

Task Force on Displacement Workplan Activities (2020-2021)

Brief summary of status of work for UNHCR-led/co-led activities, 07 September 2020

This update is submitted for the virtual 4th TFD meeting to be held on 7-9 September 2020. It follows the report submitted by UNHCR on 15 April 2020 following postponement of the 4th TFD meeting originally planned for March 2020 due to COVID-19 measures.

Activity 3: Prepare a user-friendly knowledge product on nexus situations (climate change/disaster and conflict/violence)

Expected Result: Enhanced understanding of the relationship between the impacts of climate change and conflicts on displacement.

Output	Status update
3.1 Overview of displacement situations where climate change or disasters interact with elements of possible relevance to international protection frameworks. Builds on the 2018 UNHCR-commissioned study 'In Harm's Way: International protection in the context of nexus dynamics between conflict or violence and disaster or climate change.	Desk review ongoing.
3.2 Joint UNHCR/IOM study of how States facing displacement by both conflict and disasters have addressed related displacement in laws, policies and national strategies. Includes five case studies from Afghanistan, Colombia, Niger, Philippines and Somalia.	Phase I desk study complete. Phase II key informant interviews ongoing with some delays. Final draft expected by end 2020.

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

Expected Result: Enhanced support for formulating laws, policies and strategies that reflect efforts to avert, minimize and address displacement

Output	Status update
7.1 UNHCR and PDD to organize <i>a meeting with the UN Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC) to disseminate findings from the 2018 UNHCR/PDD study on 'Cross-border displacement, climate change and disasters: Latin America and the Caribbean.'</i>	Pending. Date to be determined.
7.2 UNHCR with IOM and PDD supported drafting of a <i>Plan of Action to Address Human Mobility in Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change</i> under the Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC). The draft Plan of Action was presented and discussed at a CMC meeting on 06 December 2019, opened for the further submission of State comments, and is pending endorsement in 2020.	PoA drafted, pending endorsement by CARICOM Member States in 2020.
7.3 UNHCR is contributing to the multi-stakeholder <i>GP20 initiative</i> on internal displacement (2018-2020). <i>Practices</i> from different countries have been compiled on preventing, addressing and resolving internal displacement, including in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change. They highlight forecast-based financing, community preparedness, shelter response and policy development, with a focus on the participation of internally displaced communities and communities at risk of displacement.	Public report to be launched through a public online event in November 2020 (date tbc)
7.4 UNHCR is contributing to an IOM-led, multi-stakeholder initiative to develop a <i>DRR/CCA integrated capacity assessment tool on human</i>	Draft tool being tested in consultation with

<p><i>mobility</i> to support in-depth, participatory assessments of national capacities and the integration of human mobility issues in national adaptation, risk reduction and development planning and programming. It contributes to the revision of the CADRI Partnership's Capacity Assessment and Planning Tool for disaster risk management and climate change adaptation and interagency technical support to countries.</p>	<p>Reference Group for launch by end 2020.</p>
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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

Expected Result:

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<p>15.1 <i>Predictive Analytics Initiative for the Sahel Region</i> to strengthen the UN capacity for integrated analysis of trends and anticipation of future events. Focus on “triple nexus” issues (humanitarian, development, peace and security). UNHCR was asked to initiate this cross-pillar, inter-agency project in November 2019 by the UN High Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) under the UN’s Chief Executive Board (CEB).</p>	<p>Project development in progress. Over 20 UN entities have confirmed their engagement.</p>
<p>15.2 Joint UNHCR/IOM project 2020-2022, funded by France as PDD Chair: <i>“Implementing global policies to address the challenges of environmental migration, climate change and disaster displacement in West Africa and the Sahel.”</i> Aims to contribute to political and technical cooperation for prevention and response that strengthens the resilience and protection of people displaced through enhanced understanding of migration and displacement dynamics and the implementation of global policy priorities.</p>	<p>Concept note developed. Project development in progress.</p>

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