

TERMS OF REFERENCE

For the Consultancy Contract of a Migration, Environment and Climate Change Expert to Conduct a Study on Planned Relocation in the Context of Climate Change and Disasters

BACKGROUND:

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), via its Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC) Division, is carrying out a project on “Implementing Global Policies on Environmental Migration and Disaster Displacement in West Africa” together with the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and funded by the Government of the French Republic. Within the framework of this project, IOM also works with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). The project is aligned with international policy commitments to address the environmental drivers of migration, such as those made in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), the Paris Agreement, the Task Force on Displacement Plan of Action 2019-2021 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 together with its Programme of Action for the Implementation in Africa.

The project is focused on three main pillars, i. data and evidence, ii. policy dialogue and iii. communication. An initial desk review completed under pillar i. data and evidence, drew a non-exhaustive inventory of planned relocation¹ experiences in West Africa, mostly in coastal areas. In the context of the adverse effects of climate change and disasters, planned relocation remains a measure of last resort to move persons out of harm’s way and out of places threatened by inhabitability, and adopted only when other alternatives are not possible.² But as climate change is exacerbating pressures on habitats, planned relocation is increasingly becoming a reality for affected communities and States. There is a need to address knowledge and data gaps to strengthen the evidence-base and better inform policy development and implementation on planned relocation.³

SCOPE OF STUDY:

As part of the project’s data and evidence pillar, IOM is commissioning a consultant to contribute to a planned relocation global dataset currently under development in a PDD-commissioned study on “Mapping of Planned Relocation in the Context of Disasters and the Effects of Climate Change to

¹ Planned relocation “in the context of disasters or environmental degradation, including when due to the effects of climate change, [refers to] a planned process in which persons or groups of persons move or are assisted to move away from their homes or place of temporary residence, are settled in a new location, and provided with the conditions for rebuilding their lives.”³ (Georgetown University, UNHCR, and IOM, 2017; UNHCR, the Brookings Institution and Georgetown, 2015)

² UNHCR, Georgetown University, IOM (2017), *A toolbox: Planning Relocations to Protect People from Disasters and Environmental Change*.

³ IOM (2020), *Environmental Migration, Disaster Displacement and Planned Relocation in West Africa*.

Support Policy Mapping”. The PDD-commissioned study aims to identify, collect, and compare cases where a “planned relocation process has been initiated in the context of sudden and slow onset disasters and/or adverse effects of climate change”.⁴ The two main outputs are 1) a preliminary global mapping of planned relocation cases through an identification and screening process in the scholarly and grey English-language literature, and 2) an in-depth review of a selected subset of cases for identifying and analysing relocation context and design characteristics of a planned relocation process. Cases of planned relocation are collected in tables, and the key findings of both the preliminary global mapping and the detailed mapping of selected cases are presented and discussed in a final report.

The consultant commissioned by IOM will be tasked with contributing to the PDD-commissioned study by reviewing the scholarly and grey literature available in French and Spanish to find planned relocation cases not already identified and to complement the preliminary global mapping. To achieve this, the consultant will follow the methodology developed in the PDD-commissioned study to identify and screen planned relocation cases found in the literature. The consultant will also contribute to the detailed mapping of selected cases by focusing on examples of planned relocation in the West Africa region. Tables created in the PDD-commissioned study to compile cases will be made accessible to the consultant to directly input information. The new findings will be presented and analysed in a final report drafted by the consultant in English.

In addition to contributing to the data and evidence pillar of the IOM project “Implementing Global Policies on Environmental Migration and Disaster Displacement in West Africa”, to the PDD’s Strategy and Workplan 2019-2022, and to IOM’s overall work on planned relocation in different parts of the world, this research will directly contribute to the implementation of the 2019-2021 Plan of Action of the Task Force on Displacement (TFD). TFD was established under the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) on Loss and Damage of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and IOM became a member since its inception in 2017. IOM is leading several activities under the TFD Plan of Action, including one commitment to collect and analyse existing practices on planned relocation, which this study will contribute to meet.

CONCRETE TASKS:

Under the direct supervision of the IOM MECC PDD Liaison Officer, and the overall supervision of the IOM MECC Project Manager, the consultant will perform the following actions:

- Familiarize with the PDD-commissioned study and its methodology and, if necessary, receive training and guidance by the two authors who developed it.
- Identify and screen planned relocation cases documented in the scholarly and grey literature available in French and Spanish languages, by using the criteria developed for the PDD-commissioned study to retain cases.
- Based on this literature review, complement the preliminary global mapping produced in the PDD-commissioned study and made available in a shared document online.
- Select a subset of cases focused on the West Africa region to be reviewed in depth, by using the methodology developed for the PDD-commissioned to map characteristics of a planned relocation process (number of cases to be determined based on the literature review).

⁴ “Mapping of Planned Relocation in the Context of Disasters and the Adverse Effects of Climate Change to Support Policy Making”, Concept note, April 2020.

- Complement the detailed mapping of selected cases produced in the PDD-commissioned study and made available in a shared document online.
- Develop and share the first draft of the report in English, by replicating the outline of the PDD-commissioned study, with the IOM MECC PDD Liaison Officer. The draft will be reviewed by a Committee composed of IOM and PDD experts.
- Integrate the suggestions and comments provided in a timely manner.
- Share the final version of the report in English (20-25 pages excluding the bibliography) with the IOM MECC PDD Liaison Officer and the IOM MECC Project Manager.

DELIVERABLES:

1. Input provided to the preliminary global mapping developed in the PDD-commissioned study.
2. Input provided to the detailed mapping of selected cases developed in the PDD-commissioned study.
3. Draft report in English presenting and discussing key findings of the review of the literature in French and Spanish languages.
4. Final report with the bibliography list and graphs, as appropriate.

TIMELINE:

This consultancy contract will start in February 2021 and end in June 2021.

Item	Delivery Date	Delivery Method
Input to the preliminary global mapping	15 March 2021	Via e-mail
Input to the detailed mapping	22 March 2021	Via e-mail
Draft report with key findings from the mappings	19 April 2021	Via e-mail
Collect comments and suggestions on the draft report	19-30 April 2021	Via e-mail
Final report	31 May 2021	Via e-mail

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR EVALUATION OF RESULTS (VALUE OF SERVICES RENDERED IN RELATION TO THEIR COST):

1. Deliverables submitted according to timelines outlined above.
2. Quality of the deliverables according to the task outlined above.
3. Final version of the deliverables submitted reflect inputs of parties consulted.

APPLICATION DETAILS:

Interested candidates should have:

1. At least 5 years of experience in migration, environment and climate change;
2. Advanced knowledge and skills in migration, environment and climate change research;
3. Specific experience and/or knowledge on planned relocation is a strong asset;



4. Fluency in English (oral and written) and advanced knowledge of French and Spanish are required. Advanced knowledge in Portuguese will be an advantage.

Interested candidates should send the following to abailat@iom.int and ispuccas@iom.int via email with the title “Planned Relocation Study Application” by 10 February 2021:

- A brief proposal, including the description of the approach and candidate’s experience (CV, cover letter);
- Samples of similar work; and
- A budget in EUR, including a breakdown of costs for the 2 deliverables (inputs to mapping/study, and report).