

TEASER 5

Technical guide on accessing finance for averting, minimizing, and addressing the impacts of displacement associated with climate change impacts



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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE IS WORKING ON DISPLACEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

Human mobility can be viewed as a continuum from completely voluntary movement to completely forced migration, with displacement being the clearest case of loss and damage across that continuum, though not necessarily the only case. Displacement represents one of the most relevant facets of human mobility in the context of loss and damage work under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage. COP 21 established the Task Force on Displacement and entrusted the Executive Committee for its operationalization. Since then, the Task Force has advised the Committee on work to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.

Mapping of institutional frameworks and mandates within the United Nations system to avert, minimize and address displacement, undertaken under the first Plan of Action of the Task Force on Displacement, reported that disaster displacement, including that related to climate change, is addressed system-wide through a spectrum of activities, such as disaster risk reduction, infrastructure development, livelihoods to build resilience, emergency assistance, addressing cultural loss, migration management, planned relocation assistance, and assistance to access climate finance. The mapping also identified, among others, a lack of specific tools and guidance aimed at improving the accessibility of funds for projects to avert, minimize and address displacement. Against this backdrop, the Executive Committee is working together with the Task Force to foster a shared understanding of relevant approaches to climate-related displacement and support Parties with practical, user-friendly tools for implementing those approaches in developing country contexts.

Under the [Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage](#), knowledge, expertise and support are mobilized from a broad range of expert organizations and networks through the five thematic expert groups to advance work on slow onset events, non-economic losses, comprehensive risk management, displacement, and action and support. The [Executive Committee](#), which comprises 20 representatives from Parties, guides the implementation of the Mechanism. The thematic expert groups co-create knowledge products and undertake activities jointly with the Executive Committee of the Mechanism to promote integrated and coherent approaches to loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.

WHAT IS THIS KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT, AND HOW WILL IT BE USED?

What is it?

Technical Guide on Accessing Financial Resources Aiming to Avert, Minimize, and Address the Impacts of Displacement Associated with the Adverse Effects of Climate Change.

Mandate:

Plan of action of the [Task Force](#) on Displacement, five-year rolling [workplan](#) of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (Activities 8, 10, 11, 13, 17, 24, 30).

This technical guide will be developed according to the guidance in paragraph 26 of decision 2/CMA.2 on technical guides for loss and damage. The technical guide will identify available options to access climate change finance for action and support on loss and damage, focusing on disaster displacement and other forms of human mobility, noting key capacities required to access different relevant funding streams. In doing so, the guide will spotlight successful examples of programmes and activities, focusing on displacement and human mobility that fit within the boundaries of the identified funding mechanisms and how their effectiveness is assessed, while also identifying specific obstacles that different actors face when accessing finance through relevant mechanisms.

This product will serve as a user-friendly technical document to Parties and other relevant stakeholders who may not be specialized in climate finance and are seeking guidance to work on displacement, migration and planned relocation through loss and damage funding opportunities. It will take into account perspectives of gender, youth, indigenous peoples, local communities, and persons with disabilities by examining sources of finance on their availabilities in the most vulnerable areas, including contexts in which climate impacts intersect with fragility and conflict, and among the hardest-to-reach for existing climate finance instruments.

This guide will supplement and leverage the other two technical guides to be rolled out in 2024 under the plan of action of the Task Force on Displacement on integrating linkages between human mobility consideration into relevant national climate change planning processes, and on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility. This would, in turn, 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.

Executive Summary

Introduction

Background

Overview of funding options – providing an overview of the existing and potential funding options that are available to access climate change finance for action and support on loss and damage. It will specifically focus on disaster displacement and other forms of human mobility in the context of climate change and the funding options available through different streams and types of donors, comprehensively reflecting the “mosaic” of climate change financing options that are available globally and in different regions, and at all levels.

Scope of funding coverage for displacement and human mobility – identifying opportunities and challenges, boundaries, and limitations of different funding options in the context of the adverse effects of climate change-related work that relevant funding options can cover.

Capacities, technical requirements, and processes to access funding – a description of the capacities needed, technical requirements to meet, and processes to respect in order to access the different sources of funding options for different actors proposing programmes and activities. Experiences from accessing climate funds like the Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund, for example, can be used to assess what might be needed for those accessing climate funds for displacement purposes.

Funding examples and lessons learned – relevant concrete examples of how work on displacement and human mobility and loss and damage has been funded so far, including framing of relevant work, examples and analysis of the rationale of the relevant decisions, and any lessons learned.

Existing mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation – examination of existing mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of approaches and actions and how they apply to or account for displacement and mobility.

- The guide, in its draft stage and before submission to the Executive Committee, will be shared for comments and inputs with technical partners as well as country representatives through a widely accessible file-sharing platform.

Contact displacement@unfccc.int for more information on the work of the Task Force on Displacement.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- The development of this technical guide is led by the expert representative from the Secretariat of the Platform on Disaster Displacement – a member of the Task Force on Displacement, in consultation with technical partners from the Task Force and other expert groups involved in the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force.
- For more information on displacement, visit the UNFCCC website on the [Task Force on Displacement](#).
- For more information on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, visit the UNFCCC website on the [Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism](#).

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