

Addressing the Displacement Blind Spot

Systemic Change Through Anticipatory Action Learning Labs in Displacement Settings

Overview

Addressing the Displacement Blind Spot is a global initiative led by the **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** and the **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)** aimed at addressing a critical global gap in current practice – how anticipatory action can effectively reach and protect **displaced populations**, particularly those living in camps, camp-like settings, and at-risk host communities.

The global initiative runs from October 2025 to September 2027 and includes operational implementation in **Nigeria** and the **Democratic Republic of Congo**. It will be implemented through four **Anticipatory Action Learning Labs** designed to generate practical solutions, operational evidence, and scalable models for displacement-sensitive anticipatory action.

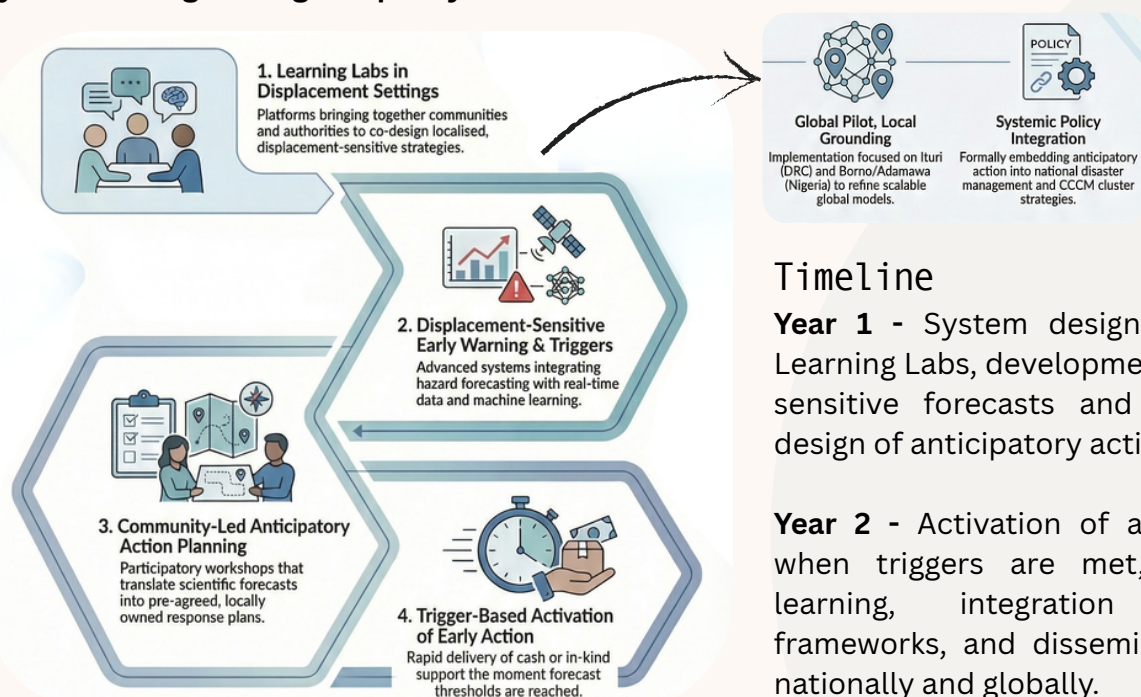
Strategic Objective

The initiative will (1) ensure **displaced populations are systematically included** in early warning systems, triggers, and anticipatory action plans, (2) **translate scientific forecasts** into locally relevant, community-led early actions, (3) strengthen **institutional preparedness** to sustain and scale anticipatory action for displacement, and (4) **generate evidence** to inform national and global anticipatory action frameworks.

Through this work, the initiative supports governments and partners to better **integrate displacement into national anticipatory action efforts**, while strengthening coordination between early warning, disaster management, and displacement actors. It will also **contribute to global learning and policy** on anticipatory action in complex displacement settings.

Approach: From Local Learning Labs to Global Influencing

The project adopts a **learning-by-doing approach**, combining operational implementation with **systems strengthening and policy innovation**:



Timeline

Year 1 - System design, establishment of Learning Labs, development of displacement-sensitive forecasts and triggers, and co-design of anticipatory action plans.

Year 2 - Activation of anticipatory actions when triggers are met, consolidation of learning, integration into planning frameworks, and dissemination of evidence nationally and globally.

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