RESIDENTIAL PLANNING AND DESIGNING WORKSHOP REPORT

"PILOT ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTIONS TO AVERT, MINIMIZE DISPLACEMENT IN CLIMATE STRESSED DISTRICTS OF BANGLADESH"

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Executive Summary

As climate impact is accelerating globally, the most vulnerable country Bangladesh faces severe consequences including increased rainfall, sea level rise, and heightened hazards. In November 2021, at the UN Climate Change Conference, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), and UNOPS initiated a collaborative effort to address climate-induced displacement. International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) along with IOM and RMRRU is implementing a project titled “Pilot Assessment and Interventions to Avert, Minimize Displacement in Climate Stressed Districts of Bangladesh”. To develop a detailed, finalize, and coordinate the project activities a “Project Planning and Designing Workshop” was held at the Chuti Resort in Purbachal from July 14-16,2024. The program was attended by the project team, Representatives from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMRRU).

On the first two days of the workshop, an introductory ice-breaking session was organized by the project manager with the project team. It was followed by Mr. Juel Mahmud (Programme Coordinator, ICCCAD) who shared a brief overview of the project, its upcoming activities and timeline. Also, about the overall objective and what tasks will be done in this residential workshop.

On the third day, our partners joined us in this workshop from IOM Md.Ashfaqur Rahman KHAN and S M Morshed PhD and Md. Shimonuzzaman from RMMRU. PAMAD team comprehensively presented each deliverable outlining strategy of work plan and presented their activities. The interactive discussion helped to address various gaps, uncertainty, and recommendations.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by the Programme Coordinator of ICCCAD,Juel Mahmud, shared his thoughts on project activities focusing on deliverables from ICCCAD; s side and activities.

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Introduction

From Sunday 14 to Tuesday 16 July 2024 ICCCAD has organized and facilitated a “Residential Workshop” under the Pilot Assessment and Interventions to Avert, Minimize Displacement in Climate Stressed districts of Bangladesh at Chuti Resort, Purchachal. This project is a collaborative initiative between the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) with International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMRRU). This residential workshop was exclusively for the project staff members only, partners, with 14 participants (the list is included in annex 1).

Objective

The objective of this workshop was to develop detailed plans for the research on land access for displaced persons and the necessary fieldwork, methodologies for literature and policy reviews, approaches for conducting a nationwide stocktaking and engagement exercise on loss and damage, and strategies for pilot training on integrating disaster displacement considerations into local planning for relevant stakeholders.

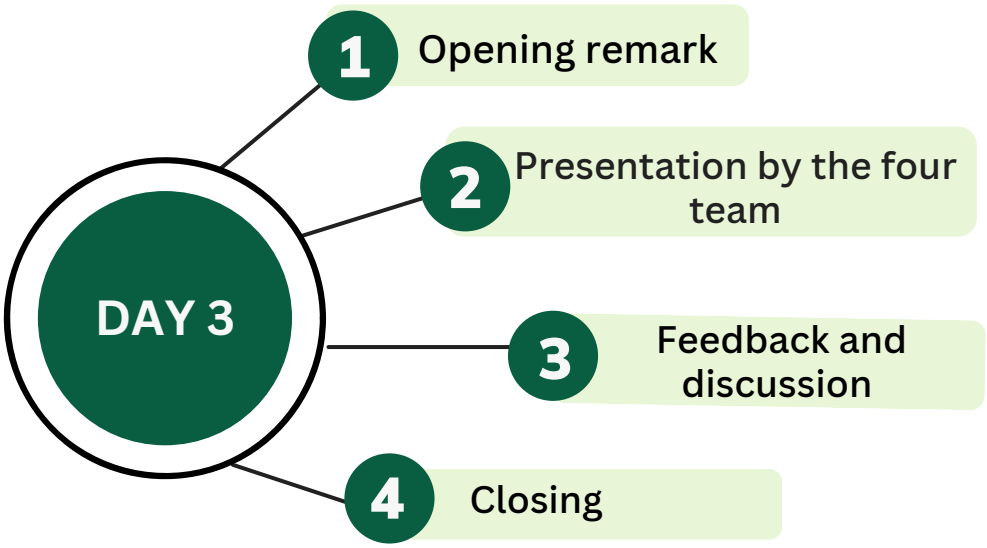
Workshop Design

Day 1:

- Welcome And Introduction
- Ice breaking session
- Overview of the project
- Discussion on what task will be carried out in this workshop.

Day 2:

- Recap
- Teams were divided into 4 according to the activities
- Presentation by each team
- Feedback and discussion



Workshop Description

Day 1:Project Overview and Activities

1.0 Introduction and Icebreaking Activity:

Mr.Juel Mahmud, the project manager of the PAMAD project welcomes his colleagues at the beginning. He briefly discussed the workshop goals and objectives and outlined the activities for the following two days. Moreover, took updates from each member about their designated task, addressing any confusion. An icebreaking activity followed, involving a game to help participants get to know one another better, which was essential for effective teamwork and collaboration.

1.1 Progress of the activities, work plan, and budget:

One of the key aspects of the workshop was to review and understand the progress of each team's activities within the project. Given that this is a short-term project, coordinated efforts are essential to ensure timely and effective outcomes. A Gantt Chart was used to track the progress of the various activities. During the session, participants discussed their respective tasks, raised questions, and provided suggestions and feedback for the upcoming tasks. The teams updated the Gantt Chart by inputting their activities and aligning them with the project's overall timeline. This collaborative effort helped to ensure that everyone was on the same page and that any potential issues could be addressed proactively.

Day 2: Presentation from each team

The teams were divided into four groups focusing on:

1. **Access to land**
2. **Policy Analysis**
3. **Stakeholder Directory**
4. **Pilot Training**

2.0: Access to Land

Access to land is a major survival and well-being issue for displaced persons.ICCCAD will carry out field research on vulnerable communities affected by displacement, riverbank erosion, and land degradation. A mixed-method approach (qualitative and quantitative) will be used to collect data from the targeted community, which will then be analyzed using scientific methods.

The team consists of Nafia Saddaf (Project Officer), Maliha Himu (Research Officer), and Fariha Ishar (Intern). They divided their work into three parts: studying literature related to land access, selecting the site for fieldwork, determining the research methodology, and developing the questionnaire. Their presentation focused on the timeline of the work, the budget, and how the research will be conducted.

The team presented their work in detail, explaining the rationale behind their research, the type of research framework being followed, three hypotheses, the literature review, data collection methodology, data analysis plans, study area, thematic areas of the questionnaire, and the project timeline. They chose Satkhira and Dhaka city as their study areas to focus on both the origin and destination of displacement. A few questionnaires were prepared focusing on eight themes. The project timeline was stressed as this is a short-duration project. They also discussed how the project outcomes could be disseminated as knowledge products.

2.1: Policy Analysis

To integrate climate change-related human mobility challenges into national development planning processes in Bangladesh, ICCCAD, jointly with RMRRU, will conduct an extensive policy analysis. This activity will produce an analysis of the formulation of the Disaster Management Act and other relevant policies, such as the upcoming 5-year plan (upon request by the Government of Bangladesh), with identification of entry points and recommendations for the inclusion of displacement considerations.

The team consists of Munia Tahsin (Research Officer), assisted by Farhin Rahman Reeda (Research Officer). They discussed the mapping for analyzing existing policies for the inclusion of loss and damage and displacement considerations. According to the proposal, eight policies were selected for analysis:

1. National Adaptation Plan 2022
2. Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan 2022-2041
3. Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100
4. Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2009 (Updated 2022)
5. Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Act 2010
6. Bangladesh Climate Fiscal Framework 2020
7. National Strategy on Internal Displacement Management 2021
8. Khas Land Settlement Policy 1997 / Latest Updated National Housing Policy 2016

A framework for policy analysis was developed, focusing on how this analysis should be carried out based on content, contradictions among policies, and key suggestions for the policies.Their presentation also highlighted how the findings will be disseminated and how beneficial these policies will be if shared with local and national stakeholders.
The knowledge products will include published documents, policy briefs, and others that are yet to be finalized. A timeline was created for each step to fulfill the activities under the policy analysis.

2.2: Stakeholder Directory

Stakeholder mapping will help support knowledge and action on all related components outlined in the proposal. This involves mapping governmental and non-governmental actors working on loss, damage, and displacement at national and local levels, through a participatory stocktaking exercise, and linking actors to existing partnerships, initiatives, and events.

The team consisted of Nishat Tasnim (Research Officer) and Sifat Hossain (Project Officer), who focused on how they could outline the directory into different categories. It was categorized by local communities, NGOs/Development Agencies, Ministries, Research Institutes, Civil Society Organizations, and Academia. This mainly focused on the ongoing project and relevant information similar to our project. The purpose was to identify gaps in those projects, achievements, and the scope of work to align with our project and its activities. The team also discussed how they would identify relevant stakeholders and who would be included in the national-level workshop.

Additionally, the directory will not only help in the National Planning workshop but also be made into a booklet that will be accessible to the public for their benefit. This will be disseminated as a knowledge product and published on the website.

2.3: Pilot Training

Local-level actors are at the forefront of addressing population movements in the context of climate impacts. Pilot training is necessary for mainstreaming disaster displacement considerations at the local planning level.

The team consisted of Nazmus Sakib (Senior Research Officer) and Sakib Islam Tanzib (Intern), who presented a Training Manual Table of Contents (ToC) that will be prepared based on the understanding of disaster displacement. This includes identifying key concepts, causes, and types of disaster displacement, and the impact of climate change on disaster displacement in Bangladesh. Next, risk and vulnerability will be identified and prioritized by the most vulnerable areas.

Policy frameworks will also be incorporated: International, National, and Integration into Local Planning. The International policy frameworks (e.g., Sendai Framework and Warsaw International Mechanism), National policies (Bangladesh national policies related to displacement and disaster), and discussions on how to align local planning efforts with these policies while addressing disaster displacement more effectively.
There will be two training workshops: a local-level workshop in Satkhira and a national-level workshop in Dhaka.

Feedback

The feedback was given by Juel Mahmud (programme coordinator) and Md. Lutfor Rahman (project manager), Followed by an open discussion where the team gave advice,suggestions and raised questions regarding the presentation.

- **Access to land:**

-Debate over the study area as the chosen locations and criteria didn't meet all requirements.
-Bhola, Sirajganj, Satkhira, and Dhaka city were considered, but the final site is pending partner discussions.
-The selection of 10 FGDs was agreed upon, but the decision to conduct approximately 500 questionnaires was questioned.

- **Stakeholder Directory:**

-Need to refine the outline and conduct thorough research on how to organize it.
-Review directories from large organizations like the UN, World Bank, and IOM to learn best practices.
-Conduct stakeholder analysis to identify relevant stakeholders for the project.

- **Policy Analysis:**

-The methodology for policy analysis needs to be detailed.
-Emphasis on identifying and analyzing specific policies related to displacement from the selected 8 policies.
-Begin working on policies to be selected by partners.

- **Pilot Training:**

-The team needs a better understanding of the training purpose.
-Develop a detailed module for the training.
-Discuss with partners for clarity on the training objectives.

Day 3: Developing a revised plan

3.0: Opening remark

The third day of the workshop began with opening remarks by Juel Mahmud, the Programme Coordinator of ICCCAD. Juel introduced the attending team members and partners and outlined the objectives and purpose of the workshop. He provided an overview of the tasks planned for Day 2 and encouraged participants to introduce themselves. Following these introductions, he welcomed each team to present their work to the group.Each team presented their work, incorporating feedback received from the previous day.

3.1:Feedback and Discussion

The **Access to Land** team raised concerns about selecting field areas and respondents due to time constraints. S M Morshed from IOM suggested conducting Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) in Dhaka and local communities and coordinating with government bodies. Md. Ashfaqur Rahman Khan proposed 400 surveys across Khulna, Satkhira, Kurigram, and Dhaka, while Md. Shimonuzzaman emphasized a more extensive literature review on land access. Ultimately, Satkhira, Sirajganj, and Dhaka city were chosen as study areas, with 100 respondents each.

The **Policy Analysis** presentation highlighted key policies on displacement and protection, focusing on five policies: NAP, NPDM, MCPP, BCCT, and the Khas Land Settlement Policy 1997/Housing Policy 2016. Partners emphasized avoiding transboundary elements in the analysis.

In the **Stakeholder Directory** presentation, partners suggested one national workshop, gathering information from donor organizations, and collaborating with Ms. Asma at MoEFCC on a national database.

Lastly, the **Pilot Training** team recommended 20 participants for local training and 50 for national workshops, with feedback suggesting a larger national workshop to share objectives and foster collaboration.

4.0 Closing Remarks:

At the end of the discussions, Juel Mahmud, the Programme Coordinator of ICCCAD, delivered the closing remarks. He expressed his appreciation to all the teams for their detailed presentations and to the partners for their active participation and valuable feedback. He emphasized that the workshop had successfully laid out a focused plan for implementation, thanks to the collaborative efforts of everyone involved. He highlighted the importance of maintaining open communication moving forward, ensuring that all partners remain engaged and provide further assistance as needed.

Key Achievement

- Field Area Selection and the methodology to carry out the survey were fixed.
- The Policy Analysis team was advised to focus on five key policies.
- The Stakeholder Directory team was directed to focus on national-level workshops and collaboration with key entities
- The Pilot Training team was encouraged to conduct a larger-scale national workshop to enhance stakeholder collaboration.
- Knowledge products in the form of policy briefs, articles, etc should avoid transboundary elements.
- ICCCAD will take the lead in implementing all project activities, while the policy analysis will be jointly conducted with RMRRU.
- ICCCAD will be responsible for reporting on project activities and financials, directly to the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Annex Participant List:

Sl	Name	Designation	Organization
1.	Juel Mahmud	Programme Coordinator	ICCCAD
2.	Md.Ashfaqur Rahman KHAN	National Programme Officer	IOM
3.	S M Morshed PhD	Consultant-Climate Change and Mobility	IOM
4.	Md. Shimonuzzaman	Project Manager	RMRRU
5.	Md.Lutfor Rahman	Project Manager	ICCCAD
6.	Nazmus Sakib	Research Officer	ICCCAD
7.	Farhin Rahman Reeda	Research Officer	ICCCAD
8.	Munia Tahsin	Research Officer	ICCCAD
9.	Maliha Himu	Research Officer	ICCCAD
10.	Nishat Tasnim	Research Officer	ICCCAD
11.	Nafia Saddaf	Project Officer	ICCCAD
12.	Sifat Rahman	Project Officer	ICCCAD
13.	Tanzib Islam Sakib	Intern	ICCCAD
14.	Fariha Ishrar	Intern	ICCCAD

Annex 2: Programme Schedule

Time	Name of Session/Activity	Facilitator
Day 01 (14 July 2024)		
10: 00 AM – 10:10 AM	Refreshment	
10:10 AM– 10:30 AM	Session 1: Introductory Session	Juel Mahmud,Programme Coordinator
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	Ice Breaking Session	Team
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Session 2: Stakeholder Mapping and Directory Preparation Session 3: Access to Land for Displaced People	Nishat Tasnim (Research Officer), Sifat Rahman (Project Officer) Nafia Saddaf (Project Officer), Maliha Himu (Research Officer), Fariha Ishrar (Intern)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Prayer and Lunch Break	
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Session 4: Outdoor Group Activity - Existing Policy Analysis Session 5: Adapt global guidance and develop a training module.	Munia Tahsin (Research Officer), Farhin Rahman Reeda (Research Officer) Nazmus Sakib (Research Officer),
Day 02 (15 July 2024)		
08:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	
09:00 AM– 11:00 AM	Recap of Day 1 with partners Requesting feedback (IOM & RMMRU)	Project Team -ICCCAD
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Refreshment	
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Others:	Project Team-ICCAD
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch	
2:00 PM– 3:30 PM	Project Timeline Development	Project Team-ICCAD, Partners-IOM, RMRRU
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Wrap Up and Closing	Juel Mahmud,Programme Coordinator