Framing of the National Strategy and Action Plan on Displacement in Bangladesh: A Human Rights-based Approach

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Introduction

The Groundswell Report 2021 shows that without concrete climate actions, by 2050 slow onset processes could lead internal migration of 216m people. 19m will be displaced in Bangladesh alone.
Displacement can be reduced

Sendai Framework, Cancun Adaptation Framework and Groundswell Report 2021 reiterate that up to 80 percent of such displacement can be reduced with right kind of policies and actions.
In 2015, the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief under CDMP-II initiated preparation of the National strategy on internal displacement.

In January 2021, the Strategy was adopted by the government.

The National Strategy link
Expressive human rights based approach

Internally displaced persons shall enjoy, in full equality, the same rights and freedoms under international and domestic laws as do other persons of the country.
Displacement Management Framework

Systematic integration of international human rights laws

- The UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement
- The Sendai Framework
- The Nansen Principles
- The SDG Goals

- Prevention of Displacement
  Preventing preparing (Risk Management)

- Protection during Displacement
  Managing Displacement (Emergency Response)

- Durable Solutions
  Addressing Displacement through Durable Solutions - Return, Local Integration, & Resettlement
Highlights

Inclusive of all sections of the society (ethnicity, religion, gender, age, disability, geographic location etc)

Along with designing local level adaptation programmes, it creates space for voluntary migration to be used as one of the adaptation tools to climate change and disaster

It plans for safe and sustainable cities inclusive of new migrants

Encourages involvement of the private sector
Action Plan 2022-2042

Just before this Asia Pacific Ministerial Meeting in August 2022 the Govt. of Bangladesh has adopted the Action Plan to implement the National Strategy on Internal Displacement Management

Action Plan link
What is innovative about the Strategy and Action Plan?

Both are successful in breaking the silos

ensured multi-sectoral, multi-layered participation

Materialised an innovative technique of combining the voices of the displaced and the policy makers by using of Photo-Voice method
Inter-ministerial Consultation Meetings

Consultations with DDWG

Working Group

International Advisory Group
Voice of the displaced

Displaced People’s Participation
in Framing the Action Plan
Conclusions

The global community can learn from the people of Bangladesh how to **transform vulnerabilities into opportunities**

The other vulnerable countries can **follow the template** and prepare their own national strategies on displacement

Many development partners are designing their future programmes with major emphasis on climate change adaption. They can **invest on those components** of the strategy and action plan which match their interests of work in Bangladesh

As part of climate justice, GoB also requires global cooperation- **concessional access** to Green Climate Funds, Climate Bridge Funds and technology transfer
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