

## **Press conference by Bread for the World and ACT Alliance**

**Titel:** Climate induced migration in the Pacific

**When:** Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30-12.30

**Venue:** Talanoa Space, Bonn Zone

**Chair:** Sabine Minninger, Policy Advisor on Climate Change, Bread for the World

### **Inputs by:**

- Frances Namoumou, Stewardship Programme, Pacific Conference of Churches
- Reverend Tafue Lusama, General Secretary, Church of Tuvalu
- Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel, President, Bread for the World
- Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, General Secretary, ACT Alliance

**About the press conference:** Climate induced migration is already a burning issue for many islanders in the Pacific. Partner of Bread for the World from Tuvalu and Fiji report as climate witnesses on the disastrous impacts of climate change on their respective countries and experiences with relocation processes or on their expectations on legal aspects on relocation.

Bread for the World and ACT Alliance advocate for the most vulnerable people impacted by climate change for their legal rights and the protection to migrate and as for their financial support to deal with climate-induced loss and damage. In order to guarantee a future in dignity, in addition it is important also to address the non-economic loss and damages within the UNFCCC. Bread for the World and ACT Alliance will use the press conference to launch a study they have published with the Lutheran World Federation and the World Conference on Churches on "Non-Economic Loss And Damage With Case Examples from Tanzania, Ethiopia, El Salvador and Bangladesh". The study will give guidance how to address non-economic loss and damage within the UNFCCC from a faith-based perspective.

**About the study:** With case examples from Tanzania, Ethiopia, El Salvador and Bangladesh. This discussion paper demonstrates that climate-induced non-economic loss and damage (NELD) includes forms of damage that cannot be measured or compensated financially. It includes loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services, land, territories, artefacts, life, health, knowledge, social cohesion, identity, and sovereignty, and it ultimately causes migration and displacement. NELD is a relatively new concept and very little academic research has been conducted on it until now. This paper describes the lessons learned regarding the community based method that enabled NELD to be identified, evaluated and registered for the presented case reports. The paper concludes with eight policy recommendations directed at WIM and stakeholders at the national level, which built on the main findings and are aimed at better understanding, addressing and minimizing NELD.

Please find the link to the study:

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