

# 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