

UNFCCC Task Force on Displacement  
 Progress updates on activities in the Plan of Action 2019 – 2021  
 led and supported by IDMC, September 2020

*This note summarises progress made to date by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) on the implementation of the TFD’s Plan of Action 2019 – 2021 and was prepared to inform the twelfth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts to be held in October 2020.*

Activity 2.	Expected result(s)	Lead/co-leads
Prepare TFD factsheets providing an annual overview of global disaster displacement	Enhanced understanding of the scale of displacement in the context of climate change	IDMC/PDD

**Status update:** The global disaster displacement data for 2019 has been produced and validated: 1,900 disasters triggered 24.9 million new displacements across 140 countries and territories in 2019. This is the highest figure recorded since 2012 and three times the number of displacements caused by conflict and violence. The IDMC data set provides the basis for the development of the factsheets.

**Next steps:** *The format of the factsheets and a suitable publication date is to be determined by the co-leads in agreement with the UNFCCC secretariat and TFD members, for publication in 2020/2021.*

Activity 4.	Expected result(s)	Lead/co-leads
Prepare a user-friendly knowledge product on displacement related to climate change in the context of slow onset events	Enhanced evidence base for policy options for averting, minimizing and addressing displacement in the context of slow onset disaster and climate change	IDMC

**Status update:** Four country studies on displacement in the context of droughts and climate change impacts have been conducted, in Ethiopia, Iraq, Niger and Somalia, as well as a literature review completed and consultation process started to assess the scale and dynamics of displacement in the context of sea level rise and increased urban disaster risk in the Pacific. The results of the 4-countries research have been published in dedicated reports and an overview of the key findings are presented in a [user-friendly story map format](#).

Work has started on the development of a typology of contexts (based on socioeconomic, governance and hazard characteristics) for climate-related displacement, which will provide a user-friendly framework for the transfer of lessons from one context to the next.

**Next steps:** *The draft typology will be shared for consultation with relevant experts and UN member states; a presentation to ExCom and TFD members is possible if of interest, either as part of the consultation process or when the framework has been finalised.*

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Activity 9.	Expected result(s)	Lead/co-leads
Facilitate the assessment of economic impacts of displacement in the context of climate change at the national level	Enhanced understanding of the scale of the cost/economic impact of displacement in the context of climate change	IDMC/YOUNGO

**Status update:** The first comprehensive method to estimate the cost associated with internal displacement at the regional and global level, developed in 2018, has produced a series of case studies on the impact of disaster displacement, made available here: <https://www.internal-displacement.org/publications/the-ripple-effect-economic-impacts-of-internal-displacement>. A new survey tool to collect empirical data on the economic impact of displacement has produced [national level estimates in 8 countries](#) and resulted in the first global assessment of the cost of internal displacement.

Five new country studies are in planning for implementation in 2021, in partnership with the Asian Development Bank and Ipsos, to produce national estimates and assess the economic impacts of disaster displacement in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Next steps:** *New estimates are being developed for disaster displacement contexts and a method developed to assess impacts on specific sectors, e.g. health. A report on disaster displacement, risk and impacts in the Asia Pacific region is going to be published in mid-2021 – key findings can be shared with TFD and ExCom members on demand.*

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Activity 13.	Expected result(s)	Lead/co-leads
Assist parties in assessing the risk of displacement, including through technical support and sharing tools and practices	Enhanced capacity for data collection, risk assessment and analysis in relation to displacement	IDMC/IOM/PDD

**Status update:** In partnership with ETH Zurich, regional experts and 4 countries in the Pacific region, the development of a regional disaster displacement risk model is under way. There have been some delays in the workplan of this initiative, due to travel restrictions and the need to develop a new way of consulting remotely, but assisting parties in risk assessment through technical support and sharing of tools and practices is an integral part of the workplan of the PRDD project for 2020-22. Refer also to co-leads' updates on this.

**Next steps:** IDMC is currently developing country-specific risk profiles as a basis for engagement with countries in the Pacific; these risk profiles can become a template for developing user-friendly information on the risk of displacement at national and regional levels, potentially for use by ExCom and TFD members.

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Activity 18.	Expected result(s)	Lead/co-leads
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	Consideration of displacement related to the adverse effects of climate change included in the work of the high-level panel	PDD/ IDMC

**Status update:** Refer also to updates from PDD as co-lead. Contributions to the High-level Panel are made through the membership of IDMC’s director on the Expert Advisory Group and her role as co-lead on two of the Panel’s workstreams (political will and displacement data), as well as through written submissions to the secretariat. IDMC has also commented on and supported the submission of the PDD to the secretariat in early 2020.

**Next steps:** the 2021 Global Report on Internal Displacement will focus on internal displacement, disasters and climate change, and will **reinforce the recommendations of the TFD on averting, minimising and addressing displacement in the context of disasters, including the adverse effects of climate change.** A presentation on the outline and/or key findings can be organised for TFD and ExCom members if of interest, during the production of the report or after its release in May 2021.

IDMC and its partners will convene a series of discussions from November 2020 to February 2021 on disaster displacement data, displacement risk assessments, and good practices to averting, minimising and addressing disaster and climate-related displacement, with the aim of developing joint recommendations that **will inform** the 2021 GRID as well as the work of **the High-level Panel on Internal Displacement.**