.