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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS AN ETHICAL REQUIREMENT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Environmental ethics and sustainable development are inexorably bound together as the decline of environmental conditions affects the population health, resulting in increased morbidity and mortality rates. The objective of this paper is to analyze the different factors contributing to environmental protection, identifying the roles and responsibility of government, community and individuals. The methodology used is a literature review and critical analysis showing the environmental factors affecting community health, the socioeconomic conditions, quality of life and the responsibilities for protection of the environment. The different strategies for environmental protection

will be outlined in this presentation. The conclusion of the review study is that the main threats to the world health, to stability and even to mankind's existence itself comes from the synergetic interaction of the following three factors: poverty, population and environment. The study recommends the application of some strategies for better environmental protection such as policy, changing organization behavior, education protection, promoting community educator and strengthening individual knowledge and skills.

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