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Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa

In the last months, several activities have been carried out within the framework of the MAPS project.

Among the key milestones, the second Summer School on Research Methods and Strategies successfully took place from 2–6 February 2026 in Dar es Salam (Tanzania), bringing together researchers and project partners for an intensive programme focused on strengthening methodological capacities and research skills.

In parallel, the individual research lines of the researchers involved in the project have been validated by the European Commission. This represents an important step forward in ensuring the scientific quality and coherence of the overall research framework.

Furthermore, the process for obtaining approval of the research projects from the respective national Ethical Committees has officially started.

These achievements mark significant progress in the implementation of the MAPS project and reinforce the commitment of all partners towards evidence-based research on migration and forced displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa.



Research lines

Burkina Faso



Abdoul Aziz Kinda

Access to sexual and reproductive health services for internally displaced women in Burkina Faso: an analysis of barriers through the lens of intersecting vulnerabilities in a context of protracted crisis



Diagnagdi Couliati

Security crisis and forced displacement of populations in Burkina Faso: Integration in the host areas in the East of the country



Marc Meda

Environmental pollution and climate change adaptation policies: perceptions and resilience strategies of rural-urban migrants in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso).



Ambran Ogah

Social distress and mental health among forcibly displaced people living in the Kaya reception centres in the Koulsé region of Burkina Faso.

Ivory Coast



Yao Cyprien Yao

Socio-Economic Impacts Of The Migration Of Healthcare Workers On Households In The Abidjan District, Côte D'Ivoire



Alexandra Rokia Konate

Escaping insecurity in the Sahel: survival strategies and international mobility in Côte d'Ivoire



Moumine Kone

Migration and socio-economic inclusion in Côte d'Ivoire



Charles Kokoret

Approaches to the socio-cultural and community reintegration of migrant women returning to Côte d'Ivoire



Ethiopia



Habtamu Semahagne

Labour Migration Governance and Anti-Trafficking Measures in Ethiopia: A Critical Examination of Normative Frameworks



Melku Alemu

Bridging Evidence Gaps and Developing an Integrated Analytical and Decision-Support Framework for Climate Mobility and Migration Pathways in Ethiopia



Samuel Bekele Jote

Social-Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants and their vulnerability in trafficking and smuggling in Ethiopia: an atlas of corridors and hubs



Sara Amare Gebremeskel

Gendered Stigmas, Spatial Exclusion, and Labour Market Integration: Designing Inclusive Reintegration Ecosystems for Gulf Returnees in Addis Ababa

Guinea



Houssainatou Bah

Barriers and Facilitators to Accessing Primary Health Care among Guinean Return Migrants from International Migration in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas of Conakry



Ibrahima Kalil Kourouma

Prevalence and associated factors to mental health disorders among the return Migrants in Conakry (Guinea)



Bakary Traore

Analysis of Decision-Making Process Leading to Irregular Migration to the European Union from Conakry, Guinea



Sadou Diallo

Environmental shocks, diaspora, and information asymmetry: an experimental study on the influence of factual information on the international migration intentions of young Guineans

Kenya



Amos Langat

Bayesian Spatio-Temporal Modelling of Climate Change Forced Migration Dynamics and Health Vulnerability in Kenya



Peter Kirui

Harnessing Integration of refugees under Kenya's Shirika Plan: Role of Narratives and Public Perceptions on successful implementation



Vincent Matoke

Determinants Of Sexual Behavior Practices Among Adolescent Girls In Humanitarian Setting In Kenya. A Case Of Kakuma Refugee Camp



Evans Korir

Climate Risk, Health Vulnerability, and Household Mobility Decisions in Mathare Informal Settlement and Kakuma Refugee Camp

Senegal



Celeste Tchampi

Financial Inclusion and Economic Reintegration of Returning Migrants in Senegal: A Mixed-Methods and Machine Learning Analysis across Urban Contexts



Davy Marcel Gomis

Fisheries crisis and irregular migrant (migrant smuggling) in Senegal



Lamine Toure

Human Trafficking in Senegal: Legal Framework, Challenges and Victim Protection



Sofia Sall Pignotti

Migration, Diaspora and Socio-Economic Transformation in Senegal: Harnessing Remittances for Investment and Inclusive Urban and Rural Development.

South Africa



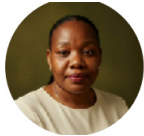
Johannes Bhanye

The hidden cost of flooding for migrants: material and non-material burdens in Cape Town's rough neighbourhoods



Louis Kimbi Sei

Loss and Damage funds for Climate migrants in South Africa.



Margaret Monyani

Climate Risk, Data Governance and Migrant Protection in South Africa's Mobility System



Stephina Mbele

Exploring the Lived Experiences of International Youth Migrants in South Africa's Secondary Cities: A Case of Mafikeng

South Sudan



Aleu Garang Aleu

Transnational Livelihood Systems in the East African Borderland Region: A Borderland Analysis of Refugee and IDP Economies along the South Sudan-Uganda Frontier



Bol Aher Arol

Determinants of Settlement Choices among IDPs and Returnees in Wau and Aweil: A Comparative Analysis of Host Communities and Camp Settings in Western and Northern Bahr el Ghazal States



Christopher Oringa

Navigating Settlement Choices: The Role Of Livelihoods, Social Networks, And Security In The Urban Transition Of Idps And Returnees In South Sudan. (The Case Of Juba City In Central Equatoria State)



Duol Key Duong Lam

Advancing Gender - Responsive and Inclusive Education System for Community Resilience Amid Repeated Displacement in South Sudan

Tanzania



Caroline Lengwa

Evaluating the Fiscal Sustainability of Refugee Education Integration in Tanzania: A Stochastic Approach



Sabas Patrick

A Dual-Corpus Computational Assessment of the Policy Divide on Vulnerability and Protection for Refugees vs. Climate-Displaced Populations in Tanzania



Sauda Mbwambo

Climate Change-Driven Internal Migration and Institutional Resilience among Vulnerable Populations in Tanzania Mainland



Winfrida Mwigilwa

Statistical Modeling of Factors Influencing Refugees: Evidence on Environmental, Social, and Human Security Drivers

Uganda



Eunice Ndyareeba

Barriers to Menstrual health and their impact on school attendance and retention among upper primary school girls in refugee settlements in Uganda



Fred Maniragaba

Barriers and facilitators of access to healthcare services by refugees in Uganda



Caroline Masiko Murezi

Developing a Transformative Empowerment Model for Refugee Women in Uganda: A Participatory, Multidimensional and Data-driven Approach



Joseph Kiva

An analysis of media portrayals of refugees' economic contributions to host communities in the selected Ugandan media



2nd Summer School on Research Methods and Strategies - Dar es Salam 2-6/02/2026

The 2nd MAPS Summer School - Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa - took place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2–6 February 2026), in collaboration with the University of Dodoma. The Summer School brought together 50 researchers — 40 from the MAPS project and 10 from the University of Dodoma and the University of Dar es Salaam — along with emeritus professors and senior scholars from Europe and Africa Focused on Research Methods and Strategies, data collection and analysis, and methodological approaches to migration and displacement studies in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Summer School provided an important opportunity for advanced training and interdisciplinary exchange.



Throughout the week, participants explored qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods research, data analysis techniques, and international migration data sources, with a focus on evidence-based decision-making and data collection challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Sessions also addressed hard-to-reach populations, research protocols, ethical issues related to vulnerability, and institutional ethics review processes.

A defining feature of the Summer School was its practical orientation. Participants engaged in hands-on exercises, group work, and project development sessions, presenting their research and receiving feedback from senior scholars.

Beyond advanced methodological training, the programme fostered capacity building, interdisciplinary exchange, and collaboration between African and European research institutions.



Other activities

Development Cooperation and the Role of Italy 28 May 2026 - Sapienza University of Rome

On this occasion, the MAPS project was officially presented to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Edmondo Cirielli, by the Scientific Coordinator, Prof. Cristina Giudici, UNESCO Chair.

The event represented an important opportunity to highlight the objectives, activities, and expected impact of the project within the broader framework of international cooperation, migration policies, and socio-economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa.

We Shall Overcome – Building Inner Peace and Hope 20 May 2026 - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Within the UNESCO Symposium, the Scientific Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair, Prof. Cristina Giudici, presented the MAPS project.

During the event, initial contacts were established with Robert Jjuuko, UNESCO co-Chair Lifelong Learning, Youth and Work, Gulu University, paving the way for potential synergies and future collaborations within the framework of the MAPS project.

Upcoming MAPS activities

Third MAPS Summer School

The third MAPS Summer School, which will focus on Migration in the Context of the SDGs in Sub-Saharan Africa, will take place this autumn in Kigali, Uganda.

The Summer School will once again represent an important moment of capacity building, exchange, and collaboration among consortium members, supervisors, and researchers involved in the project. Through lectures, workshops, and interactive sessions, participants will further strengthen their knowledge and research capacities on migration and forced displacement issues in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Online Course for university students

The University of Barcelona is currently developing a series of online modules based on the content of the first and second MAPS Summer Schools. These modules are designed for university students seeking to strengthen their skills in Understanding Migration and Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa, as well as in Research Methods and Strategies, Data Collection, and Data Analysis.

Drawing on the expertise and materials shared during the Summer Schools, the modules will offer specialised training on research design, methodological approaches, data collection and analysis techniques, and ethical considerations in migration and displacement studies. By translating the Summer School curriculum into an accessible digital format, the initiative aims to broaden participation and support capacity building among university students across diverse academic and geographical contexts. The online modules will soon be available through dedicated learning platforms and MAPS communication channels, making the Summer School experience accessible to a wider audience.

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