

Task Force on Displacement: Plan of Action 2019–2021

1. Introduction

This internal note was prepared for and is submitted following the virtual meeting of the Task Force on Displacement from 7-9 September 2020 and is being submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat. It follows a similar note submitted by the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) Secretariat to the Task Force on Displacement in March 2020 in preparation for the eleventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts from 10-12 March 2020. The note provides a brief summary of status of work regarding PDD activities in the TFD Plan of Action 2019-2021.

2. Progress and update on PDD-led activities under TFD Plan of Action 2019-2021

Expected results	Activity	Lead/co-leads
Enhanced understanding of and knowledge on approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in relation to disaster displacement	5. Prepare a technical briefing on approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in relation to disaster displacement	PDD

Update September 2020: This activity is included in the PDD Workplan 2019-2022 under Chapter I.4.C: Prepare a technical briefing paper on loss and damage approaches to disaster displacement and present/submit to WIM for consideration and inclusion in its report to the COP(s). Funding has been allocated and the plan is to finalize the paper in 2021 for submission and consideration by the WIM at COP26.

Expected results	Activity	Lead/co-leads
Consideration of displacement related to the adverse effects of climate change included in the work of the high-level panel on internal displacement	18. Support the inclusion of the challenges of displacement related to the adverse effects of climate change in the work of the high-level panel on internal displacement	PDD/Others

Update September 2020: The High-Level Panel (HLP) on Internal Displacement was established by the UN Secretary-General in October 2019 to develop recommendations for Governments, the UN system, and other stakeholders to better prevent, respond to and drive solutions to internal displacement. The PDD responded to the Panel's call for written contributions in February 2020, and submitted through the Envoy of the Chair: 'Internal

*displacement in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change*¹. The recommendations of the TFD and the WIM for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change are included in the submission (page 35). In general, the submission sets out the key challenges related to internal disaster displacement. It then addresses what can and should be done to prevent, address and find solutions to displacement, and concludes with a series of suggestions for consideration by the HLP as to how to achieve those objectives, building on existing practice. It ends with a set of recommendations, many of them drawing on the work of the TFD.

As the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement moves towards consultation with key stakeholders, PDD together with the HLP Secretariat, the GP20 Initiative on internal displacement and the Asia-Pacific Disaster Displacement Working Group in Bangkok, Thailand (convened by UNDRR and IOM) is planning to organize a regional and thematic meeting on ‘Managing Risk and Addressing Disaster Displacement: Challenges, Effective Practices and Solutions in the Asia Pacific and Beyond - Regional and Thematic Consultation on Disaster Displacement for the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement’ in Bangkok, Thailand. The overall objective of the consultation is to support the mandate of the HLP and to propose concrete and practical recommendations to Member States, the United Nations system, and other relevant stakeholders on how to better avert, minimize and address displacement in the context of disasters, including the adverse effects of climate change. The consultation will count on the generous funding from the Government of Switzerland and the Government of Sweden, but exact date of the consultation in 2021 is now uncertain due to risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Two sub-regional consultation (virtual) in the Pacific and in South and Southeast Asia are now planned for in November 2020.

Expected results	Activity	Lead/co-leads
Enhanced stakeholder engagement	22. Continue engaging with relevant stakeholders	TFD IOM/PDD (contingent on funding)/relevant partners.

Update September 2020: PDD and IOM continue to plan for a stakeholder meeting to be organized with the Task Force on Displacement, similar to the meeting on ‘Recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change’ held in Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland, from 14 to 15 May 2018. Funding has not yet been ensured, however.

3. Progress of PDD-co-led activities under TFD Plan of Action 2019-2021

Activity 2: (with Advisory Group Civil Society Organisations (IDMC)) Prepare TFD factsheets providing an annual overview of global disaster displacement: gender-disaggregated data, analysis by region, livelihood and income group, and hazard context.

Update September 2020: Please refer to updates from co-leads on this activity.

¹ <https://disasterdisplacement.org/staff-member/internal-displacement-in-the-context-of-disasters-and-the-adverse-effects-of-climate-change>

Activity 12: (with ILO, IOM) Provide capacity-building opportunities using relevant training materials on migration, environment and climate change.

Update September 2020: Please also refer to updates from co-leads on this activity. The Pacific Response to Disaster Displacement (PRDD) project funded by the European Commission (DG DEVCO) started on 1 September 2019 and implementation of activities has started. Capacity-building is being planned for in the PRRD Project, but the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented national consultations and training so far in 2020. PDD and partners have supported online training, for example in the Eastern Caribbean, in June 2020.

Activity 13: (with Advisory Group Civil Society Organisations (IDMC), IOM) Assist Parties in assessing the risk of displacement, including through technical support and sharing tools and practices

Update September 2020: Please also refer to updates from co-leads on this activity. Assisting Parties in assessing the risk of displacement is already included and planned for in the 2020-2022 PRDD Project, with activities primarily being implemented by IDMC.

Activity 14: (with IOM, Norwegian Refugee Council) Support Parties in integrating displacement risk into DRR strategies and combining action on DRR and climate change

Update September 2020: Please also refer to updates from co-leads on this activity. The Words into Action Guidelines on Disaster Displacement is being rolled out at the regional and national level in 2020 with the generous support from the Government of Germany and lead/coordinated by NRC. For example, the PRDD Project includes specific support on integration of human mobility challenges into DRR and climate change adaptation planning in five Pacific Island Countries and in-country consultations for such activities have already started. The WIA Guidelines has also been presented and rolled out in Nepal, South Africa and in the Andean region of Latin America. In the context of and as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, e-learning modules of the Guidelines will be developed for the Central American and Caribbean region in coordination with regional disaster risk management agencies and rolled out in the latter part of 2020.

Activity 15: (with IFRC, UNHCR) Support Parties in strengthening their understanding of preparedness for displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change, including early warning systems, contingency planning, evacuation planning and resilience-building strategies and plans, and support them in developing innovative approaches to preparedness, for example forecast-based financing

Update September 2020: Please also refer to updates from co-leads on this activity. Two simulation exercises on disaster displacement have been planned for in 2020/22 (Colombia-Ecuador and Mexico-Guatemala).

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