

Environmental Migration

No agreed international definition for environmental migration.

Environmental migrants are people who are forced to move from one place to another due to environmental changes in their surroundings.

(IOM 2007)

Reasons for environmental migration

- Climate change, rising sea level
 - By 2050 there will be 150.000.000 migrants
 - UN estimates 60% of human movement is caused by environmental issues
- Environmental disasters such as draught, famine, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes
- Man-made catastrophes
 - Destruction of local resources during and after war
 - Pollution due to natural resource extraction (mining, oil)
 - Agricultural exploitation

Effects of Environmental Migration

Migration causes economic, political, social and environmental effects and multinational issues such as: open-border policies, security issues, human trafficking/slavery and environmental disasters because of human activities.

✧ On the migrants

✧ On the home country

✧ On the host country

Solutions

Environmental migration, like all migrations, is a global issue.

- ✓ Migration is a solution to climate change, not a threat to security.
- ✓ Address the causes of involuntary migration and create legal solutions to ease migration.
- ✓ Go back to the basics, to the historical positive view of migration and immigrants.
- ✓ Dispel stereotypes.



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