

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

Activity 5: Prepare a technical briefing on approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in relation to disaster displacement

Update March 2020: This activity is included in the PDD Workplan 2019 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 WIM and at COP 27.

Activity 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

Update March 2020: 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’ is being planned for in Bangkok first week of June 2020 (originally scheduled for 20-21 April 2020 but the meeting had to be pushed back due to risks associated with COVID-19). The Consultation will be organized jointly by the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement Secretariat, the GP20 Initiative on internal displacement, the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), and the Asia-Pacific Disaster Displacement Working Group in Bangkok, Thailand (convened by UNDRRR and IOM), with generous funding from the Swiss Federal Government and the Government of Sweden. A Background Paper on Disaster Displacement, including with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region will also be prepared and drafted the Consultation. It will aim to present ‘a state of the’ art regarding disaster displacement, an overview of existing policy and normative frameworks, sample of effective practices and a non-exhaustive list of the most important: 1) knowledge and data gaps; 2) legal and policy gaps; 2) institutional and operational gaps; and 3) funding and financial mechanisms gaps.

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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 March 2020: Please also refer to updates from co-leads on this activity.

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

Update March 2020: Please also refer to updates from co-leads on this activity. Capacity-building is being planned for in the Pacific in 2020-2022 with partners under the DG DEVCO Funded Project on ‘Understanding and enhancing preparedness and response to risks of disaster displacement in the Pacific’ (hereinafter Pacific Project).

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 March 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 2020-2022 under the Pacific Project.

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 March 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. The Pacific Project includes specific support on integration of human mobility challenges into DRR and climate change adaptation planning in 5 Pacific Island Countries and in-country consultations for such activities have already started.

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 March 2020: Please also refer to updates from co-leads on this activity. 2 simulation exercises on disaster displacement planned for in 2020/22 (Colombia-Ecuador and Mexico-Guatemala).

Activity 22: (with IOM, relevant partners) Continue engaging with relevant stakeholders - Stakeholder meeting

Update March 2020: Please also refer to updates from co-leads on this activity. Subject to funding, the plan is to have a TFD stakeholder meeting in Geneva in 2021.