Climate and Disaster Risk: The invisible crisis of forced migration

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Environmental migration

• Forced or voluntary?

• Permanent or temporary?

• Internal or international?

Problems or Solutions?
Disasters and displacement

Natural hazards + Exposure to Risks + Vulnerability = Risks of disaster and displacement
“The vulnerability of communities in small islands, especially those relying on coral reef systems for livelihoods, may exceed adaptation limits well before 2100 even for a low greenhouse gas emission pathway (high confidence). The impacts of climate change on vulnerable low-lying and coastal areas, present serious threats to the ability of land to support human life and livelihood’s (high confidence). Climate-related migration is expected to increase, although the drivers and outcomes are highly context specific and insufficient evidence exists to estimate numbers of climate-related migrants now and in the future (medium evidence, high agreement)”
Migration

Displacement

Planned relocation

Immobility

Human mobility in contexts of disasters, environmental degradation and climate change
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- **IOM Strategy for the Caribbean (2023-2026)**
  -> Pillar 1 on Resilience – Priority 1: Resilience to climate change and disaster-related human mobility
- **Innovative approaches**
  -> Strengthening a whole-of-society approach
  -> Leveraging the potential of human mobility through diaspora engagement
  -> Fostering reintegration and climate change resilience of vulnerable communities
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-> Leveraging the human security approach to address disaster displacement and environmental migration in the OECS

  • Best practices on protection of people in disaster context
  • Protocols on Cross-Border Evacuation