Protection, Disasters and Displacement: Reflections from IFRC

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What we know...

- 20 million displaced each year
- Majority in Asia Pacific
- Displacement mostly internal
- Climate Change will increase displacement
- Differential risk: Need for protection focus
- Human Mobility: Migration, Displacement and Planned Relocation
We need to know more...

- Cross-border displacement: climate refugees?
- Slow onset hazards: sea level rise, statelessness, HLP?
- Pre-emptive evacuations: physical and psychosocial toll
- Prolonged and protracted displacement data
- “Trapped populations”
We have come a long way...

- Increased recognition in global/regional policy:
  - Migration
  - Climate Change
  - Nansen Initiative / PDD
  - Disaster Risk Reduction
  - Sustainable Development
- Pacific and ASEAN
What more needs to be done?

• Investment and Impact at local/national level
• Prevention and Preparedness:
  • Weather related hazards
  • Investment in DRR/CCA still low
  • Foundation of integrated-risk assessments
  • Displacement sensitive DRR/CCA: exposure and resilience
  • RCRC: Disaster Law, HLP, FbF
• Response, Recovery and Durable Solutions:
  • Protection focus is critical
  • Concern for prolonged displacement
  • Support for dignified, truly durable solutions
THANK YOU!

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