

Module 2g: Climate-related displacement

What is in this module?

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Drought in Kenya, Horn of Africa, 2011. In the Northeast region, the drought has lasted for four years - everything is bone dry, water holes have dried up and people must spend all their energy to get water. Nomadic people living in the region have lost almost all their livestock as a result of the drought (Photo: IFRC / Jakob Dall – for Danish Red Cross)



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Introduction

The Red Cross Red Crescent has a long history of responding to situations of displacement. Displacement in the context of disasters and climate change has been described as one of the greatest humanitarian challenges of the 21st century. IFRC has committed to reduce the risk of climate-induced displacement as well as to prepare for and respond to the humanitarian needs of climate-related displaced communities.

The likelihood of people becoming displaced depends on many different and underlying factors. These are often referred to as drivers of displacement, which indirectly increase the likelihood of displacement by undermining resilience. In the context of climate change, these factors may include slow onset events as described above, and adverse impacts of climate change: the direct or indirect adverse effects of rising temperatures which can undermine resilience.

This module unpacks the various concepts and terminology around climate and displacement and explores some of the topics and complexities particular relevance to the work of National Societies. In particular, this module includes a series of Fact Sheets which provide a summary of the key topics and includes references, links and case studies featuring the work of different National Societies. Fact Sheet 1 provides a 'snapshot' of the complex subject and the key terms and is recommended as a first read for facilitators. As noted in the 'snapshot' *"Displacement is characterised by people having to move involuntarily; however in the context of climate change making the distinction between voluntary and involuntary movement can be complex and not always clear cut."*

This module is developed with consultants guided by the *Disasters, Climate and Crises Department* in IFRC Secretariat, Geneva, and the Climate Centre.

Objective

The module aims to provide a clear understanding of the complexities around climate change impacts as one of the many interacting triggers and drivers of displacement, and summarize the Movement approaches to addressing displacement.

Products

1. Power Point presentations – supported by the Fact Sheets

This module contains three Power Point slide-decks as resources for facilitators, based on the Fact Sheet content, providing:

Part 1: a general *overview of climate-related displacement*, as well as

Part 2: more focussed information on *operations and programs*, and

Part 3: *law and advocacy*.

The presentations contain a large pool of slides and the facilitator may need to tailor for the intended audience and time available for the training event.

The presentations do not contain 'speaker notes' except that the first slides specify the Fact Sheets covering the key points.

2. Fact Sheets

Special for this module is the series of comprehensive Fact Sheets covering:

- 1 Displacement and climate: A snapshot
 - 2 Key terms
 - 3 The displacement continuum
 - 4 Red Cross Red Crescent approaches to displacement and climate
 - 5 Prevention and protection
 - 6 Early action and forecast-based financing
 - 7 Disaster preparedness and response
 - 8 Durable solutions
 - 9 Gender
 - 10 Children
 - 11 Urban risks and urbanisation
 - 12 The law
 - 13 The data gap
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3. Exercises

In this module, exercises come in the shape of short Power Points with suggestions and questions for group discussion topics/activities – one for each of the three main 'Parts': 1) general overview, 2) operations and programs, and 3) law and advocacy.

4. Relevant reading

This section contains most of the many documents – reports, guidelines, case studies etc. – that informs the development of the module and the Fact Sheets, many of them published by the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.
