

Module 2 Expert Video

As this module has shown, a range of numbers are being produced to better understand human mobility in the context of climate change.

Perhaps the most reliable data relates to displaced populations, but challenges remain in terms of disaggregated data – for example, knowledge about vulnerable groups such as children, all gender groups, people with disabilities and indigenous groups is still needed.

There are also gaps related to the forms of human mobility – migration data is more challenging as it is difficult to link a particular movement to a climate impact.

And there are various ways to model human mobility.

But it is important to understand the assumptions in these models and to realise that they produce projections, not predictions.

So data, numbers and projections are valuable for enhancing our understanding of human mobility in the context of climate change.

And this knowledge can inform appropriate and targeted interventions and policies, but it is important that data is combined with in-depth people centred research which can give a fuller context of people's experiences and aspirations.