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Research proposal for Mapping Housing Conditions climate vulnerability and Inclusion for Migrants, Refugees, and Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Ethiopia, Kenya



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Abstract

Climate change, migration, and inadequate housing are tightly interlinked challenges. Yet in most Sub-Saharan countries international migrants, refugees, IDPs as well as internal migrants residing in informal settlements remain largely absent from national climate and housing policies. Moreover, international migrants and refugees often lack legal recognition and protection, limiting their rights to secure, adequate housing. Informal settlements and IDPs/refugee camps typically suffer from inadequate infrastructure, insecure tenure, and high exposure to floods, heat, and other climate-related risks. The project proposes a methodology applicable across the region, combined with in-depth testing on the ground at neighbourhood and camp level in Ethiopia and Kenya. By grounding its work in rigorous spatial multi-vulnerability assessment, policy analysis, and community perspectives, this research proposal intends to provide actionable, rights-based pathways for improving housing conditions and enhancing climate resilience. Ultimately, it aims to strengthen the ability of vulnerable communities to live safely, securely, and with dignity in an era of accelerating climate risk. The webinar is intended to share the research idea with MAPS partners, gather further inputs from different disciplines, lay the basis for wider collaboration, and engage MAPS junior researchers based in Ethiopia and Kenya in the pilot activities.



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