

Reporting Template:

Task force on Displacement - Plan of Action for 2019–2021

Activity 6: Compile selected good practice case studies and lessons learned from relevant projects/programmes that have integrated climate-related mobility for the purpose of improving the design of project proposals and access to funding

Lead/Co-Lead: IFRC/ILO/IOM/UNHCR

Description of progress:

The final draft of a new IFRC compilation of case studies entitled "Disasters and Displacement in a Changing Climate: Asia Pacific National Societies in Action" has been completed. The case studies are scheduled for publication and dissemination in mid-September. The compilation focuses on the activities of National Societies to address climate and disaster related displacement across the Asia Pacific, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, Vanuatu, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines and Indonesia.

The collection highlights good practices, lessons learned and proposes specific recommendations. The collection includes activities and projects related to disaster risk reduction, humanitarian response, development, recovery and the attainment of durable solutions, as well as legal and policy initiatives.

Activity 7: Raise awareness on integrating displacement in the context of climate change into national laws, policies and strategies, including on disaster response, building on mappings and lessons learned.

Lead/Co-lead: IFRC/ILO/IOM/UNHCR

<u>Description of progress:</u> A new IFRC Fact Sheet entitled "<u>Climate and Disaster Displacement:</u> <u>The Importance of Disaster Law and Policy</u>" has been published. The Fact Sheet provides an overview and recommendations on the importance of Disaster Law and Policy for addressing

displacement in the context of disasters and climate change. the fact sheet is based on the new IFRC Disaster Law Checklist on Law and Disaster Preparedness and Response and accompanying Synthesis Report.

Activity 15: 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.

Lead/Co-Lead: IFRC/PDD/UNHCR

<u>Description of Progress:</u>

The final draft of a new IFRC and Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre Issue Brief entitled "Forecast-Based Financing and Displacement: Acting Early to Reduce Humanitarian Impacts" has been completed. The Issue Brief is scheduled for publication and dissemination in mid-September. The Issue Brief addresses opportunities and challenges associated with utilizing forecast-based financing (FbF) to support anticipatory humanitarian action in the context of disaster and climate displacement. It includes recommendations to governments, UN agencies, NGOs, the IFRC and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, civil society and donors, as well as community-based stakeholders, on how FbF can reduce risks and address the humanitarian impacts of disaster displacement.

Note on COVID-19

As most of the IFRC TFD activities have been policy and desk-based work they have continued as planned, and on schedule.

However, there have been some limitations in the methodology, for example, the primary authors of the regional collection of case studies were not able to include travel to the respective countries to have in-person field visits and workshops.

The broader challenges of COVID-19 on humanitarian response are addressed in both the FbF Issue Brief (eg adapting evacuation centres to be COVID safe in Bangladesh) and the collection of Asia Pacific cases studies (eg humanitarian response in the time of COVID in Vanuatu and Fiji).

Other Initiatives:

Global

- The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has endorsed the "Ambitions to Address the Climate Crisis" document, with "Addressing Climate Displacement" one of four global pillars.
- The UN High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement in collaboration with IFRC and ICRC organized a virtual discussion on the prevention of internal displacement due to armed conflict/violence and disasters, on 6 July 2020. A full recording of the Panel Discussion is available here. The background paper is available here. An outcome report will be shared soon.
- Work is continuing on developing a global training toolkit on displacement and climate. This is a join initiative of the IFRC and the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre.
- The 2020 World Disasters Report will be launched in mid-September, with a number of aspects focused on climate and disaster displacement.
- In September, the <u>Climate: Red Summit</u> will include a focus on human mobility, with (6) dedicated sessions on migration and displacement. More than 6,000 people have registered, from 180 countries.

<u>Regional</u>

- Work is continuing on developing guidance for Asia Pacific National Societies on supporting planned relocation in the context of disasters and climate change.
- The IFRC plans to launch new research on climate related mobility in the Sahel region. The research aims to support a more nuanced understanding of the climatemigration-resilience nexus, in order to strengthening programming. The research focuses on Burkina Faso and Niger but also considers broader regional policies and trends.
- IFRC continues to engage in the Asia Pacific Disaster Displacement Working Group. Recent discussions have included whether to formally becoming a working group under the new IBC on Resilience.
- IFRC continues to engage in the Pacific Resilience Partnership Technical Working Group on Human Mobility (migration, displacement and relocation) in the context of increasing climate and disaster risk.