



Climate-migration research: Gaps in existing literature

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Summary

The adverse impacts of climate change and its associated disasters such as sea level rise, floods, drought, storms etc. are displacing millions of people every year across the globe. These displacements invoke multifaceted impacts on people and their livelihoods. Based on a systematic review of literature, this study explains how climate-induced migration studies are framed in the literature and the key gaps requiring academic attention. Results show scant empirical studies on climate-induced migration and diverse examples of policies, climate impacts and vulnerabilities, adaptation strategies, resilience, conflict, and security issues in the national and international academic discourse. It also identifies the impact of climate-induced migration on livelihood, socio-economic conditions and cultural aspects of climate-induced migrants in their place of origin. Specifically, this review demonstrates that very little is known about the livelihood outcomes of climate migrants in their destination- international destination in particular, their socio-economic and environmental impacts on host communities, and country-specific policies considering both displaced and receiving communities. The study suggests that a better understanding of climate change-induced displacement will help policymakers to formulate appropriate policies to manage this global challenge more effectively.