

# **Technical Guide on Averting, Minimizing and Addressing Non-Economic Losses in the Context of Human Mobility**

## **Outline Presentation Page (cover page for presenting an outline for ExCom's endorsement), March 2024**

Title of the technical guide or knowledge product: **Technical guide on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility**

Workstream/expert group: **Non-Economic Loss and Damage Expert Group (NELs-EG) and Task Force on Displacement (TFD)**

Plan of Action Activity (please include the full text of the activity): **4. Developing a technical guide, jointly with the expert group on non-economic losses, on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility (including impacts on indigenous or local knowledge, societal identity and cultural heritage)**

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Target audience: **TBD**

- **Intended Audience + Scope/Limitations of Technical Guide:**
  - Audience can be based off WIM guidance, but we might argue for a 'primary' audience (national governments) while acknowledging various audiences that have an interest/influence – particularly local communities who are experiencing and responding to losses and damages on the ground.
  - Limitations - in order to keep the guide concise, we are unable to address all of the (potential/actual) relationships between human mobility and NELs, and all potential audiences exhaustively. We have thus selected examples of some of the most important/pressing relationships that will be explored in the guidelines. A further limitation to this guide which should be acknowledged is the lack of measurability and visibility of NELs.

Timeline for producing a final document for the endorsement by the ExCom: **September 2024**

Is stakeholder consultation planned for preparing this product? If yes, in which format?: **Yes, TBC by Co-chairs**

How does the product take into account perspectives of gender, youth, indigenous peoples, local communities, and persons with disabilities?: **TBD**

Any other relevant information, e.g.:

- Are there plans to connect this product to a capacity-building activity?: **TBD**
- Are there plans to launch or advertise the product? Do you have recommendations for how ExCom could help launch and advertise the product?: **TBD**
- ...

Specific guidance that might be needed from the ExCom to advance the work:

- What is the process to bring in external experts to contribute?
- How will the stakeholder consultation process be organized?
- What resources are available (e.g. for drafting)?

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**Draft Outline, March 2024**

## **Objective/s of the Technical Guide:**

- Provide Parties and other relevant stakeholders including those at the local level with a practical and user-friendly tool to avert, minimize and address non-economic losses in the context of human mobility - including impacts on indigenous or local knowledge, societal identity, and cultural heritage.
- Supplement, and leverage synergies with the other technical guides under the third rolling plan of action of the Task Force on Displacement for 2022–2024 on integrating complex linkages between human mobility and the adverse effects of climate change into relevant national climate change planning processes, and accessing finance for averting, minimizing, and addressing the impacts of displacement.
- Support wider efforts to form a holistic overview of the integration of human mobility-related provisions across policy processes in the disaster risk and climate policy spaces, including on finance to avert minimize and address loss and damage in the context of human mobility.

## **1. (Executive) Summary**

## **2. Framing the issue of non-economic losses and with human mobility (incl. definitions)**

- Framing human mobility (displacement, migration, planned relocation) as a mechanism for L&D (but also acknowledge it as a mechanism for adaptation), rather than only as loss and damage itself
- Adopting a human-rights based approach to human mobility in the context of loss and damage and the framing of NELs with human mobility.
- Human mobility as a consequence/outcome of NELs
  - Examples of NELs leading to human mobility associated with sudden and slow-onset events and processes.
- Displacement, migration, immobility and planned relocation and the resulting NELs
  - Examples of NELs associated with human mobility
  - Examples of how NELs also affect those immobile (e.g. community separation)
- Non-economic losses are linked to economic losses and for some cultures and communities there is no difference
  - Show examples:
    - Also related to labour migration and environmental migration being arbitrarily separated, particularly in natural resource-based economies (e.g. Afifi 2011)

- Perhaps a 'traditional livelihoods' example, e.g. fishing in Senegal or the mask example (SLYCAN Trust)

### **3. Approach to AMA non-economic losses associated with human mobility**

- Examples or case studies of how local authorities, policy makers, communities or other stakeholders are affected and have responded
  - Health, Ecosystems, Cultural heritage, Loss of life
- Several perspectives important for the Technical Guide
  - What is important for Governments?
    - How to identify NELs related to human mobility?
    - What data is needed to monitor, evaluate and address NELs related to human mobility?
    - What mechanisms exist to address NELs for displaced and migrant populations?
    - What legal and normative instruments and frameworks exist to address NELs and related protection considerations for displaced and migrant populations?
    - What should governments be doing to avert and minimize NELs for displaced populations, including cross-border displacement?
    - What should governments be doing jointly to address the needs of migrant populations in relation to NELs?
  - What is important for displaced populations, those who have migrated, and the affected communities in responding or adapting?
    - What support exists for displaced persons to remedy NELs and how can they access it?
    - What support exists for local communities who may be at risk of NELs associated with human mobility?
    - What support exists for receiving local communities and authorities or origin communities?

### **4. Conclusions and recommendations**

- *Resources available for supporting such approaches;*
- *Monitoring systems for assessing the effectiveness of these approaches.*

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