

CLIMATE MOBILITY POLICY

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PREAMBLE

Climate change and natural/man-made disasters have extreme impacts on human mobility across the Asian, Middle Eastern and Pacific regions. Further, it is projected that 1.2b people shall be displaced by 2050. There are two significant weather and man-made phenomena that will impact and drive affected population groups away from harm and towards safety:

Sudden-onset hazards: These occur unexpectedly and may be climate-related (eg, tropical storms, cyclones, floods, landslides, tornadoes, wildfires), geologic-related (earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions) or man-made (eg, chemical explosion, or infrastructure failure like a dam breaking).

Slower-onset events: These include: sea level rise; increasing temperatures; ocean acidification; glacial retreat and related impacts; salinization; land and forest degradation; loss of biodiversity; and desertification.

The Asian, Middle East and Pacific regions pose complex situations, from emergencies needing immediate humanitarian responses to other contexts needing long-term and sustainable solutions. As of 2022, there are about 11 million migrants of internally displaced and stateless people. The risks and threats posed by climate change will continue and it will contribute to the movement of people both within countries; “across country” (indigenous borders); and climate migrants who will relocate across international borders, either to Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, USA or the United Kingdom.

Climate mobility includes: [a] in-situ/staying in place; [b] planned relocation and rights-based migration; [c] evacuations; [d] internal displacement and relocation; [e] cross-border relocations/relocation across ‘countries’ (indigenous countries); [f] relocation outside of their country; and [g] stranded migrants - refugees; stateless migrants; asylum-seekers; and undocumented migrants.

VISION

Our vision is a world where people affected by climate change can move in humane, safe, regular, and orderly ways. We envision a future grounded in climate justice, where effective mitigation and adaptation strategies are in place, and where tailored solutions at local, regional, international, and global levels - safeguard dignity, security, and opportunity for all.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this vision are to ensure that people affected by climate change can move in ways that are safe, humane, regular, and orderly, while safeguarding their dignity, security, and opportunities. This includes establishing legal and policy frameworks for predictable mobility, protecting vulnerable populations, and preventing exploitation or forced displacement. It also emphasizes climate justice by prioritizing the needs of the most affected, strengthening mitigation and adaptation strategies to reduce displacement risks, and implementing tailored solutions at local, regional, national, and global levels. Additionally, the objectives focus on ensuring access to livelihoods, services, and participation in decision-making for mobile populations, supported by coordinated planning, regional cooperation, and mobilization of climate finance. Therefore, the Greens will:

ACTIONS

Governance and Institutional Capacity

- Strengthen local government capacity with technical training, resources, and authority to manage climate mobility transitions.
- Establish multi-stakeholder governance platforms (state, civil society, private sector, affected communities) to coordinate climate mobility responses.
- Integrate climate mobility responsibilities into existing ministries (environment, labor, migration, urban planning) with clear mandates and funding.

Legal and Policy Frameworks

- Develop laws and policies recognizing climate-displaced populations.
- Establish predictable, safe, and orderly migration pathways at local, national, regional, and international levels.
- Integrate mobility planning into national adaptation plans and disaster risk strategies.

Protection and Human Rights

- Safeguard vulnerable populations, including women, children, Indigenous peoples, and marginalized groups.
- Prevent exploitation, trafficking, and gender-based violence during mobility.
- Ensure participation of affected populations in decision-making processes.

Climate Justice and Equity

- Prioritize the needs of communities disproportionately affected by climate change.
- Ensure equitable access to resources, compensation, and opportunities linked to displacement.
- Align mobility strategies with broader social, economic, and environmental justice goals.

Indigenous Peoples in Climate Mobility

- Ensure Indigenous People are integrated into decision-making processes, especially if it concerns their traditional land ownership.
- Develop national guidelines for Indigenous communities' planned relocation that include Indigenous human rights safeguards, community participation, and long-term livelihood planning.
- Strengthen Indigenous communities' adaptive measures to secure their land and customary obligations.

Intergenerational and Future-Oriented Approaches

- Empower youth leadership platforms to shape national and regional climate mobility policies.
- Ensure education continuity programs for children and young people affected by displacement.
- Integrate intergenerational equity principles into mobility frameworks, guaranteeing long-term rights, cultural preservation, and future opportunities.

Youths in Climate Mobility

- Provide opportunities and capacity development for youths to be strengthened as a critical sector in climate mobility agenda.
- Develop regional agreements featuring youths, especially their critical roles in climate-induced relocation programmes.
- Invest in the tertiary education of youths focused on the climate mobility agenda and sector.

Women and Girls in Climate Mobility

- Ensure gender lens is applied to all implementation and co-design of climate mobility strategies.
- Prioritise women's health in displacement and relocation plans and ensure relevant contexts are adapted to meet their gender-based needs.
- Increased capacity building for women's leadership in the climate mobility field, with mentoring programmes at senior leadership.

Health and Mental Wellbeing

- Provide mental health and psychosocial support programs tailored to climate-displaced communities.
- Strengthen public health systems in receiving areas to prepare for sudden or large-scale arrivals.
- Integrate climate-sensitive health services (nutrition, maternal health, epidemic control) into mobility planning.

Livelihoods and Social Integration

- Ensure access to jobs, education, health, and social protection for mobile populations.
- Protect housing, land, and cultural heritage rights in relocation or resettlement.
- Facilitate social integration in host communities while maintaining cultural identity.

Coordination, Finance, and Knowledge Sharing

- Promote regional and international cooperation for mobility planning.
- Mobilize climate finance and technical assistance to support adaptation and relocation.
- Leverage data, research, and knowledge-sharing to inform policy and program design.

Regional Security and Stability

- Develop regional agreements to manage cross-border displacement peacefully and predictably.
- Establish conflict-sensitive approaches in relocation and integration programs to reduce tensions with host communities.
- Apply and promote peacebuilding and regional security dialogues linking climate mobility, migration governance, and humanitarian response.

Preparedness, Anticipatory Action, and Planned Relocation

- Establish anticipatory action frameworks that trigger early support (cash transfers, evacuation plans, infrastructure reinforcement) based on climate risk forecasting.
- Develop national guidelines for planned relocation that include human rights safeguards, community participation, and long-term livelihood planning.
- Create legal and policy pathways for temporary, circular, and cross-border mobility, ensuring safe labor migration opportunities as part of climate adaptation.

Mitigation and Adaptation Measures

- Reduce displacement drivers through climate mitigation and adaptation interventions.
- Invest in resilient infrastructure, early warning systems, and ecosystem protection.
- Support community-driven adaptation programs to minimize involuntary movement.

Urbanization and Spatial Planning

- Incorporate climate mobility into urban development plans and integrate service delivery plans including housing, jobs, and services for incoming populations.
- Promote and enforce sustainable land-use and zoning laws that reduce exposure to hazards and create safe relocation sites.
- Support inclusive urban upgrading programs in informal settlements absorbing displaced populations.

Technology and Innovation

- Develop digital platforms for tracking mobility flows, early warnings, and relocation planning.
- Establish innovative financing mechanisms (climate risk insurance, catastrophe bonds, loss and damage funds) to support displaced populations.
- Use geospatial and climate modeling technologies to identify at-risk communities and safe relocation sites.

Research Developments in Climate Mobility

- Ensure investment in research developments that should focus on research ownership, ethical processes, authorship and benefits.
- Invest in targeted research agenda featuring the teaching/learning of targeted communities impacted by climate change.
- Increase the engagement of marginalised population groups in research developments to implement their research development requirements.

Resources Developments in Climate Mobility

- Integrate the active engagement of impacted communities in the co-design and delivery of climate mobility resources.
- Ensure investment in translations and interpretations of climate mobility information and resources in Mother Languages for the increased engagement of hard to reach population groups.
- Lobby for digitised information, materials and resources that will safeguard the intangible assets of climate migrants.

Private Sector and Non-State Actors

- Incentivize private sector investment in resilient housing, renewable energy, and jobs for climate migrants.
- Strengthen partnerships with civil society and faith-based organizations to deliver integration, social protection, and advocacy.
- Create corporate responsibility frameworks for businesses to support adaptation and mobility financing.

Monitoring, Accountability, and Enforcement

- Set up independent monitoring bodies to track state compliance with climate mobility obligations, with regular public reporting.
- Develop rights-based grievance mechanisms where displaced persons can seek redress for violations of rights, property, or compensation.
- Establish data-driven accountability frameworks with indicators on protection, relocation outcomes, and host-community integration.

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