



# IOM ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE PLATFORM ON DISASTER DISPLACEMENT WORKPLAN, 1 JULY 2019 – 30 JUNE 2020

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The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is committed to support the implementation of the 2015 Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda recommendations and of the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) Strategic Framework and Workplan 2019-2022, which are both in line with IOM's longstanding work on migration, environment and climate change (MECC) and its operational activities on migration management, including in the context of disasters.<sup>1</sup>

IOM welcomed the French Presidency of the PDD started in July 2019 and actively supports the French Presidency of the PDD in the implementation of its strategic vision focused on streamlining PDD's governance mechanisms, engaging States and other stakeholders on disaster displacement, supporting the implementation of relevant global policy frameworks and of regional initiatives, and research on disaster displacement. IOM especially supports the French Presidency through the implementation of a major project funded by France with a focus on West Africa that features research, policy, communication and operational activities as well as through numerous initiatives with an advocacy, policy, partnerships, communication and visibility component.

IOM has an extensive portfolio of activities on migration and displacement management in the context of environmental change, climate change and disasters, with a focus on data collection and research and policy development, disaster risk reduction and prevention, displacement management, labour mobility, migration in the context of climate change, and with capacity to implement projects in all regions of the world.<sup>2</sup>

IOM's Director General, Antonio Vitorino, requested the development in 2020 of a new institutional strategy on Migration, Climate Change and Environment that represents a significant opportunity to take stock of the past collaboration between IOM and the PDD and to strategically look ahead towards future priorities for joint approaches and actions. In this context, IOM had the opportunity to present and exchange with PDD Steering Group on the objectives and the process leading to the development of the Strategy and will continue to update the Steering Group Members.

Since the start of the work of the PDD on 1 July 2016, IOM has dedicated its expertise to a large number of activities within the four PDD Strategic Priorities. In the PDD Workplan 2019-2022, IOM contributes to over 51 activities from the some 63 listed and leads on over 13 of them.

Between 2016 and 2018, IOM's support to the PDD implementation was supported through the work of a dedicated PDD Programme Officer and a PDD Research Officer, both funded by the first Chair of the PDD (Federal Government of Germany) and directly reporting to the Head of the IOM Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC) Division, holding the function of institutional focal point for PDD, as well as by the continued contributions of the MECC Division at IOM headquarters, and IOM offices worldwide.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on IOM's programme of work on Migration, Environment and Climate Change please refer to the brochure "IOM's Engagement in Migration Environment and Climate" (2018): [https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/mecc\\_infosheet\\_2018.pdf](https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/mecc_infosheet_2018.pdf) and the IOM Outlook on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (2014): [http://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/mecc\\_outlook.pdf](http://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/mecc_outlook.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> IOM Environmental Migration Portal: [www.environmentalmigration.iom.int](http://www.environmentalmigration.iom.int).



The Organization has reported on its PDD engagement yearly to its Governing Bodies, at the Standing Committee of Programmes and Finances (SCPF) and Council, at the request of its Member States.

However, in July 2018, the direct funding support to IOM for a position liaising with PDD was not renewed. As a result, IOM elaborated other arrangements in order to continue to deliver at the same level of engagement in PDD, in spite of the lack of funding and human resources devoted specifically to coordinate and implement the PDD Strategic Framework and Workplan 2016-2019.

In this context, the IOM MECC Division increased the time devoted by the Head of MECC Division as well as by a MECC Programme Support Officer to PDD related tasks, and established a position funded through joint projects between the MECC Division and the Department of Operations and Emergencies to also contribute to PDD-IOM activities. This arrangement has ensured that outputs in the Workplan were delivered but put a strain on internal capacities.

Since September 2019, IOM's support to the PDD is provided by a Junior Professional Officer (JPO), funded by the current Chair of the PDD (Government of France). Ms Alice Baillat, in her JPO functions is part of the IOM MECC Division and directly reports to the Head of the MECC Division. Her main tasks and responsibilities consist of liaising with the PDD Secretariat and Chair, as well as UNHCR, ensuring the implementation of IOM's activities in the PDD Workplan, coordinating the development, organization and implementation of joint activities, and sharing information.

This document provides an overview of key activities conducted by IOM in support to the 2019-2022 PDD Workplan in the reporting period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: SUPPORT INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION OF GLOBAL POLICY FRAMEWORKS

### Joint work to support policy dialogue and advocacy (Output I.1)

1. **The IOM Director General, Antonio Vitorino**, has participated as the **guest speaker to the High Level Breakfast organised by the Government of France as the Chair of the PDD**, 5 February, 2020, Geneva, Switzerland and delivered a speech on "Migration and climate change policies in the UN and beyond: the role of IOM" (Workplan Activity I.1.A).
2. **Joint advocacy and participation or organization of public and side events** on human mobility in the context of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters in GFMD, ECOSOC HAS, COP25, Climate Action Summit, IMRF, etc. (Activity I.1.C)<sup>3</sup>.
3. **IOM participated to the PDD Group of Friends organized in New York on 21 January 2020**, explained its work related to disaster displacement, and highlighted several of its PDD-related projects in the Pacific and West Africa (Activity I.1.B).

### Joint work geared towards the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration (Outputs I.2 and I.3)

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<sup>3</sup> Detailed information on these events are provided in the below sections.



1. **IOM moderated the PDD side event *Humanitarian Protection, Admission and Stay in Disaster and Climate Change Contexts: Effective Practices in the Americas and Beyond* at the XII Global Forum on Migration Development (GFMD) on 21 January 2020, Quito, Ecuador.** The event gathered above 80 participants with interventions from the Government of France, UNHCR and RCM and SACM's representatives (Activities I.1.C. and I.3.A).
2. **Together with ILO, IGAD, UNOPS (PDD) and UNHCR, IOM developed a joint programme document (USD 2.150.000) on *Addressing Drivers and Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change in the IGAD Region to the UN Network's Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)*, with IOM as the convening UN organization.**
3. Acting as the Secretariat of the UN Network on Migration, IOM supported the work of the UN Network on Migration with an emphasis on Thematic Workstream 3 (State's capacities strengthened to expand regular migration pathways) (Activity I.2.B).

#### Joint work within the framework of UNFCCC (Output I.4)

1. **At the occasion of the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019, IOM (Activity I.1.C):**
  - a. **Invited the Chair of the PDD to the "[High-Level Ministerial Breakfast on Migration and Climate Change: A focus on Small Island Developing States](#)"** co-organized by IOM together with the New York Permanent Missions of Fiji and Portugal, UNESCAP and UN-OHRLS on 26 September.
  - b. **Invited PDD to the public event "*Shelter from the Storm: Seeking dignity in the age of climate migration*"** co-organized by IOM with UNDP and the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law of the Columbia Law School, held on 22 September.
  - c. **Jointly contributed with PDD to the side event "*Climate-induced Migration and Displacement: Considerations for a Joint Advocacy Agenda*"** organized by Act Alliance, Bread for the World and Open Society Foundation, on September 21.
2. As a member of the **Task Force on Displacement (TFD)** within the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (WIM), along with PDD, UNHCR, ILO, NRC/IDMC and other partners, IOM committed to contribute and/or take the lead on several activities of the TFD Plan of Action adopted in October 2019 (Activity I.4.B). As part of IOM's deliverables under the two-year plan of action of the TFD, PDD contributed to **IOM's mapping on how environmental and climate change factors are integrated in contemporary global, regional, and national migration policies, with a focus on West Africa**. This work is currently ongoing.
3. **IOM hosted the [meeting of the TFD on 1-2 July 2019](#)** in Geneva, Switzerland, with participation from PDD, to establish and draft a two-year workplan on human mobility and climate change, ahead of the twenty-fifth Conference of Parties (COP25) (Activity I.4.B).
4. **At the occasion of the COP25 in Madrid, Spain from 1-6 December 2019, IOM:**
  - a. Jointly organized and supported [events](#) with PDD, UNHCR and other partners (Activity I.4.A), such as:
    - i. The **COP-mandated event on 1 December** to reflect on the activities of the WIM, at the occasion of the second review of the WIM, with speaking roles for IOM as members of the TFD.



- ii. The **side event “Moving forward together: the second phase of the Task Force on Displacement”**, on 3 December, co-organized by IOM, the PDD Secretariat and the UNFCC Secretariat, on behalf of the TFD.
- iii. The **UNHCR-led side event “Climate change and human mobility: responding to displacement and migration challenges”**, with a speaking role for IOM.
- iv. **IOM’s participation in two events organized by PDD** and related to the 2019 edition of the **art COAL Prize** dedicated to climate change and displacement: [Coal Prize ceremony](#) prior to COP25 organized on 28 November 2020 at the Centre Pompidou in Paris, and the [event](#) organized with the winners of the COAL Prize at COP25 on 3 December 2020.

### Joint work in the context of the Sendai Framework implementation (Output I.5)

1. While the regional frameworks on disaster risk reduction have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, IOM and the PDD envisaged partnering for a **parallel session at the Jamaica meeting for the Americas and the Caribbean** focused on the challenges in integrating disaster displacement risk in DRR law, policies, strategies and plans (Activities I.1.C and I.5.A).
2. Under the **EU-funded Pacific Response to Disaster Displacement (PRDD) Project**, IOM and PDD are assisting Pacific Governments to integrate disaster displacement and other related forms of human mobility challenges into national, sub-national and local DRR and climate change adaptation policies and strategies in support of Target E of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (Activities II.1.A, III.3.A and III.4.A).

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: PROMOTE POLICY AND NORMATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Since July 2019, IOM:

1. **Actively collaborates with NRC/IDMC and PDD on the Pacific Response to Disaster Displacement (PRDD) project**, funded by the European Union (DEVCO) (Activity II.1.A and III.4.A). This project aims to generate new evidence, enhance risk informed policy development and build response capacity of National Disaster Management Offices (NDMO) to reduce the risks and impacts of disaster induced internal displacement in the Pacific.
2. **As the lead agency of the joint-programme on Pacific Climate Change Migration-Human Security (PCCMHS) 2019-2021** funded by the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS), IOM partners with UNESCAP, ILO, OHCHR, PIFS and PDD (Activity II.1.A and III.4.B). This project aims to develop a regional rights-based framework on climate-change related displacement, migration and planned relocation.
3. **Participated to the PDD Stakeholder Workshop on the role of Free Movement of Persons Agreements in Addressing Disaster Displacement in Africa** in Stellenbosch, South Africa, from 27-28 November 2019 (Activity II.1.B) and reviewed the workshop report.



4. **Supported the work of the High-Level Panel (HLP) on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** by submitting [inputs](#) in response to the Call for Submission issued by the Secretariat of the HLP on IDPs (Activity II.2.B). The IOM Submission extensively reports on IOM's vision and activities related to climate change and disaster displacement.
5. **Submitted in June 2020 a [contribution](#)**, pursuant to the call for inputs by the **Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons on *Internal Displacement in the context of the slow-onset adverse effects of climate change***. The IOM Submission supports the development of the upcoming report on the issue of internal displacement linked to slow-onset natural hazards in the context of the adverse effects of climate change, to be presented to the UN General Assembly in October 2020 (Activity II.2.C). The work is also going to support internal dialogue, exchange of experiences and prioritization of activities over the coming months.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND STRENGTHEN CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE PRACTICES AND INSTRUMENTS AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS

Since July 2019, IOM:

1. **Collaborated and cooperated on a continuous basis at the regional level** with the PDD Regional Advisers working in the Americas/ Caribbean and the Pacific via the IOM Regional Thematic Specialists on Migration, Environment and Climate Change.
2. **As an executive member of the inter-agency Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI), IOM developed a DRR/CCA integrated assessment tool on mobility dimensions** in disaster risk reduction, development planning, environmental management, and climate change adaptation policies and programmes (Activity III.3.B). For this purpose, **IOM established a Reference Group** and invited PDD, NRC, CADRI, UNHCR and other partners to join the group. **A first meeting of the Reference Group was held on 24 February 2019 at IOM HQ, Geneva, Switzerland.** The tool is to be finalized by the end of 2020.

### Regional activities in the Pacific

1. Under the **[Pacific Response to Disaster Displacement Project \(PRDD\)](#)** (Activity III.4.A) IOM is:
  - a. Assisting National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) map evacuation centres, critical infrastructure, and essential services through training and technical support.
  - b. Developing standard operating procedures, purchasing equipment, and convening regional capacity-building trainings to support NDMOs officials use IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM); and consequently, assist them monitor movements and evolving needs of displaced populations.
  - c. Support NDMOs to conduct in-depth Community Vulnerability Assessments in at-risk communities to inform and disseminate preparedness and response plans.
  - d. Providing technical input on 'human security-based regional framework on climate change-related displacement, migration and planned relocation' through the formal



submissions in national and regional consultations under the PCCMHS project (Activity II.1.A).

2. IOM, as the lead agency of the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security funded [\*Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security \(PCCMHS\) Programme\*](#), has coordinated with PDD, particularly in relation to Objective 1 on supporting a regional human security based response to addressing climate change related migration, displacement and planned relocation (Activities II.1.A and III.4.B). PDD was invited to make a presentation at the Technical Advisory Group and is a member of the Programme Steering Committee. In the reporting period, a Pacific Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) was supposed to be organized, but its preparation has been affected because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. **IOM organized the workshop “Transformative Human Mobilities in a Changing Climate [Project Inception Workshop](#)” on 16-17 July 2019 in Suva Fiji, attended by PDD** (Activities II.1.A and III.4.B). The workshop was the occasion to launch a [research project](#) led by IOM, UNESCAP and the Pacific Conference of Churches, and focusing on multiple types of mobility among communities in Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu that may align with transformative adaptation.

#### Regional activities in West Africa

1. **IOM completed a PDD-related project on [Mainstreaming environmental dimensions into reintegration support to reduce the effects of climate change on migration in West Africa](#), which addressed community climate resilience through the reintegration of returning migrants via climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction activities in West Africa**, with funding from the Government of France and implemented from May 2018 to December 2019 (Activity III.4.D):
  - a. **At the global level**, after the identification of good practices, environmental and disaster-related dimensions were integrated into IOM’s global Reintegration Handbook<sup>4</sup> and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs),<sup>5</sup> and a guidance document was developed for the different reintegration teams of IOM as well as policymakers and practitioners interested in reintegration programs. The “[Guidance for mainstreaming environmental and climatic considerations into reintegration programming](#)” is an example of innovative approaches that brings an environmental focus into a migration focused programme, and is a tool that will be used beyond the scope of the project.
  - b. **At the regional level**, IOM organized a [technical workshop](#), in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, on 3-4 July, 2019, Rabat, Morocco. The event gathered a network of experts and partners to exchange effective practices, build a shared understanding of opportunities and challenges for environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient reintegration, and develop recommendations for practitioners and policymakers.
  - c. **At the national level**, in Senegal, a pilot project was implemented in the Kolda region, to create job opportunities for returnees in the agricultural sector and contributing to the

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<sup>4</sup> Developed under the ORION project with funding from the UK Department for International Development (DFID), available at <https://publications.iom.int/books/reintegration-handbook-practical-guidance-design-implementation-and-monitoring-reintegration>.

<sup>5</sup> Developed within the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in Africa.



resilience of returnees and communities to climate change. The pilot is continuing beyond the project end date.

2. **IOM, together with the PDD, and with the support of the Government of France, started a project on Implementing Global Policies on Environmental Migration and Disaster Displacement in West Africa** (1 February 2020-31 July 2021), with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), UNHCR and the World Bank also as partners (Activity III.4.D). The objective of the project is to support states in West Africa in their efforts to minimize displacement and facilitate regular migration pathways in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation, in line with the GCM Objectives 2 and 5 and with the African Union 3 Year Implementation Plan of Action for the GCM in Africa (2020-2022). The project is also aligned with the commitments made in the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework. To achieve this objective, the project is focused on three main pillars aligned with global policy priorities: 1) data and evidence, 2) policy dialogue and 3) communication. Despite some delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, several activities have been conducted, including:
  - a. The project management and coordination structure was established, including:
    - i. A **Core Project Committee** has been established including IOM, the PDD Secretariat and the Government of France to support the monitoring and implementation of the project.
    - ii. A **Project Committee** has been established including project partners such as UNHCR and the World Bank to provide regular updates on the project.
  - b. On the Policy Dialogue Pillar:
    - i. Engagements with States from the region, including with Senegal, Niger, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone have been established, as well as with the ECOWAS Commission.
    - ii. Engagements with States with an interest in the region have also been established, including Switzerland and France.
    - iii. Engagements with IOM offices were also established, including with the IOM Senior Regional Adviser for Africa, IOM Regional Office for West and Central Africa, IOM Nigeria Country Office, IOM Niger Country Office.
  - c. On the Data and Evidence Pillar:
    - i. A **desk review** on environmental migration and disaster displacement in West Africa has been developed.
    - ii. A first draft of an **IOM's mapping on how environmental and climate change factors are integrated in contemporary global, regional, and national migration policies**, with a focus on West Africa has been developed. This work contributes to support States to include human mobility challenges in climate change adaptation strategies and planning (Activity III.2.B).
  - d. On the Communication Pillar:
    - i. A draft communication strategy and workplan was developed and communication products (flyer, webpage, presentations at events) on the project were created.
    - ii. A CPC meeting was dedicated to discussing communication activities.

### Regional activities in the Caribbean

1. Following a [conference](#) jointly convened in June 2019, **IOM developed with PDD, UNHCR and other partners a Plan of Action to Address Human Mobility in the Context of Disasters and the Adverse Effects of Climate Change in the Caribbean (2020-2022)**, within the framework of the



Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC). The Plan of Action is pending official approval (Activity III.4.E).

2. In the framework of this Plan of Action, IOM and the PDD partnered with other agencies to organize a virtual **training workshop for border officials of the Eastern Caribbean in June 2019**. Attended by more than 160 participants, the workshop focused on various elements required for an enhanced migration of cross-border disaster displacement in the region (Activity III.4.E).
3. IOM and the PDD participated together at the **Biannual Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management in Sint Marteen in December 2019**. The IOM Regional Coordinator for the Caribbean attended a session with the PDD regional advisor to promote a stronger attention to disaster displacement in the DRR strategies of Caribbean countries (Activity I.1.C).
4. The Regional Office of UNDRR together with the RAR Group, IOM and PDD, organized on 30 April 2020 [webinar](#) to discuss recent issues related to the **nexus between climate and environmental change, human mobility and the COVID-19 pandemic**. The webinar was organised in the framework of the preparation of the forthcoming Regional Assessment Report (RAR) for Latin America and the Caribbean, and was attended by over 500 participants from the region.
5. IOM invited PDD to participate on 10 June 2020 to a [webinar](#) on the **relation between climate migration and the COVID-19 pandemic**, in the framework of the UN Issue Based Coalition on Climate Change and Resilience in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: STRENGTHENING EVIDENCE AND DATA ON DISASTER DISPLACEMENT AND ITS IMPACTS

In order to support evidence-based policy, IOM implements global, regional, national-level projects contributing to enhancing knowledge on the migration-environment nexus, including country assessments and migration profiles, household surveys, and thematic reports. Since 1992, IOM has published more than 250 publications on migration, environment, and climate change. IOM also promotes the consolidation of existing knowledge and data sources on migration, environment and climate change through its [Environmental Migration Portal](#), the [Environmental Migration Newsletter](#), the [World Migration Report](#), the [Migration Data Portal](#) of IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) based in Berlin, and engages in partnerships with academia and specialized institutions.

IOM also actively engages in efforts to strengthen data availability to inform humanitarian actors and support humanitarian response to climate shocks, mobility pressures and disasters. The IOM **Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)** tracks and monitors displacement and population mobility in disaster situations and collects key data to support strategic response planning, operational implementation and delivery of humanitarian assistance. The DTM offers a platform for inter-agency coordinated needs assessment and the data generated, available on [DTM data platform](#) as well as on the [Humanitarian Data Exchange](#) (HDX), also contributes to building global evidence on disaster displacement. Amongst other examples, the DTM data is used by IDMC for their annual global estimates of internal displacement.

Since July 2019, IOM:





1. **Organized the 2d International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS), in partnership with UNDESA and OECD, on 19-21 January 2020, Cairo, Egypt** (Activity IV.1.C). Together with PDD, IDMC and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, IOM organized and spoke in a panel on climate change, human mobility and displacement data on 19 January 2020.
2. **Developed a Data and Knowledge Working Group (DKWG)'s action plan on data and knowledge needs of the PDD**, with IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) acting as the co-chair of the DKWG together with IDMC (Activity IV.2.A) and in close coordination with IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC).
3. Due to funding constraints, no PDD Advisory Committee meeting was organized in the reporting period. However, several DKWG chairs meetings took place and **a virtual conference of the whole of the DKWG is now scheduled before end of 2020** (date to be confirmed).
4. Under the EU-funded Pacific Response to Disaster Displacement, IOM in partnership with IDMC and PDD, are proactively working to build the capacity of the respective National Disaster Management Offices in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga and the Solomon Islands to collate, monitor, analyse and publish data of disaster displacement via DTM. **IOM is currently finalising DTM standard operating procedures based for conducting DTM assessments which will also be adapted into a training curriculum for government officials planned for 2021.** This follows a field trial and refinement of a DTM methodology in Vanuatu in support of the Government's response to Tropical Cyclone Harold in April 2020 (Activity IV.2.C).
5. **Contributes to the UNEP's Working Group for the International Resource Panel (IRP) Report on the Resources Implications of Environmental Displacement and Migration** (Activity IV.3.A). The report will be finalized in December 2020 and will explore in particular the sustainable management links to migration and conflict.
6. **DTM research on methods for quantifying urban displacement** is ongoing and models have been generated using Nigeria and Ethiopia as case studies. The models that were produced during the initial research will be expanded to focus on disaster displacement contexts as further case study countries are incorporated (Activity IV.3.C).
7. **IOM has developed the Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT).** The TTT collects key data on transhumance movements in West and Central Africa, with the aim of providing the information needed for the implementation of support programs for populations involved in transhumance. Data is collected through a large network of key informants. This methodology aims to support, strengthen and harmonize transhumance monitoring within the West and Central Africa region (Activity IV.3.D).
8. To advance the **Humanitarian Development Nexus (HDN)** objective to build partnerships with relevant internal and external actors to foster collective outcomes by drawing on comparative advantages, **the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) continued collaboration with the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) to conduct joint work on internal and cross-border analysis**, in line with partnership initiated in July 2018. With the aim of advancing DTM's capacity for data analysis and optimizing the value and utility of data collected, collaboration continues to further explore ways in which IDMC may complement and further contextualize DTM data and anomaly detection to better provide multi-layered information on the mobility,



vulnerabilities and needs of displaced and mobile populations that **enable decision makers and responders** to provide these populations with **better context-specific assistance** (Activity IV.3.E).

9. The COVID-19 pandemic led to the postponement of a **workshop on Developing a Research and Policy Agenda for Addressing Disaster and Climate Change Displacement in Africa** (Activity IV.4.D) scheduled to take place in Cape Town, South Africa from 12-13 March 2020 and organized by the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, University of New South Wales (UNSW), University of Cape Town (UCT), University of Nairobi, University of Pretoria, PDD and IGAD. The in-person workshop has been shifted into a series of online workshops to be held in November 2020. **IOM contributes to the Steering Group to facilitate the planning and implementation of the workshop series.**
10. **Committed to support financially and technically a joint PDD and Kaldor Centre study on Planned relocation in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change**, to be achieved by the end of 2020, and as part of its commitments to the PDD Workplan and the TFD's Workplan.
11. **Initiated with UNHCR a GP20 study** on laws, policies, coordination arrangements and practices in five countries experiencing both conflict and disaster displacement (Afghanistan, Colombia, Niger, the Philippines and Somalia).
12. **The IOM MECC Division, and in particular the Head of Division, delivered a significant number of keynote addresses and presentations** at international and national academic conferences, workshops and seminars in the reporting period on migration, environment, climate change and disasters issues, including displacement dimensions and on the PDD.

## OTHER IOM ACTIVITIES RELATED TO DISASTER DISPLACEMENT AND IN LINE WITH THE PDD WORKPLAN

Since July 2019, IOM:

1. **Initiated the development of an IOM-wide institutional strategy on Migration, Climate Change and Environment, as part of the Director General's Strategic Vision 2019-2024 for the Organization and in line with its three pillars: resilience, mobility and governance.** The Strategy articulates IOM's long-term vision and priorities on migration, climate change and environment, including disaster displacement dimensions, clarifies IOM's competitive advantage and expected role among international actors, identifies processes to implement the articulated vision at global, regional and national levels, and ensures internal coherence between IOM's institutional entities. The development of the Strategy is based on a thorough internal and external consultative process – with IOM Member States and key partners such as PDD and UNHCR – and is led by the MECC Division. The Strategy will be finalized in December 2020.
2. **Prepared a submission to a request by the European Commission to provide inputs to the 2020 European Commission (EC) Consultation on climate-induced displacement** and set out recommendations on areas of priority for EU action. The EC requested written contributions from a range of stakeholders to form the basis for a workshop later in 2020. The IOM submission identifies three general areas where the EU could enhance its support to ensure that climate



change, migration and displacement are considered throughout the EU internal policies and EU external action, and identified six suggested priority areas for enhanced engagement of the EU with relevant partners.

3. **Developed a reflection on the linkages between the COVID-19 crisis and IOM’s engagement on migration, environment, climate change and disasters**, and on the long-term socio-economic impacts of the sanitary situation for migrants and displaced persons. IOM intensified its efforts to develop joint action across its climate migration and migrant health work streams, including a [think piece](#), an [initial analysis](#), a [poster](#), an [IOM Blog Series](#) to explore theoretical and practical implications of the linkages between the COVID-29 pandemic, disaster displacement and environmental migration, and a [specific webpage](#) compiling relevant material and information.
4. **Initiated a study on “Planned Relocation in the Caribbean: An Examination of Response Capacities and Resilience”** led by the IOM Regional Office for Central America, North America, and the Caribbean. Funded by the United States Bureau of Population, Migrants and Refugees, the study looks at identifying best practices, challenges and recommendations on planned relocation and is pending finalization (Activity IV.4.E).
5. IOM is an executive member of the inter-agency **Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI)** and through this partnership contributes with expertise and personnel for joint country-level scoping missions and capacity assessments, based on requests from UN country teams. In the reporting period, IOM deployed IOM DRR/human mobility experts to undertake joint capacity assessments in Comoros, Togo, and Mauritius. In line with its capacity as CADRI lead agency for West and Central Africa, IOM, in close coordination with the CADRI Geneva Secretariat, led the planning, preparatory, logistical and implementation aspects of the capacity diagnosis in Togo. IOM convenes and chairs a human mobility reference group, which provides the Initiative with expertise for the assessment of capacities to integrate displacement, migration and other mobility elements in national and local DRR and CCA efforts.
6. In adherence to the IASC **cluster approach**, IOM acts as **lead agency of the Global Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster in countries affected by disasters**. The CCCM Cluster has developed extensive guidance to support the management of displaced populations in the context of disasters, whether within their own country or across border, and providing [guidance](#) on camp and non-camp assistance and protection. In 2019 IOM was appointed as the co-lead of the CCCM Cluster Working Group on Participation in Displacement together with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). In 2019, IOM organized 281 CCCM capacity-building events, over half of which took place in countries affected by disasters, such as Bangladesh, the Philippines, Dominica, and Indonesia. In 2019, IOM also provided humanitarian responses in a variety of disaster settings, including Mozambique, the Bahamas and Somalia.
7. Through the **Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative**, IOM supports the inclusion of migrants and displaced persons in disaster risk reduction efforts, taking into account the specific vulnerabilities that these groups face and the fact that they are too often unaccounted for when disaster strikes. This multi-stakeholder initiative produced the [“Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster”](#). A training platform for integrating migrants into emergency preparedness, response and recovery operations has been established and rolled out in collaboration with national authorities. Over the reporting period, IOM led inclusive



disaster preparedness and capacity building activities in six countries, including in Thailand, where the organization piloted work to support migrants' access to services and assistance during displacement in the context of disasters. Moreover, IOM, through the locally activated sector systems, participated in response and recovery work following 2019 Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, with the aim to mainstream migrants' inclusion concerns in the work to address displacement.

## DIRECT SUPPORT AND MAINSTREAMING

Since July 2019, IOM:

1. **Hired in the MECC Division, thanks to funding from the Government of France, a JPO dedicated to the IOM's support to the implementation of the PDD Workplan** and the regular liaison with the PDD Secretariat and Chair, and UNHCR. IOM also hired in the MECC Division, thanks to funding from the Government of France, a Project Officer managing the IOM-PDD project in West Africa.
2. **Met the PDD Secretariat and UNHCR on a weekly basis** to ensure regular exchange of information and effective coordination of joint activities and implementation of the PDD workplan.
3. Actively participated and contributed to **all 10 meetings of the Steering Group invited to**, either in plenary or in thematic working groups.
4. Actively participated in discussions and contributed to the **development of the 2019-2022 PDD Workplan**.
5. **IOM and PDD started developing a MOU** to enhance the visibility of the ongoing partnership and strengthen it even further, and to be approved and adopted by the Steering Group members.

## COMMUNICATION

All throughout the contributions to the PDD Workplan activities and joint PDD/IOM/UNHCR Communication Workplan, IOM communicated on and promoted the joint work of IOM and PDD and increased awareness of disaster displacement as well as the related protection gaps. Important communication vehicles and communication activities in the reporting period were (Activity V.1.A):

1. The **IOM Environmental Migration Portal** features a [page dedicated to the PDD](#) and its work. It details recent activities and events, offers a library of key relevant documents, and since 1 July 2019 and until 30 June 2020 it has been accessed more than 1,100 times.
2. The **IOM Migration, Environment and Climate Change Newsletter**, which is sent out on a regular basis, includes news and articles on PDD's work and the issue of disaster displacement in the reporting period.
3. IOM participated to the **Communication Working Group hosted by the Philippines** on 22 October 2019 and provided **inputs to the PDD Communication Strategy 2019-2022**.



4. IOM actively contributed to the development of the **first joint PDD/IOM/UNHCR Communication Workplan**, and was engaged in, and took the responsibility of several communication activities, including:
  - a. A “In conversation with” [Perspective Story](#) with the IOM’s Director General, Antonio Vitorino published on the PDD website.
  - b. Development of communication and social media [products](#) in several languages at the occasion of the **World Environmental Day**, including a [video message](#) from the IOM Director General (5 June).
  - c. A “In conversation with” **video with the French IOM JPO**, recorded on 7 July at the French Permanent Mission with the support of the PDD Secretariat.
  - d. **Webinar organized by IOM with the PDD participation** for the UN Issue Based Coalition on Climate Change and Resilience in the Americas and the Caribbean on 10 June 2020.
  
5. At the occasion of the **2019 Climate Action Summit**, IOM developed a significant number of communication activities, including:
  - a. The IOM [“Find A Way”](#) communication and fundraising campaign on climate change and migration, including disaster displacement dimensions;
  - b. A [Special Issue](#) on the Climate Action Summit in the IOM Newsdesk;
  - c. An IOM Director General’s [video message](#) on climate change and migration;
  - d. An IOM Director General [Op-ed](#) “Finding our way in the age of climate change and migration”;
  - e. An IOM MECC Head [Social Media video](#) from the Climate Action Summit.
  
6. **Social media campaigns** were carried out by IOM on PDD-related issues through IOM’s Environmental Migration and IOM’s main accounts, including around regional workshops, COP25, the Task Force on Displacement meetings, the GCM process, GFMD, HNPW, GP20, and the IDMC’s Global Report on Internal Displacement 2020.
  
7. IOM also developed the [“Do The Right Thing”](#) communication and fundraising campaign showcasing stories of Pacific youth on migration and climate change, which was presented at several IOM meetings.
  
8. Information about the PDD was communicated through **IOM institutional material and publications**<sup>6</sup> and in IOM articles published in external journals and publications.

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<sup>6</sup> All IOM publications on migration, environment and climate change are available online: <https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/iom-publications>.