

LITTLE KIDS, BIG MOVES

Early Childhood Development and Climate Mobility

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Background

Climate Mobility

Climate mobility is an umbrella term for the effects of climate change on movement, including:

- Displacement
- Migration
- Planned relocation
- Immobility

Context

- 1 Children in low-income countries will be disproportionately affected
- 2 From 2016-2023, more than 62 million children were displaced by extreme weather events
- 3 Up to 216 million people may be climate migrants by 2050

Project Overview

Objectives

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Understand if and how practitioners and policymakers are planning for climate mobility

2

Identify gaps in current practices and policies

Methodology



Literature review of more than 100 reports

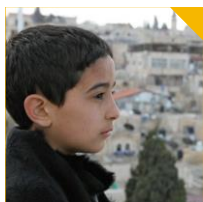


Key informant interviews with 19 experts in ECD and climate mobility

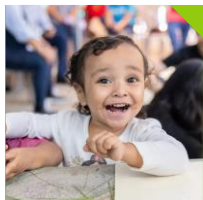
Key Findings



Most children will be immobile or move within their country



Climate mobility is expected to increase urbanization



Children experiencing climate mobility may face new risks and new opportunities



There is a lot to learn from existing programs for children on the move



Integration and belonging are critical

Promising Practices



**Facilitating family-
friendly mobility**



**Promoting child-friendly
urban growth**



**Integrating children into
communities and
systems**

Select Recommendations



Invest in high-quality, age-disaggregate data and evidence



Promote inclusive, child-friendly growth in regions expected to expand as a result of climate mobility, with a focus on urban areas



Incorporate mental health and psychosocial support in all services to children and caregivers experiencing climate mobility

We can help ensure that all children can receive the nurturing care they need to build strong foundations in early childhood, no matter where home is or where it becomes.



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