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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prof. Opportuna Kweka

**Chair
Research Chair on Forced
Displacement**



As we move forward into year three of our Research Chair, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements and express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your unwavering dedication and hard work. Our journey together continues to inspire and motivate me, as I witness the passion and commitment that each member brings to our mission.

In our second year we embarked into the fieldwork and we have reached significant milestones of more than 10 published papers and more collaborative papers are coming and supported 17 researchers to do fieldwork also conducted outreaches in Uganda in areas of urban refugees and climate induced internally displacement persons. That reflect our shared vision and determination. Our network has continued to grow and three new partners were recruited from the first 6 partners we had in Kenya. We have continued grow, adapt, and make a meaningful impact in the community and policy.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the collaborative spirit and relentless efforts of our team, partners, and supporters. It is this spirit of unity and shared purpose that makes our organization strong and resilient, capable of overcoming challenges and seizing new opportunities.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the comparative work journey which we have begun to plan together and I looking forward to impacting at the regional level. I encourage each of you to stay engaged, continue to share your ideas, and keep pushing the boundaries of what we can achieve together.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our mission. Let us continue to build on our successes, support one another, and strive to make a lasting difference in the world.

COORDINATORS CORNER

Internship and Outreach coordinator messages



This year's outreach coordination was unique because it took place in Uganda. My straightforward objective was to create connections between the chair, the host organization, and the interns while also making our purpose significant to our stakeholders in order to develop long-lasting partnerships that may further our work. Establishing and sustaining cooperation with our principal partners, who accommodated interns and worked in tandem with the chair to accomplish the same objective, was beneficial. This has strengthened my conviction that working together is the best way to bring about long-lasting change and that we are stronger as a team.

Observing the results of our work has been one of the most satisfying aspects of this role. Being a part of the team that selected interns who were enthusiastic about improving the lives of refugees and internally displaced people by their work at the host organizations on a daily basis and the outreach programs the chair organized was a pleasure. It hasn't always been simple, though. There were occasions when it seemed like we were fighting an uphill struggle, when our efforts weren't producing the desired outcomes, or when the response was mediocre. But those difficulties also taught me the value of adaptability and resilience.

Messages from the Seminar Coordinator

Understanding and Addressing Forced Displacement Crisis Together

Forced displacement is a complex global issue with far-reaching consequences. Our seminar series brings together leading experts, practitioners, and interns to create a platform that explores the latest research findings, discusses emerging trends, and identifies effective strategies for addressing the needs of displaced populations.

The first half of 2024 has been a period of intense academic engagement and knowledge exchange for the Research Chair on Forced Displacement. Fifteen seminars were successfully conducted, covering a wide spectrum of topics related to forced displacement. From the impact of climate change on displacement and the challenges faced by East African refugees to human rights abuses, gender disparities, and the complex issue of human trafficking. We have also explored innovative solutions like naturalization, resettlement planning, and the potential of artificial intelligence in humanitarian work. These seminars provided a platform for researchers, practitioners, and students to share insights and foster collaboration.



Policy Dialogues in 2024, A New Approach Adopted to Engage with Stakeholders

“The problem with academicians/ researchers is that you do research and keep it in your offices. We hardly see feedback or impact of the research permits we issue now and then.” – Stakeholder



One of the key objectives of the chair is to conduct demand-driven and action-oriented research. Since the inauguration of the chair, policy dialogues have continued to be a strategic approach adopted to engage with stakeholders, both state and non-state actors in the field of forced displacement. The dialogues allow the chair to interact and engage with stakeholders and have served as our research dissemination points. Through the dialogues, the chair can also pinpoint what matters and calls for research to ensure that the work done in the chair remains useful and relevant to the key stakeholders.

Based on the 2023 experience where all stakeholders, regardless of their roles and positions, were brought together under one roof, policy dialogues in 2024 took a different approach. With all stakeholders gathered, sometimes due to the sensitive nature of forced displacement issues, tension and discomforts are almost inevitable leading to sometimes unfruitful engagement. To overcome that, separate dialogue sessions were organised for state and non-state actors. What we have come to learn over time is that different stakeholders have different perceptions and stances influenced by their institutional role, motive and objective in dealing with displaced populations. If the dialogue atmosphere does not consider these diversities, one risks having an audience that is guarded and reserved.

With the new approach, three major activities were conducted. The first was a dialogue with state actors composed of persons from various government ministries, departments and agencies including the Refugees Services Department. The second dialogue included non-state actors; in collaboration with ReDSS (Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat), the chair disseminated its findings and conversed with different national and international non-state actors including UNICEF and the International Rescue Committee. The ‘press conference’ was the third event held by the chair which aimed at disseminating the chair’s function to the general public. Each event was preceded by member’s preparation of policy briefs and summaries of their respective research. Through the dialogues, the chair continues to learn and unlearn the discourses and narratives regarding forced displacement beyond the theoretical and academic perspectives. The dialogues are a strong and effective tool driving the aspired change through legal, policy and action reforms. Above all. The dialogues continue to be a platform to address the stakeholders’ sentiment as captured in the quotation above.



RESEARCH

RESEARCH CHAIR ON FORCED DISPLACEMENT TOOK PART IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION WEEK AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL AND BECAME THE NUMBER 2 WINNER



Prof. Opportuna Kweka elaborates on project for the Judges.

Members of the Research Chair on Forced Displacement participating in the Research and Innovation Week.





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 DISPLACEMENT: WITH A FOCUS ON
 EAST AFRICA**



Introduction

Strengthening Knowledge, Evidence Use and Leadership in the Global South on Forced Displacement: Focus on East Africa Project is a five year Project. It is funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). It is administered through the Department of Geography, College of Social Sciences, University of Dar es Salaam and has established the Research Chair on Forced Displacement. It has thirty two members who conducts research on different issues of forced displacement. Members are from different disciplines and five East African countries, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.



Aims:

01. Generate context-informed and multidisciplinary knowledge on forced displacement that is led by researchers in the region and guided by the priorities of displaced populations, with a focus on livelihood security and social and legal protection for conflict-displaced refugees and those internally displaced by climate, conservation, or large-scale development events
02. Inform policy making processes on forced displacement at national and regional levels through policy outreach and strategic collaboration with civil society organizations
03. Enhance policy debates on forced displacement globally and increase the intellectual presence from the region in these global debates, through concerted activities at UDSM and engagement with IDRC funded chairs in other regions
04. Institutionalize the study of displacement at UDSM through increased cross-faculty collaboration, mentoring of early career scholars, and development of a Masters-level curriculum in the Department of Geography on forced displacement.



Activities:

Research and publications: The project conduct research on issues of forced displacement. The project takes a holistic approach to displacement looking at conflicts, climate-disaster, conservation and development induced displacement. It also focuses on relocation, resettlement and integration processes of handling displacement.

Seminars: The Project conducts monthly seminars on different topics on and related to displacement from scholars, practitioners and students.

Policy dialogues: The research conducted under the Project aims at informing policy. The Project holds national and regional policy dialogues once every year.

Research support: The Project provides research support to one postdoctoral, one PhD and one master student each year.

Symposium and Conferences: The Project through the establish Research Chair holds annual Symposium and Conferences to disseminate the research to public and policy makers.

Internship: The project support six interns each year, Interns are hosted by NGOs collaborating with the Research Chair.

Outreach: The research conducted in the Project is action oriented research which aims to make impact as it is conducted. Members provide back to the community of displaced through its outreach programs. The outreach are conducted with NGOs hosting the interns



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 FACT SHEET**

Administrative accomplishment

- Established the Research Chair on Forced Displacement – July 1st 2022
- Official launch of the Research Chair - June 1st 2023
- Appointment of the Research Chair December 1st, 2022
- Appointment of coordinators of the Research Chair – January 1st 2023
- Hire one intern to serve in the Research Chair – December 1st 2023

Research and publication

- Work on an edited book which will be used as a text book – under editors review
- Conducted fieldworks in four sites – Kigoma, Dar es Salaam and Tanga
- These sites are refugees; relocated Maasai pastoralists; Msimbazi project removal of population; temporary displaced in Kigogo flood prone area; Sukuma nomadic pastoralists environmental migrants in Kigoma
- Writing empirical papers and submitting to journal – now under review
- Preparing a special issue – writing workshops are underway

Training and research support

- Recruited and train 12 interns 6 in Tanzania (yr 2023) and 6 in Uganda year 2024)
- Recruited for research support 2 postdoctoral, 2 PhDs, 2 master students

Knowledge sharing and policy impact


- Conducted outreach in areas of research
- Conducted more than 13 seminars on different topics on displacement
- Conducted one conference on 2nd of November 2022
- Conducted one symposium on 7th of December 2023
- Conducted one regional and national policy dialogue on 1st of June 2023
- Present in the Global refugee Forum

Network and partners

- Networking with other IDRC funded chairs in different countries in the global South
- Visit to Uganda
- Visit the East African Community
- Partners with NGOs and INGOs – KINNAPA, Dignity Kwanza, REDESSO in Tanzania
- IRC, CAFOMI and RLP in Uganda
- REDSS, UN agencies and IOM
- Ministries in Tanzania: Ministry of Home Affairs (Refugee Department); Prime Minister’s Office (Disaster Department); Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the East Africa Cooperation; Ministry of Land ; Presidents office Local Government and Regional Authorities


**Master of Research and Policy in Forced Displacement is
 under construction**

Monthly Seminar Series


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Seminar Series


PRESENTERS:



Prof. Opportuna Kweka



Dr. Judith Wanda




Dr. Rosemary Msoka

TOPIC:
Where are Burundian Refugee Women?

Date: 9th April 2024 | Time: 1600 Hours (EAT)

Register through the link provided

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SEMINAR TOPIC

Exile and Poverty: An Unfortunate Legacy for Children of Burundi's 1972
Crisis Returnees


PRESENTER



CANSIUS NDAYIREZA,
PhD Candidate
USMV - Studied at INSP
BURUNDI

Date: 23 April 2024 | Time: 16:00 – 17:00 Hours (EAT)

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SEMINAR TOPIC

"The Naturalized Refugees in the Post-Colonial Tanzania: A Lesson and Viable Solution
to Address Hatred in the Community, A Case of Katavi Region, the 1960s-2020s"

PRESENTER



MUSSA NDYANYI
KASSIM,
PhD Candidate

Date: 07 May 2024 | Time: 16:00 – 17:00 Hours (EAT)

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SEMINAR SERIES

Theme:
Ways to Impact Policy

Presenter:



Vicensia Shule
Content Producer

Date: 16 April 2024 | Time: 16:00 – 17:00 Hours (EAT)

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SEMINAR TOPIC

Politics of Citizenship as a Solution for Refugees in Tanzania: A Comparative Case
Study of Naturalization of Rwandese (1980-1995) and Burundians (2008-2023)

PRESENTER



Den Mwapinga,
PhD Candidate
Department of Political
Science,
Carleton University,
Ottawa, Canada.

Date: 15th May 2024 | Time: 16:00 – 17:00 Hours (EAT)

Mode of presentation: Virtual
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SEMINAR TOPIC
 Global Compact on Refugees and the Resilience of Self-Settled Burundian Refugees in Tanzania



PRESENTER
MR. LEONARD CHIMANDA
 PhD Candidate at University of Sussex School of Law

Date: 22 May 2024 | Time: 16:00 – 17:00 Hours (EAT)

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SEMINAR TOPIC
 How Security Concerns Have Jeopardized the Protection of Refugees



PRESENTER
 Godlove Zakaria Kifliklo Esq.
 Protection Officer
 UNHCR SO Dadaab,
 Kenya refugee Operation

Date: 11 June 2024 | Time: 16:00 – 17:00 Hours (EAT)

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SELECTED INTERNS


UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM'S RESEARCH CHAIR ON FORCED DISPLACEMENT


INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2024
UGANDA INTERNS



KATUSHABE RONALD
 Education level: Bachelor of Laws, Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice at Law Development Center-Uganda
 Hosting Organisation: NGO-Refugee Law Project.



AMANDA BIWOYE
 Education level: Bachelor of Laws Makerere University
 Hosting organisation: CAFOMI Uganda



MUKISA HUSSEIN
 Education level: Bachelor of journalism and communication (Makerere University).
 Hosting Organization: International Rescue Committee (IRC), Uganda.



WANI ALEX LOU
 Education level: Bsc. Food Technology and Human Nutrition
 Hosting organization: International Rescue Committee
 Ayivu, BidiBidi refugee settlement, Uganda



CAROLINE BAAN
 Education level: BA. Law (UCU) and Dip. Legal Studies (LDC)
 Hosting Organization: International Rescue Committee (IRC)
 Uganda, Kampala.



KANSIIME PATRAH ANGEL
 Education level: Bachelor of Law at Cavendish University Uganda
 Hosting Organisation: Refugee Law Project – Kiryandongo

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RESEARCH SUPPORT



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MASTERS AND PHD SUPPORT



CANESIUS NDAYIKEZA,

Nationality: Ugandan

Education: PhD student

Topic: Obstacles to returnees' sustainable integration, with a focus on food insecurity



DR. JUDITH WANDA

Nationality: Kenyan

Education: PhD

Topic: Functions of local media coverage in shaping the acculturation experiences of refugees and internally displaced persons in East Africa



BWOGI PATRA LEONEY

Nationality: Ugandan

Education: Masters

Topic: Repatriation of refugees in Uganda and a search for a common repatriation mechanism in East Africa.



NAISHIYE STANLEY

Nationality: Tanzanian

Education: Masters

Topic: Exploring Responsive Settlement Planning for Traditional Male Circumcision Practices in New Maasai Community Villages in Msomera, Handeni, Tanga



MUSSA NDYANYI KASSIMU

Nationality: Tanzanian

Education: PhD

Topic: Religion, sports and diseases in relation to migration and refugees

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INTERNSHIP AND OUTREACHES IN UGANDA



An outreach session with mixed refugees in Uganda done with IRC - Uganda



Outreach with Sudanese, Eritreans, Somalis and South Sudan, Sudanese and Congolese done with the RLP



Prof. Kweka, our intern Ronald Katushabe intern in an outreach session with mixed urban refugees - done with RLP

Outreach session with the refugees from Congolese and Sudan at PPDR Salama in Kampala with RLP



A picture showing a one-to-one session with the refugees at PPDR Salama



Sudanese REFUGEES IN an outreach session in Entebbe - done with the RLP

Intern at UDSM- Research Chair on Forced Displacement Working with Refugee Law Project (RLP) Uganda



Under UDSM- Research Chair on Forced Displacement. I was offered Internship training to work with Refugee Law Project School of Law Makerere University located in Uganda for a period of 6 months that is to say since 1st March, 2024 to 30th August, 2024.

During this period, I interacted with more than 1000 Forced migrants most especially refugees all located in urban areas and I was tasked to do the following activities, community outreaches, offering legal advice, Legal representation in courts of law, Conducted police follow-ups, Interviewed walk-in clients, drafted legal documents for clients, accompanying clients up to hard-to-reach offices for further assistance, Conducted mediations amongst conflicting parties, Conduct trainings with stakeholders to strengthen collaborations, Prison visits, Writing concept notes and activity reports among others.

Under the three days, community outreaches I organized that were funded by UDSM- Research Chair on Forced Displacement and other activities I have participated in at Refugee Law Project I realized the following:

That many of the refugees are unemployed and they wanted to be given jobs in line of their professions like lawyers, judges, teachers and doctors.

Clients normally ask for support of funds to manage their livelihood which is not offered by most available helping organizations.

Most refugees were demanding for protection and resettlement on grounds that they need security as enemies from their home countries follow them up to Uganda to end their lives.

During most police follow ups, refugees are demanded to meet costs of tracking and arresting suspects which they can't afford hence making investigations incomplete for most police files hence lack of justice.

Hostile refugees because of Depression who cause violence in a bid to seek for help and many other challenges to mention but a few.

While dealing with these challenges like in cases of resettlement and protection the clients were referred to partnering organizations like Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and UNHRC to handle their cases and for other challenges I wrote reports that I presented to UDSM- Research Chair on Forced Displacement and Refugee Law Project to address the raised concerns.

I therefore appreciate University of Dares salaam, Research Chair on Forced Displacement and Refugee Law Project School of Law who offered me and hosted me for this internship training of working with Forced Migrants which has exposed me to various skills like collaboration, leadership, writing activity reports plus concept notes and networking which offers me invaluable opportunities for my future career prospects.

OUTREACH IN KASESE - UGANDA



A 90-year-old widow appeals for help after disastrous floods in Kasese district

By: Hussein Mukisa

Kyakimwa Foboronia is a 90-year-old widow living at Nyambuko temporary internally displaced persons (IDP) camp in Kasese District, Uganda. She fled to the IDP camp after flash floods that destroyed her house in May 2024. Foboronia is living in very poor conditions and has come out to plead to government and goodwill ambassadors for support in the aftermath of disastrous floods and landslides that left her with nothing.

Kyakimwa Foboronia, a 90-year-old widow in dire need for support. Photo by Nicholas Shawn Mugarura, MEAL & Communication officer, CAFOMI.

Speaking after taking part in a capacity sharing session on climate change, Foboronia painfully recounted the ordeal, highlighting the urgent need for support.

The hazardous events that displaced Foboronia were a result of heavy rainfall that has become more frequent and

intense due to climate change in the area.

The elderly woman says she lost everything and is now forced to depend on her relatives to survive. On a sad note, the disasters also left her relatives limping, making it difficult for them to support her.

Her days are filled with worries of when her next meal will come. She only affords one meal a day, a meager ration that just sustains her. The absence of proper nourishment has made her weak and susceptible to illness.



“I lost everything in the flash floods. My home, my property - everything was swept away. I am now forced to depend on my relatives to get something to eat, but they too were affected by the floods,” she said. Foboronia’s heart-wrenching story is a blunt reminder of the adverse impacts that climate change impose on vulnerable communities. She is one of the hundreds who were forced to flee their homes by the floods and landslides that recently hit Kasese.

Foboronia narrates how floods and landslides turned her into a beggar. Photo by Nicholas Shawn Mugarura, MEAL & Communication officer, CAFOMI.

Government and humanitarian organizations have come on board to extend a helping hand but there still exists need to address the drivers of climate change.

Organized by the University of Dar es Salaam Research Chair on Forced Displacement and

CAFOMI, the capacity sharing session drew over 45 female victims of climate change to share their experiences and ideas on how to address the issue.

Foboronia’s heartfelt plea for assistance serves as a reminder of the need for urgent action.

“I am appealing for government intervention. I need proper shelter, food to survive,” she cried out.

Foboronia’s situation is disheartening, but she is not alone. Many others like her are struggling to cope with the aftermath of the calamities. They live in poor conditions, without access to basic necessities like food, bedding material, source of lights and healthcare.

Nevertheless, the knowledge sharing also highlighted the need for climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts. Participants were urged to embrace sustainable practices such as reforestation to reduce the damaging impact of climate change.



A section of women during the outreach at kasese



Students presentation on how the disaster has saddened them. Poem on land slide, land slide land slide where did you come from? Surely god did not create you, we have lost our gardens and birds.



A group photo of Students and their teacher (Ms. Yolesi) showing washable sanitary pads made by the teachers distributed to the girls.

POLICY DIALOGUES WITH THE GOVERNMENT



The Representative of the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Giving opening remarks and welcoming the guests.

PRESS CONFERENCE

The Chair (Prof. Opportuna Kweka) reading out the press release statement to the audience.



Researchers and Members from the RCFD and the Director of Research and Publication (Further Left)



An Invitee from UDSM asking questions to the researchers of the Research Chair



Invitees from REDESSO, KINNAPA AND UDSM



An invitee from UNHCR engaging in the discussion



Prof. Khoti Kamanga a member from UDSM & the EARCFD engaging in the discussion



A picture of Members and Invitees at the press conference

Ms. Caroline Baan



A Journey of Advocacy, Protection and Learning at the International Rescue Committee (IRC)

During my tenure with the IRC, I had the opportunity to delve deeply into the complexities of refugee and immigration law. The role encompassed a variety of responsibilities, from conducting legal research and drafting essential documents to client interactions.

I was involved in researching complex legal issues related to refugee status and asylum claims. This experience honed my skills in legal research and writing, and allowed me to contribute directly to our clients' cases. Every task, whether big or small, felt significant in the context of our mission to support those who have been displaced.

One of the highlights of my internship was assisting with case preparation for clients seeking Protection. This involved compiling evidence, preparing affidavits, which played a crucial role in building strong cases. I also had the opportunity to interact with clients, providing them with guidance and helping them navigate the complexities of their legal situations.

I've faced some incredibly tough cases that have affected my judgment, leading me to give clients solutions based more on my emotions than on professionalism. One such case involved a woman who desperately needed money for rent.

I referred her to resources the first time, and she received the help she needed, but it wasn't enough. When she returned a second time, I was heartbroken. She's a single mother of six, unemployed, and I was terrified to tell her that her only option might be relocation to a refugee settlement. When I did, she broke down in tears, explaining that the conditions there were too harsh for her to consider returning. It was devastating not being able to provide immediate assistance, find her a job quickly, or give her the amount of money she needed.

However, the most rewarding part of my internship was seeing how our work directly helped individuals and families in their quest for safety and stability. It's a profound experience to know that my contributions made a substantial difference in people's lives.

Beyond the technical aspects of legal work, I gained invaluable insights into the broader humanitarian mission of the International

Rescue Committee (IRC). Working closely with a diverse population of clients enhanced my understanding of cultural sensitivities and the global challenges faced by refugees.

This internship not only broadened my legal knowledge but also deepened my appreciation for the intersection of law and human rights. It's inspiring to be part of an organization that is so dedicated to making a positive impact.

As I move forward in their career, the skills and experiences gained during this internship at the IRC will undoubtedly serve as a strong foundation. The commitment to advocacy and the practical knowledge acquired will continue to shape my professional journey.

I am incredibly grateful for UDSM-RCFD for giving me this opportunity to work with IRC during this time. This opportunity has enriched me with fresh perspectives and enthusiasm.

Thank You.



Richard Bonaventura Mbunda (PhD)

Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Dar es Salaam

He is a postdoctoral student supported by the research chair on forced displacement

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TAARIFA KWA UMMA

MATOKEO YA UTAFTI JUU YA WATU WANAOLAZIMIKA KUHAMIA MAKAZI YAO

Kigoda cha Wanaolazimika Kuhama katika Chuo Kikuu cha Dar es Salaam kinachofadhiliwa na Kituo cha Kimataifa cha Tafiti za Maendeleo (International Development Research Centre) nchini Canada, ndani ya mradi wa utafiti wa miaka mitano unaolenga "Kukuza Maarifa, Kutumia Ushahidi wa Kitafiti Kufanya Maamuzi, na Nchi za Kusini mwa Dunia Kuongoza Katika Tafiti za Maswala ya Wanaolazimika Kuhama: Zingatia Nchi za Afrika Mashariki", (Strengthening Knowledge, Evidence use and Leadership in the Global South on Forced Migration Research: with a Focus in East Africa) kimefanya utafiti kuhusu "Sera Jumuishi, riziki stahimilivu, usalama wa kijamii, kisheria na mazingira." (Inclusive Policies, Resilient Livelihood, Socio-ecological and Legal Protection of the Displaced). Utafiti uliangalia wanaolazimika kuhama kutokana na ukimbizi, mabadiliko ya tabia nchi na kupisha miradi ya maendeleo.

Kumekuwapo na ongezeko la idadi ya watu wanaolazimika kuhama makazi yao Kusini wa ukanda wa dunia. Idadi hii ikiwa ni wakimbizi pamoja na wale wanaohama kwa sababu ya mabadiliko ya tabia nchi na kupisha miradi ya maendeleo. Kwa mujibu wa Takwimu za Shirika la Wakimbizi Duniani, katika Afrika Mashariki Uganda ndio inaongoza kwa kuwa na wakimbizi wengi, ikiwa na zaidi ya milioni moja na nusu, ikifuatiwa na Kenya takribani laki tano na Tanzania takribani laki mbili na nusu. Tanzania imewahi kuwa na wakimbizi zaidi ya milioni moja kwa wakati mmoja na imewapatia uraia zaidi ya 160,000.

Tafiti zinaonyesha kuwa mfumo wa makambi kwa wakimbizi unaathiri haki zao nyingine za msingi za kijamii kiuchumi na uharibifu wa mazingira. Kwa wakimbizi wa mijini kukosekana wa kushirikishwa kuhusu aina ya ujuzi unaofaa kujikimu mjini, huku tafiti nyingine ikionyesha, Watanzania kutofahamu kuhusu wakimbizi wa mijini. Tafiti za wahamaji wanaotokana na mabadiliko ya tabia nchi na miradi ya maendeleo zinaonyesha kuwepo kwa matatizo ya kisaikolojia, na kutokuwepo kushirikishwa, na kupokelewa wanapohamia. Matatizo mwingine ni uharibifu wa taratibu za jamii na tamaduni.

Tafiti zimeshauri kuwepo kwa sera jumuishi na utoaji huduma kwa pamoja kwa upande wa wakimbizi na sera ya kuwakalisha watu wanaolazimika kuhama/hamishwa kutokana na mabadiliko ya tabia nchi au kupisha miradi ya maendeleo itakayoweka vipengele vya kushirikisha, huduma za kisaikolojia na fidia stahiki kwa wanaohamishwa.

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