Planned Relocation: A Protection Perspective

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Policy to Practice

- Cancun Adaptation Framework 2010
- UNHCR protection policy research series 2012
- San Remo and Bellagio expert roundtables 2014/2015
- Operational toolbox (2017)
Transferable Principles

- Human Rights
- Participatory Approach
- Durable Solutions
Principles of Planned Relocations

- State Responsibility
- Interests of affected persons
- Specific needs / vulnerabilities
- Last resort
Engagement with Affected Communities

• 3 types of engagement
  – Information sharing
  – Consultation
  – Participation

• Stakeholder groups
  – Relocated persons, Persons remaining at the site, Receiving or host communities

• Even within group, populations are not homogeneous
  – Have diverse protection needs, rights, circumstances based on their pre-existing vulnerabilities

• Age, Gender, Diversity approach
Measures pending and during relocation

• Managing mutual expectations

• Preserving social networks = stress buffering effects
  – One technique is relocate communities as a group, with temporary housing in close proximity

• Importance of bringing items of high emotional, spiritual or cultural value
Measures after relocation: Building Sustainable Futures

- Livelihoods and vocational training

- Access to:
  - Adequate housing
  - Public services – water, sanitation, electricity, transportation
  - Social services – education, health

- Cultural heritage as a tool for ‘emplacement’
Monitoring and Evaluation

• Longitudinal

• Baselines
  – Operationalized with specific and measurable indicators

• Qualitative and quantitative metrics
  – environmental, social, cultural, economic, and human rights dimensions
Translating principles to practice: National level Implementation

- Meeting with States to finalize the Toolbox
  - 29 May 2017 in Geneva

- Disaster Risk Reduction (Domestication of Sendai Framework)
  - Include planned relocation in national DRR strategies
  - Words into Action on Human Mobility

- Climate Change (Domestication of Paris Agreement)
  - Include in NAPs, NDCs
  - Include in recommendations of UNFCCC WIM Task Force on displacement