

Advisory Committee Data and Knowledge Working Group (DKWG)

Terms of Reference

1. Background

The *Platform on Disaster Displacement* (hereinafter Platform or PDD) was established on 1 July 2016 to follow up on the work started by the Nansen Initiative and to implement the recommendations of the Protection Agenda. The overall objective of the Platform is:

To support States and other stakeholders to strengthen the protection of persons displaced across borders in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change, and to prevent or reduce disaster displacement risks in countries of origin.

To enable the work of the Platform, the following structure has been put in place: (1) Steering Group, (2) Advisory Committee, (3) Secretariat and (4) Group of Friends.

Global, reliable, comprehensive and systematic data collection and monitoring on disaster displacement, internal and cross-border, are lacking. Knowledge on displacement dynamics (scale, drivers, trends and protection impact) in disaster and climate change contexts is often insufficient or lacking, in particular regarding dynamics in the context of slow-onset events and processes associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

It is a strategic priority for the PDD to address these and other data and knowledge gaps. Following a recommendation made at the 2016 Advisory Committee Meeting, a Data and Knowledge Working Group (DKWG) was established within the PDD Advisory Committee. It is co-chaired by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC).

2. Purpose and Scope of Work for the Data and Knowledge Working Group (DKWG)

The DKWG will focus its work on activities which can enhance coordination, harmonization and information sharing on new research and scientific approaches, models, tools, and methodologies among the members of the PDD Advisory Committee, including activities that can promote complementarity and cooperation with other systems and actors collecting data and knowledge on all types of forced displacement. The overall objective of the DKWG is to strengthen coordination and the capacity of data collection and information systems at the global, regional and national level to collect, monitor and analyse data on disaster displacement.

The term “disaster displacement” refers to situations where people are forced or obliged to leave their homes or places of habitual residence as a result of a disaster or in order to avoid the impact of an immediate and foreseeable natural hazard. “Human mobility” refers to three forms of movement, namely displacement (understood as the primarily forced movement of persons), migration (understood as the

primarily voluntary movement of persons) and planned relocation (understood as planned process of settling persons or groups of persons to a new location).

The DKWG builds on the membership and work of the PDD Advisory Committee with any Advisory Committee member being able to become a member of the DKWG and membership is open-ended.

3. Working Methods

DKWG work and meetings will be convened by the co-chairs, IOM and IDMC, in coordination with the PDD Secretariat. Certain activities will be implemented by an organization or an individual taking the lead, and supported by other members of the DKWG and the PDD Advisory Committee. Its mode of work will primarily be electronic, complemented with in-person meetings in Geneva, Switzerland and elsewhere when necessary. The DKWG reports to the Chair of the PDD Advisory Committee.

4. Expected Outputs

The DKWG will contribute and support the implementation of data and knowledge-related activities of the PDD Workplan where needed, including in particular contributing to the following outputs:

- Develop an action plan on data and knowledge needs of the PDD in order to implement action-oriented recommendations addressing key gaps. (Activity IV.2.A in PDD Workplan 2019-2022)
- Review and feedback on studies and research commissioned in the context of the work of the PDD, including review support on articles drafted for submission to journals, books, blogs and other outlets.
- Share new research, findings and scientific innovative approaches on human mobility and its protection impact in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change among PDD Advisory Committee members /posted on the PDD Website, as appropriate.

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