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**STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE,
EVIDENCE USE AND LEADERSHIP IN
THE GLOBAL SOUTH ON FORCED
DISPLACEMENT: WITH A FOCUS ON
EAST AFRICA**



Introduction

Strengthening Knowledge, Evidence Use and Leadership in the Global South on Forced Displacement: Focus on East Africa Project is a five year Project. It is funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). It is administered through the Department of Geography, College of Social Sciences, University of Dar es Salaam and has established the Research Chair on Forced Displacement. It has thirty two members who conducts research on different issues of forced displacement. Members are from different disciplines and five East African countries, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.



Aims:

01. Generate context-informed and multidisciplinary knowledge on forced displacement that is led by researchers in the region and guided by the priorities of displaced populations, with a focus on livelihood security and social and legal protection for conflict-displaced refugees and those internally displaced by climate, conservation, or large-scale development events
02. Inform policy making processes on forced displacement at national and regional levels through policy outreach and strategic collaboration with civil society organizations
03. Enhance policy debates on forced displacement globally and increase the intellectual presence from the region in these global debates, through concerted activities at UDSM and engagement with IDRC funded chairs in other regions
04. Institutionalize the study of displacement at UDSM through increased cross-faculty collaboration, mentoring of early career scholars, and development of a Masters-level curriculum in the Department of Geography on forced displacement.



Activities:

Research and publications: The project conduct research on issues of forced displacement. The project takes a holistic approach to displacement looking at conflicts, climate-disaster, conservation and development induced displacement. It also focuses on relocation, resettlement and integration processes of handling displacement.

Seminars: The Project conducts monthly seminars on different topics on and related to displacement from scholars, practitioners and students.

Policy dialogues: The research conducted under the Project aims at informing policy. The Project holds national and regional policy dialogues once every year.

Research support: The Project provides research support to one postdoctoral, one PhD and one master student each year.

Symposium and Conferences: The Project through the establish Research Chair holds annual Symposium and Conferences to disseminate the research to public and policy makers.

Internship: The project support six interns each year, Interns are hosted by NGOs collaborating with the Research Chair.

Outreach: The research conducted in the Project is action oriented research which aims to make impact as it is conducted. Members provide back to the community of displaced through its outreach programs. The outreach are conducted with NGOs hosting the interns

Links and networks: The Chair of the Research Chair on Forced Displacement established by the project is among the 12 research chairs on forced displacement located in the global South funded by the IDRC. The Project is also networking with scholars and other partners working on forced displacement in the region and beyond.

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