

Stocktaking of Actors and Initiatives Working on Loss & Damage (L&D) and Displacement

Workshop Report

“PILOT ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTIONS TO AVERT, MINIMIZE DISPLACEMENT IN CLIMATE STRESSED DISTRICTS OF BANGLADESH”



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Stocktaking of Actors and Initiatives on Loss & Damage (L&D) and Displacement workshop, held on 17 February 2025 in Dhaka, convened experts, policymakers, and practitioners to enhance coordination, assess governance gaps, and integrate climate-induced displacement into national frameworks. Discussions underscored the need for policy coherence, institutional mechanisms, and sustainable financing to address displacement effectively. A key outcome was the stakeholder mapping exercise, which identified key actors and initiatives, contributing to a comprehensive directory for improved collaboration. The workshop also emphasized aligning global and national policies, leveraging international institutions such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) for Loss and Damage, and donor agencies for financial and technical support. The International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and its partners will finalize a stocktaking report, advocate for policy integration, and strengthen financial and institutional mechanisms to ensure a proactive and coordinated approach to climate-induced displacement in Bangladesh.

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Opening Session: Welcome Remarks

The event commenced with welcoming remarks from Mr. Saqib Huq, Managing Director of ICCCAD, who underscored the urgency of addressing displacement within loss and damage frameworks. He emphasized the need for multi-sectoral collaboration to ensure policy coherence and effective responses to climate-induced migration. Participants then engaged in an interactive ice-breaking activity to enhance networking and knowledge exchange.

“Displacement should be included in national and global loss and damage frameworks”

“Cross-sectoral partnerships can address knowledge and implementation gaps.”

Technical Presentation

01



Access to Land & Displacement

Presented by: Md. Lutfor Rahman, Programme Manager, Climate Change and Displacement (CCD), ICCAD

Land access remains a central challenge in addressing climate-induced displacement, particularly in Bangladesh, where land tenure security is weak for vulnerable populations. Mr. Rahman outlined the systemic barriers faced by displaced communities in acquiring legal land ownership, highlighting gaps in governance, lack of documentation, and socio-political marginalization. He emphasized the need for land tenure reforms to ensure that displaced populations are not further marginalized by resettlement policies that fail to recognize their right to stable and sustainable living conditions. His presentation also explored the legal frameworks that exist for land governance and how they intersect with displacement issues, urging a shift toward more inclusive policies that recognize land as a fundamental component of resilience-building.



Question for Reflection

Is international migration linked to land access issues?

How does climate change exacerbate loss and damage-induced displacement?

Technical Presentation

02



Understanding the Intersection of Loss & Damage and Displacement: Key Drivers and Policy Implications

Presented by: Adv.M. Hafijul Islam Khan, Executive Director, Climate Justice Bangladesh (CCJ-B)

Adv. Khan provided a detailed analysis of the direct and indirect links between climate change and displacement, emphasizing the growing frequency of climate-induced disasters like rising sea levels, salinity intrusion, cyclones, and riverbank erosion. He discussed the complexity of attributing displacement to climate change alone, as economic, social, and political factors also play a role. Khan highlighted the need for data-driven approaches to differentiate voluntary migration from forced displacement and called for the inclusion of non-economic losses, such as cultural erosion, in loss and damage assessments. He also critiqued international legal frameworks, urging stronger advocacy and accessible funds for affected communities.

Key Recommendations:

- Strengthening data collection for evidence-based policy.
- Establishing clear government mandates for displacement governance.
- Developing a national framework under the loss and damage umbrella.
- Enhancing accessibility of loss and damage funds.
- Implementing trigger-based financial mechanisms.

Group Work Discussion: Developing a Foundation by Identifying Knowledge Areas in Loss & Damage and Displacement

Group Task 01

Participants were divided into two groups: Group 1 - Global Institutions and Funding for Loss and Damage and Group 2 - National-Level Policy Recommendations. Each group identified key gaps and opportunities in governance structures, followed by a presentation using a visual infographic.

Group Work Outcomes

Group 1: Global Institutions & Funding for Loss and Damage

- Identified key international institutions for support.
- Highlighted need for financial tools, technical help, & capacity-building.
- Emphasized technology's role in addressing displacement.
- Advocated for a regional agreement to enhance collaboration.
- Recognized UN agencies' role in finance & policy support.

Group 2: National-Level Policy Recommendations

- Urged accurate definition of climate-induced displacement for policy inclusion.
- Advocated for a loss & damage policy framework, led by the DOE.
- Stressed the need for awareness campaigns for communities.
- Recommended integrating displacement response into disaster plans.



Technical Presentation

03



Key Policy Recommendations

Integrate climate migration into the Global Compact for Migration (GCM)

Develop a coordination cell across ministries, including finance, for streamlined funding and implementation.

Strengthen follow-up mechanisms within national action plans

Identifying Key Stakeholders and Initiatives in Loss & Damage and Displacement Governance

Presented by: Dr. Golam Rabbani, Head of Climate Bridge Fund Secretariat, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC)

Dr. Rabbani led a critical discussion on the challenges and opportunities in aligning Bangladesh’s policies on climate-induced displacement. He emphasized the fragmented nature of existing frameworks, where national action plans and global commitments often operate in silos, leading to inefficiencies in governance and resource allocation.

His presentation underscored the urgent need for a dedicated institutional mechanism to oversee displacement governance, ensuring interventions are coordinated across government agencies. He highlighted key gaps in implementation and stressed the importance of integrating loss and damage frameworks with human mobility policies to create a cohesive national response.

A major takeaway from his session was the necessity of establishing a coordination cell across ministries—particularly finance, planning, and environment—to streamline funding distribution and policy execution. He also emphasized the need for stronger data collection and monitoring mechanisms to track displacement trends effectively and inform decision-making.



Mapping Key Stakeholders in Climate-Induced Displacement Initiatives

Group Task 02

Following his presentation, Dr. Rabbani guided participants in a group task to map stakeholders and initiatives addressing climate-induced displacement. This exercise aimed to identify existing programs, interventions, and actors working in the field, contributing to the development of a comprehensive directory of climate-induced displacement actors and initiatives.

The table below presents the findings compiled by participants during the group task.

Actor Categories (Organisations)		Initiatives (Programme/Project's Name)	Objective (Programme/Project's Name)	Level of Intervention		Focus Area (Location)	Focal Person
				National Level	Local Level		
Donors	GCA & FCDO	CRMFT	To build Climate Resilient Migrant Friendly Secondary Cities		YES	Mongla, Patuakhali, Kuakata and Borhanuddin	Anju Sharma (Global Lead, ILLA,GCA)
	PCI & CAFOD	CIMMS	To deal with the resilience of the community and create awareness	YES	YES	Shyamnagar, Koyra, Guyanghat and Patuakhali	OKUP
		CARE	To aware women about sexual reproductive health				
		Research on Climate Migration and Modern Slavery	Coastal Resilience Building				
ADB Start Fund	Anticipatory Action	Early Humanitarian Assistant	YES	YES	Khulna and Barisal Division	START Network	
Government Agencies	Ministry of Housing and Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote Resilience of Displaced Person in Municipal areas of Sirajganj and Cumilla Low-cost Housing Facilities 	Providing better living situation of the displaced person in their origin	YES	YES	Sirajganj and Cumilla	Ms. Naina Ahmed (Joint Secretary)
INGO's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEP Consortium PLAN International Card Aid United Purpose 	Anticipatory Action for Cyclone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Resilience of Coastal Communities DMC and Community led anticipatory action 	YES	YES	Patharghata, Assasuni, Kalapara and Sharankhola	STEP Consortium
NGO's	SAJIDA Foundation	Climate Change Programme (CCP)	Community adaptation and Resilience	YES		Gaibandha, Kurigram, Sunamganj, Mongla, Satkhira and Sharankhola	Pulq Baral Contact: 01730218618
Research Organization	RMRRU	SUCCESS	International Migration		YES	Khulna: Koyra and Shyamnagar	RMRRU
	ICCCAD	PAMAD	Land Access of Climate Induced Displacement		YES		ICCCAD
Other	CPP	BDRCS	Evacuation and Aid	YES		Across the Country	
	Youth Net Global	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecomen Project Y-transition Re-Wet Project 	Capacitate youth for climate justice in vulnerable areas	YES	YES	Khulna, Satkhira, Cox's Bazar, Sundarban and Kurigram	Sohanur Rahman

“The outcome of this exercise is expected to enhance our understanding of existing initiatives, contributing significantly to a structured directory of climate-induced displacement actors and projects. This directory will serve as a valuable resource for policymakers, researchers, and practitioners working on displacement and Loss & Damage”

Global and National Policy Integration

Facilitator: Md. Ashfaqur Rahman Khan, National Programme Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM)



This session explored the intersection of global policy frameworks and Bangladesh’s national strategies for addressing Loss & Damage and climate-induced displacement. Participants examined the roles of international institutions in providing financial assistance, technical collaboration, and institutional capacity-building to enhance national resilience.

Key International Institutions and Their Roles

- UNFCCC – Guides displacement policies.
- WIM – Supports capacity-building and finance.
- TFD – Analyzes displacement trends.
- UNDP, UNHCR, IOM – Aid migration governance.
- Donors – Provide financial and technical support

Forms of International Support

- Funding – Mobilizing resources.
- Technical Aid – Knowledge, technology, capacity-building.
- Consultation – Aligning policies.
- Finance Governance – Ensuring transparency

Aligning Global & National Policies

- Inter-ministerial coordination.
- Adaptive financial models.
- Data collection & monitoring.
- Stakeholder engagement

“Effective displacement policies require more than recognition— they demand action, funding, and global accountability”

Address by the Special Guest: Nahid Sultana Mallik

Director (Training & Research), Department of Disaster Management, Government of Bangladesh

Nahid Sultana Mallik highlighted the government's commitment to addressing climate-induced displacement in Bangladesh. She stressed the need for effective policies and institutional frameworks to manage migration caused by climate change, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts and community-centered approaches.

Key Points:

- **Disaster Management** – Integrating displacement into national strategies.
- **Inter-Ministerial Coordination** – Strengthening cross-sector collaboration.
- **Community-Centered Approaches** – Prioritizing local needs in policies.
- **Financing & Resources** – Ensuring sustainable funding for displaced communities.
- **Legal & Policy Integration** – Embedding climate displacement in national frameworks.



Inter-ministerial collaboration isn't optional—it's the backbone of effective climate migration governance

A community-centered approach is key—solutions must be shaped by those most affected by climate change

Conclusion and Next Steps

The Stocktaking of Actors and Initiatives on Loss & Damage (L&D) and Displacement workshop successfully brought together key stakeholders to enhance coordination, identify policy gaps, and strengthen governance in addressing climate-induced displacement. The discussions reinforced the urgent need for policy coherence, institutional mechanisms, and sustainable financing to ensure an effective response.

A key outcome of the workshop was the stakeholder mapping exercise, which identified key actors, projects, and initiatives working on climate-induced displacement. This exercise will contribute to the development of a comprehensive directory, improving collaboration and resource allocation. Additionally, the workshop emphasized the importance of aligning global policy frameworks with national strategies, ensuring that international financial and technical support is effectively integrated into national governance structures.

ICCCAD and its partners will

-  *Finalize a stocktaking report to consolidate findings and insights*
-  *Publish a report on Land accessibility by the displaced communities in Bangladesh*
-  *Strengthen multi-stakeholder collaboration for better coordination and accountability*

The workshop concluded with a collective commitment to advancing policy integration, securing resources, and prioritizing displaced communities, ensuring a proactive and coordinated approach to climate-induced displacement



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