



PLATFORM
ON DISASTER
DISPLACEMENT

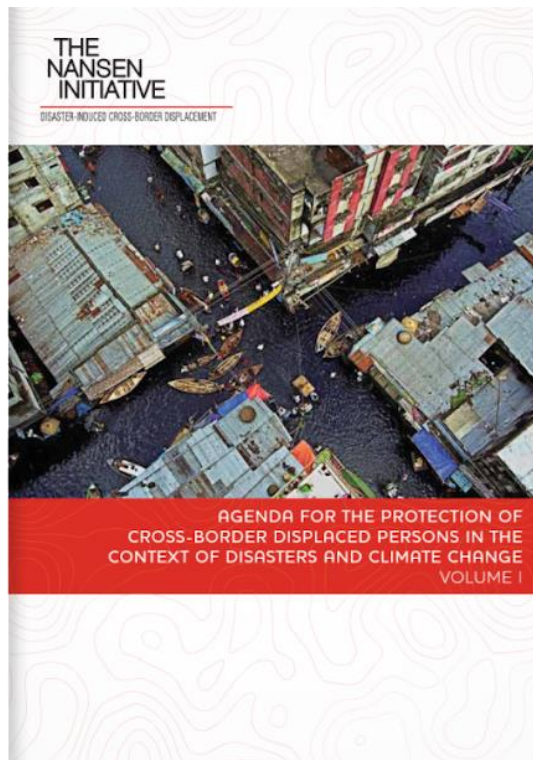
FOLLOW-UP TO THE NANSEN INITIATIVE

Leaving Place, Restoring Home: Enhancing the Evidence Base on Planned Relocation Cases in the Context of Hazards, Disasters, and Climate Change

12 September 2023,
UNU Climate Academy



Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda



- Nansen Initiative Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the context of Disasters and Climate Change
- Focus on cross-border disaster-displacement
- Toolbox approach
- Endorsed by over 100 governments in 2015



Platform on Disaster Displacement


- ❑ State-led, multistakeholder mechanism
- ❑ Follow-up to the Nansen Initiative
- ❑ climate change, disaster risk reduction, human mobility, humanitarian action, development, human rights → policy coherence!

Members of the Platform on Disaster Displacement:

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|------------------------------|---|-------------|
|  | Argentina |  | Fiji |  | Morocco |
|  | Australia |  | France |  | Norway |
|  | Bangladesh |  | Germany |  | Philippines |
|  | Brazil |  | Kenya (Vice-Chair) |  | Senegal |
|  | Canada |  | Madagascar |  | Switzerland |
|  | Costa Rica |  | Maldives | | |
|  | EU (Chair) |  | Mexico | | |





Planned Relocation in Global Tools/ Processes

BROOKINGS  **UNHCR**
The UN Refugee Agency

7 October 2015

Guidance on Protecting
People from Disasters
and Environmental Change
through Planned Relocation



 SFS | GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Watson School of Foreign Service
Institute for the Study of International Migration

A TOOLBOX:
Planning Relocations
to Protect People from Disasters
and Environmental Change




SENDAI FRAMEWORK
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2015-2030



United Nations
Climate Change



Global Compact
FOR Migration



Enhancing the evidence base



- ❑ Commissioned by PDD and Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW
- ❑ Authored by Erica Bower and Sanjula Weerasinghe
- ❑ Global dataset of over 300 planned relocation cases
- ❑ Foundation for further research, analysis and comparison



Practical definition

“The planned, permanent movement of a group of people from identifiable origin(s) to identifiable destination(s), predominantly in association with one or more hydrometeorological, geophysical/geological, or environmental hazard(s)” (Bower & Weerasinghe 2021)



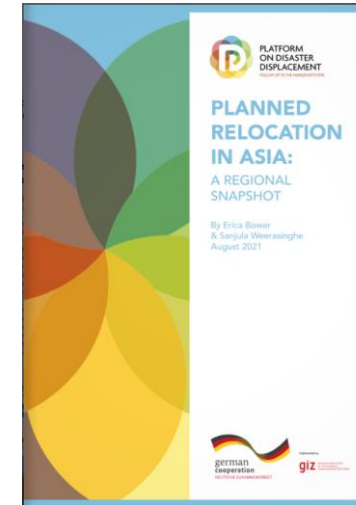
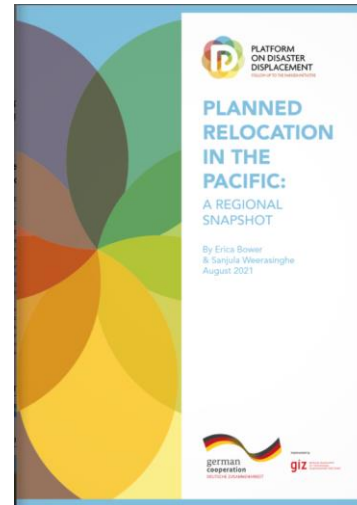


Main findings

- 1** Global phenomenon
- 2** Often in multi-hazard contexts; after displacement
- 3** Mostly long duration
- 4** Mostly single origin → single destination
- 5** Community actors/ governments as initiators
- 6** Often few households; rural to rural; many identify as indigenous
- 7** Many challenges



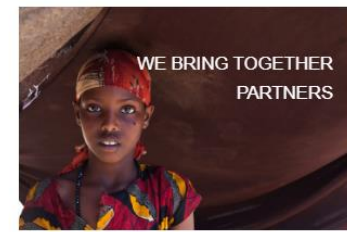
More research needed!





PDD and Planned Relocation

- Address research and data gaps
- Development of guidance/ norms
- Capacity building
- pamad.disasterdisplacement.org





PLATFORM ON DISASTER DISPLACEMENT

FOLLOW-UP TO THE NANSEN INITIATIVE



Thank you!

sarahk@unops.org; info@disasterdisplacement.org; www.disasterdisplacement.org