

PROJECT
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The “Evolving Humanitarian Action for Forced Migration” Research Project held its 3rd Author’s Meeting in Tokyo in early 2023

The “Evolving Humanitarian Action for Forced Migration” research project held its third authors’ meeting at the JICA Ogata Research Institute on March 6-8, 2023, in Tokyo. Dr. Ako Muto and Dr. Lisette Robles welcomed Dr. Lorenzo Guadagno (Platform on Disaster Displacement), Ms. Nikki Herwanger (IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix), Ms. Louisa Yasukawa (Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre), Mr. Oliver Neuchäfer (Christian Blind Mission), Dr. Irene Schöfberger and Ms. Salma Hazem Nooh (IOM Global Migration Data Analysis Centre), Dr. Rogie Royce Carandang (University of Connecticut), and Dr. Hata Tatsuya (Kindai University) to the Institute, together with colleagues Mr. Kaito Takeuchi, Mr. Shota Oboshi, Ms. Signy Goto-Spletzer, and Ms. Zuheily Keilyn Quiñones. The research project, initiated in 2022, focuses on understanding what happens to people who must forcibly move, how their assistance and protection needs evolve, and how response actors can effectively meet them as essential humanitarian and development concerns for any society.



In Photo: Research Project members during the 3rd Author’s Meeting
(L-R Back Row: Nikki Herwanger – IOM DTM, Irene Schöfberger – IOM GMDAC, Lorenzo Guadagno - Platform on Disaster Displacement, Takeuchi Kaito – JICA Ogata Research Institute, Oliver Neuchäfer - CBM;
L-R Front Row: Muto Ako – JICA Ogata Research Institute, Louisa Yasukawa - IDMC, Salma Hazem Nooh – formerly IOM GMDAC, Rogie Royce Carandang - University of Connecticut, Lisette R. Robles – JICA Ogata Research Institute)

This workshop allowed all the research participants to gather in person and discuss the progress in all case studies that examined the humanitarian action for displaced children, women, people with disability, older people, and migrant workers. On Day 1, participating researchers presented the case studies on (1) humanitarian programming and child migrants in Northern Africa and Southern Europe, (2) female participation in data collection on internal displacement and migration, (3) humanitarian action for Trafficked Fishermen from Thailand to Indonesia, (4) evolution of disability-inclusive humanitarian action in internal displacement in Nigeria and Vanuatu, and (5) representation in research and practice on humanitarian action for displaced older people in the Philippines. All five case studies brought in promising contributions to the intended publication of this project and received feedback to further develop the papers.



In Photo: Research Project members discussing the progress of their case studies on Day 1 of the 3rd Author's Meeting

Day 2 was spent integrating all the findings from the study and collectively identifying the critical themes within the evolving humanitarian action and forced migration nexus, such as the developing roles of data, coordination, beneficiary access, and participation, policy implementation and development, advocacy and donor relations, the adaptation of service provision, and intersectionality.

On the morning of Day 3, the research participants met with some of the JICA Ogata Research Institute colleagues; and discussed the migration-related projects in the institute, such as the Japanese migration history to Latin America and international migration routes for Indonesian workers. The three-day workshop wrapped with the research project members from humanitarian and migration/displacement-related organizations presentation during the Lunch

Time Seminar titled: “Facets of humanitarian action for people in displacement: Voices from different actors.” Presenters introduced their humanitarian activities towards different categories of people in displacement and their distinctive roles in implementing humanitarian assistance for forced migrants, including data collection, monitoring, and response action.



In Photo: Research Project members standing in front of the Case Study Integration Meeting notes on Day 3 of the 3rd Author's Meeting



In Photo: Meeting of the research participants and JICA Ogata Research Institute colleagues on Day 3 of the 3rd Author's Meeting

The research project is now entering its second phase as preparations are underway for completing the case study drafts and initial discussion for the supplementary resource material. This project is one of the ongoing projects in the Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Support Research Cluster and is expected to be completed in March 2024.

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