

# Unit Details

## Forced Migration and Resettlement

### Basic information about the unit

Unit Level: M

Reference Number PDE-M-109

Number of Credits 1

Student Study hours 150

Class contact hours 40

Private Study Hours 110

Pre-requisites Undergraduate degree in social sciences or equivalent

Excluded Combinations None

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Parent Course MSc Development Studies

### Short description

The unit introduces the concepts of refugees, internally displaced persons and oustees and analyses the interface between development and forced displacement, as well as resettlement. It examines the complex causes, solutions and consequences of involuntary migration and resettlement in the developing societies of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the responses of the international community, host governments and populations to the plight of refugees, returnees, IDPs, oustees. It also examines how displaced populations reconstruct their livelihoods and how they relate with the hosts in the areas concerned.

### Learning outcomes

At the end of the unit you will have gained:

- great depth of knowledge and understanding of the humanitarian principles, norms, rules and procedures of the international protection regime;
- in-depth knowledge and understanding of the definitions of the term refugee in the various conventions;
- understanding of the differences and similarities between refugees, internally displaced persons, oustees and returnees;
- knowledge of the theories on the international refugee regime and the geo-political, economic, cultural and humanitarian interests that promote or hinder state and non-state actors' co-operation or collusion;

- ability to analyse and explain the causes and consequences of involuntary displacement;
- ability to assess critically the roles of UNHCR and NGOs in protection and assistance;
- ability to analyse the links between emergency relief and development;
- skill to assess the special needs of women and children and reflect on the impact of involuntary displacement on gender relations;
- analytical skill to assess the performance of local settlements in first countries of asylum;
- in-depth knowledge and understanding of the relationship between development or lack of development and forced migration/resettlement and how development contributes to construction of sustainable livelihoods, conflict resolution, easing of burden on host societies' economic and social infrastructure;
- skill to reflect on and explain the impact of displacement on economic behaviour, identity and social change;
- skill to analyse and explain the relationship between globalisation, displacement and identity;
- analytical skill to explain forced migrants' impact on the environment;
- you will also acquire the ability to evaluate policies and development project and programme activities in refugee, returnee, IDP and oustee hosting areas.

## **Indicative content**

Definitions of the terms refugees, internally displaced persons and oustees; causes and consequences of involuntary displacement; the role of UNHCR and NGOs in protection and assistance of refugees and returnees; displacement, relief and development; gender, children and forced migration; local settlement of refugees in first countries of asylum; involuntary resettlement of oustees; refugee aid and development; impact of displaced populations on host societies; environmental causes and impact of involuntary displacement; globalisation, displacement and identity; the asylum crisis? Repatriation, returnee aid and development and reconstruction

## **Assessment method**

Assessment for the unit is by coursework and by submission of written summary of seminar presentation.

## **Core texts**

See Unit Guide