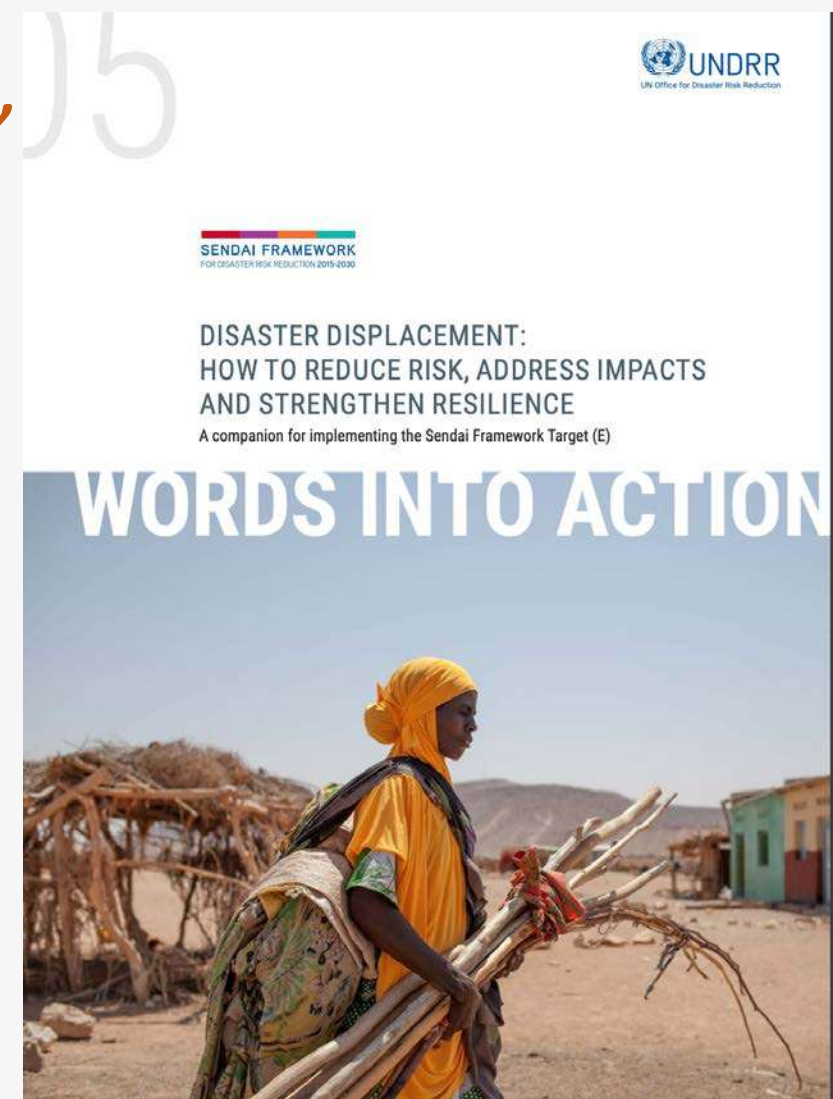


# UNDRR Words into Action Guideline

## *Disaster Displacement: How to Reduce Risk, Address Impacts and Strengthen Resilience*

Presentation to Group of Friends of the PDD  
New York - 15 January 2021



# *Words into Action*

## guideline on disaster displacement

- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) *Words into Action* (WiA) series, May 2019
- Collaboration led by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in support of the Platform on Disaster Displacement's (PDD) workplan
- Working group: German Federal Foreign Office, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), PDD, UNDRR, International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and NRC

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# Sendai Framework references to displacement

## Target (B)

Substantially **reduce the number of affected people globally by 2030**

- Prevent and reduce **disaster displacement risk**: transboundary risk, relocation of human settlements
- Develop policies and programmes on **disaster-induced human mobility**, including host communities
- Conduct exercises to ensure rapid and effective **response to displacement**
- Include temporary settlements within post-disaster **recovery and rehabilitation** efforts
- Ensure the **inclusion** of displaced people and migrants in DRR

# WiA guideline on disaster displacement

## Objective

Support Governments and disaster risk reduction (DRR) actors to address disaster displacement in:

- DRR strategies—supporting Sendai Target (E)
- Climate change adaptation and sustainable development plans
- Sectoral plans (land-use, housing, education, health, migration)

How?

- reduce disaster displacement risk
- protect the rights of those displaced and address specific needs
- help them find **durable solutions**



# Structure of the WiA guideline

- Background on disaster displacement concepts
- Guidance to address displacement under each of the 4 Sendai Framework priorities
- Examples from countries
- Regional collaboration on displacement
- Annexes: references for further guidance

# Displacement-specific needs and protection of rights

- Lack of shelter
- Limited livelihood opportunities
- Lack of documents needed to access services
- Exposure to further hazards
- Family separation
- Discrimination
- Heightened risk of gender-based violence and human trafficking
- Psychosocial impacts
- Weak or absent social support networks



# 1. Understanding disaster displacement risk

## Displacement data collection

Before



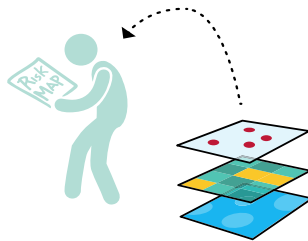
During



After



## Integration in risk assessments



## 2. Strengthening governance to address disaster displacement risk

- **Laws, regulations and public policies**

- Specific displacement references and measures
- In DRR and across sectors
- Roles and responsibilities
- Financial and human resources
- Monitoring and reporting



- **Mechanisms, systems and forums**

- Focal points
- Cross-sector working groups





### 3. Investing in DRR for resilience to reduce displacement risk



- Inclusion in DRR strategies and plans
- Targeting resilience-building programmes to displaced people and those at risk of displacement
- Formal recognition of informal or marginal settlements
- Identification of areas suitable for planned relocation

## 4. Enhancing preparedness for effective response to disaster displacement and to “build back better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction

- Risk knowledge, early warning systems and evacuation plans
- Displaced people and those at-risk engaged in planning
- Plans include projections for long-term displacement
- Sites identified for temporary and permanent resettlement
- Local authorities have budget and authority to assist displaced population



# Support for countries and regions on use of the WIA

- Support the review of national (DRR, climate change, sectoral) policies to **integrate** needed elements on disaster displacement
- Support the development of **new policies or strategies** on disaster displacement
- Provide **training** to policy makers and DRR actors on disaster displacement based on the WIA guideline and checklist, including through **e-learning course**

# How Governments are using the WiA guideline and support from NRC and PDD

- All countries and regions are different
  - South Africa, Mozambique and Nepal
  - Andean region (CAPRADE)
  - Central American region (CEPREDENAC)
  - IGAD
- + new countries / regions in 2021
- **Good practice:** national and regional collaboration

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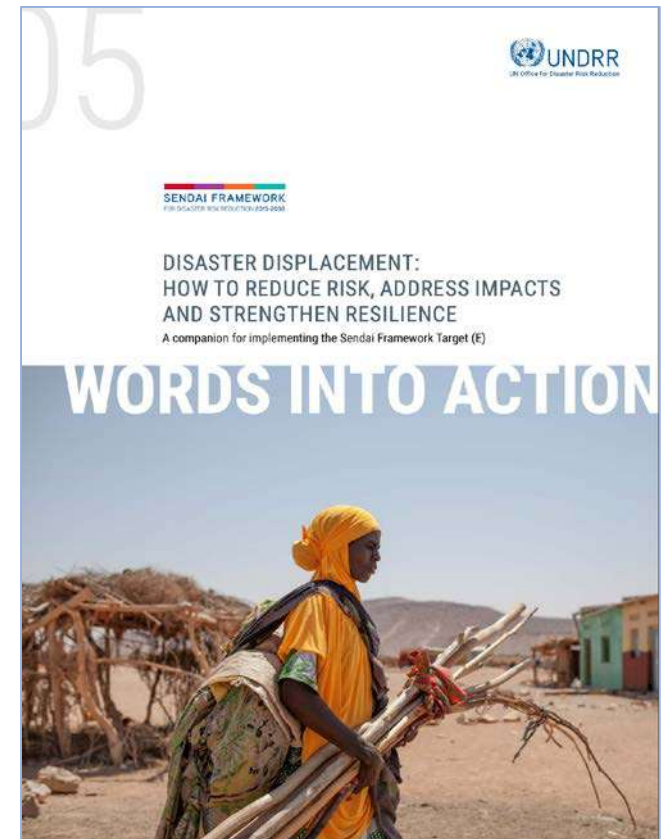
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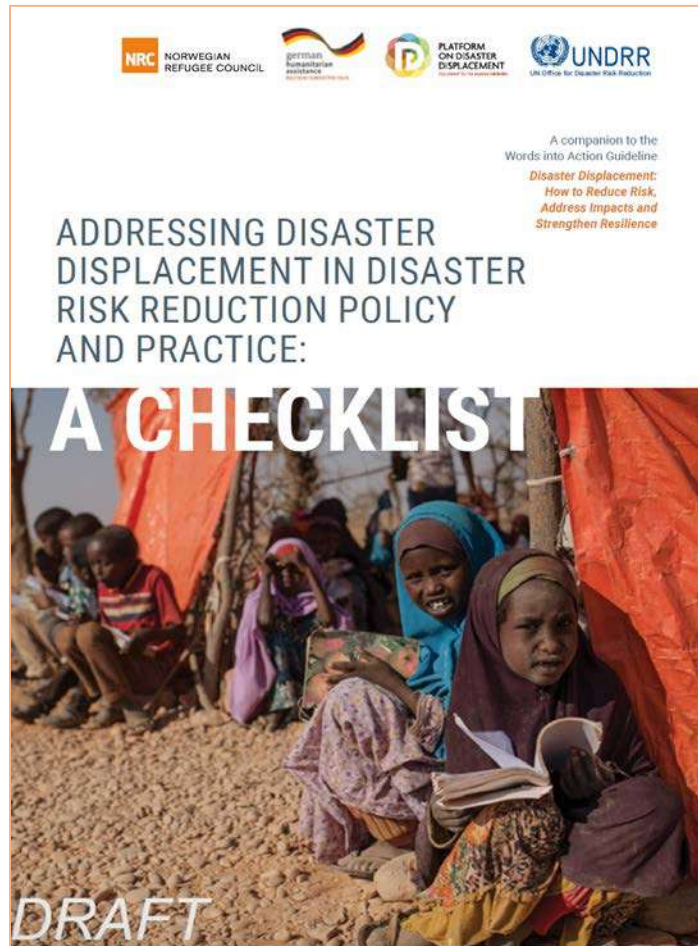
**Checklist** available on same site end of January 2021

**E-learning** also coming early 2021

**In English, French and Spanish**



# Addressing Disaster Displacement in DRR Policy and Practice: A Checklist



- Structure: disaster risk management cycle
- Elements can be used to assess whether policies and strategies align with Sendai Framework on displacement