



Climate and Disaster Displacement: The Importance of Disaster Law and Policy

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Disasters and Displacement in a Changing Climate

- In 2018, **19.2 million people** newly displaced
- Many more people forced to flee their homes every year due to slow-onset hazards
- Most of this displacement is **internal**
 - Climate and disaster displacement is not only a humanitarian concern, but also a **developmental, governance and human rights issue.**



THE COST OF DOING NOTHING

THE HUMANITARIAN PRICE
OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND
HOW IT CAN BE AVOIDED

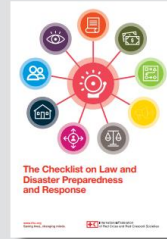


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Why Disaster Law to address Climate and Disaster Displacement?

- Integral but often under-explored aspect of the integrated approach to address Climate Displacement, including planned relocations.
- Supports institutional mechanisms for coordination across sectors and from national to community level.
- Mandates the involvement of at-risk populations to be engaged in risk analysis, planning and decision-making.
 - However, research has found that displacement and planned relocation are **often completely absent/not adequately addressed in DL and Policies.**

IFRC DL – Checklist on Law and Disaster Preparedness and Response



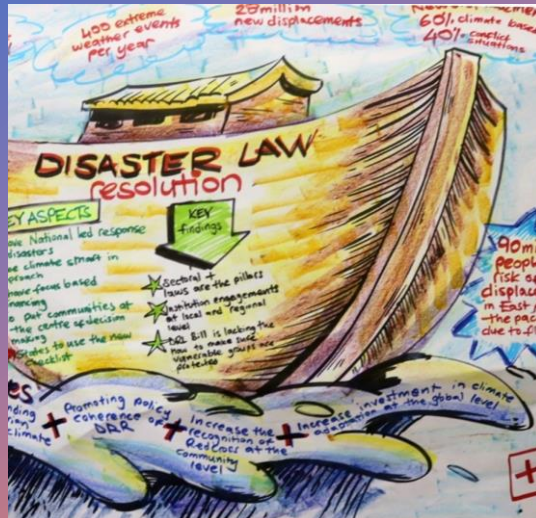
For more information please see the new [IFRC Disaster Law Checklist on Law and Disaster Preparedness and Response](#) (and accompanying Synthesis Report).



Also see the [IFRC Asia Pacific Report on Disasters and Displacement in a Changing Climate](#), and the new IFRC Report on Responses to Internal Displacement.

Developed through an extensive review and global literature and more than 20 country case studies

Detailed guidance on how to strengthen law and policy to effectively address disaster displacement, emergency evacuations and planned relocations



Based on IFRC and RC international mandate in to assist states in developing state of the art climate-smart DL

How to address Displacement in DL and Policy?



Disaster and Climate Displacement

- Address both DRR and CD
- Include persons displaced by disasters and CC in laws and policies relating to internal displacement
- Mandate contingency planning for internal displacement caused by disaster and CC
- Include the identification, entry, stay, and entitlements of cross-border disaster-displaced persons in a way consistent with human rights law
- Provide for cross-border disaster displaced persons to receive protection and assistance to meet their basic needs during their stay
- Establish a criteria consistent with international human rights law to determine when and under which circumstances cross-border persons may be returned

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Planned relocation

- Establish a comprehensive framework for undertaking planned relocations
- Planned relocation should be used as a measure of last resort and in accordance with human rights law
- Entitle potentially relocated persons to legally challenge a planned relocation
- Mandate a participatory approach to planned relocation involving all affected persons, incl. relocated persons and host populations
- Require that planned relocations improve or maintain the livelihood opportunities and living standards of relocated persons and host populations
- Require that planned relocations mitigates adverse impacts on persons who live near the areas from which persons are relocated