

Technical Guide on Averting, Minimizing and Addressing Non-Economic Loss and Damage in the Context of Human Mobility

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Objectives

- Provide tools to Parties and other relevant stakeholders to avert, minimize and address non-economic losses in the context of human mobility.
- Content:
 - Framing the issue of NELs in the context of human mobility
 - Displacement, migration, planned relocation and the resulting NELs
 - Examples
 - Approach to AMA NELs associated with human mobility, including examples
 - What legal and normative instruments and frameworks exist?

Practical, user-friendly, clear guidance on what the guide helps to do, when to use it, and how to use it

What the guide helps to do

1. **Understand** NELs in the context of human mobility
2. **Assess** NELs in the context of human mobility
3. **Implement** measures to avert, minimize and address NELs in the context of human mobility

The Guide can support users to:

- Identify and articulate technical assistance needs related to NELs and human mobility;
- Develop evidence-based funding proposals including or focused on NELs and human mobility;
- Strengthen the justification for financial and technical support by structured documentation of non-economic dimensions of loss and damage;
- Develop policy and plans in the context of post-disaster/crisis recovery and rehabilitation.

Considerations in the preparation of the guide

- The guide accounts for different forms of human mobility, including displacement, migration and planned relocation. Immobility is also considered.
- NELs may extend beyond the people who move, and people and communities living in places of origin, transit, or in destination areas may experience NELs associated with the displacement, migration or planned relocation of others.
- The relationship between human mobility and NELs is multi-directional.
- NELs can have consequences that persist long after human mobility took place.



When to use the guide

Before, During or After Movement	Use the Guide to:
Before	- Identify and assess current and potential NELs among populations at risk of displacement, populations considering migration or considering planned relocation; - Inform planning, prevention and response measures to avert, minimize and address NELs, including: - o Preparedness for foreseeable displacement, including in rapid-onset crisis situations where life-saving evacuations are needed, or in slow-onset crises such as under drought conditions; - o Planning for planned relocation as a measure of last resort; - o Supporting safe, informed, and dignified migration as adaptation where appropriate; - o Ensuring inclusion of NELs arising from human mobility in relevant policies and plans related to climate action and disaster risk reduction.
During	- Identify NELs arising due to displacement, migration or relocation processes; - Minimize the risk of further NELs through protection, safeguarding or risk reduction measures; - Implement risk reduction measures, including, for example protecting family unity, cultural ties and social networks; - Promote participation, inclusion and social cohesion throughout mobility processes.
After	- Assess and address NELs identified as particularly significant by displaced people, migrants, relocated communities and host communities; - Ensure NELs are considered in durable solutions and in processes to advance inclusion and integration; - Support psychosocial wellbeing, cultural continuity, knowledge transmission and social cohesion.

Chapter 2. Understanding NELs in the context of human mobility

Categories of NELs:

- Loss of cultural heritage, identity and sense of place
- Loss of Indigenous Knowledge and local knowledge
- Loss of nationality
- Loss of political participation, governance and access to justice
- Loss of social cohesion, family ties and stability
- Loss of health and psychosocial wellbeing
- Loss of physical and personal safety, protection, dignity and equal treatment



Averting, minimizing and addressing NELs

Averting NELs: measures to avoid or prevent the conditions that may lead to human mobility-related NELs.

Including actions that reduce vulnerability, strengthen resilience, and support people to remain safely in place.

Minimizing NELs: measures to reduce the scale, severity or duration of NELs when human mobility is likely or unavoidable.

Including actions related to preparedness planning, protection of cultural and community assets, or responses to reduce the chance of specific NELs (stress, loss of cultural continuity) arising during mobility processes.

Addressing NELs: measures to respond to losses that have already occurred and can no longer be avoided.

Including actions that support displaced people, migrants, relocated populations, host communities and others affected by NELs, such as through psychosocial support, restoration of social networks, facilitating meaningful participation in political processes.

Chapter 3. Assessing NELs

Step 1 : Defining the assessment context: Identifying the relevant human mobility setting and establishing the scope of the assessment

Step 2: Identify current and anticipated NELs. Identifying what has been lost or is at risk of being lost, who is affected, and the nature and significance of the identified NELs.

Step 3: Identify response needs. Determine the broad response needs arising from the assessment and whether responses should seek to avert, minimize or address NELs.



Chapter 4. Responding to NELs

- Identifying appropriate response objectives, approaches and instruments;
- Identifying the resources and financing required for implementation;
- Integrating responses into relevant policy, planning and implementation processes; and
- Assessing, selecting and co-designing responses with affected communities and relevant stakeholders.

