

Inaugural Meeting Global Working Group on Anticipatory Action for Displacement

Addressing the Displacement Blind Spot



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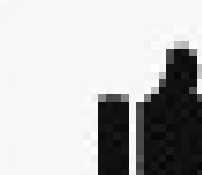
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Run of Show



1. *Opening Remarks*
2. *Introduction of main WG focal points*
3. *Setting the Scene – State of Play: Anticipatory Action for Displacement*
4. *Getting to know the audience*
5. *Breakout Groups: Joint priority setting for WG pillars*
6. *Session closure & next steps*

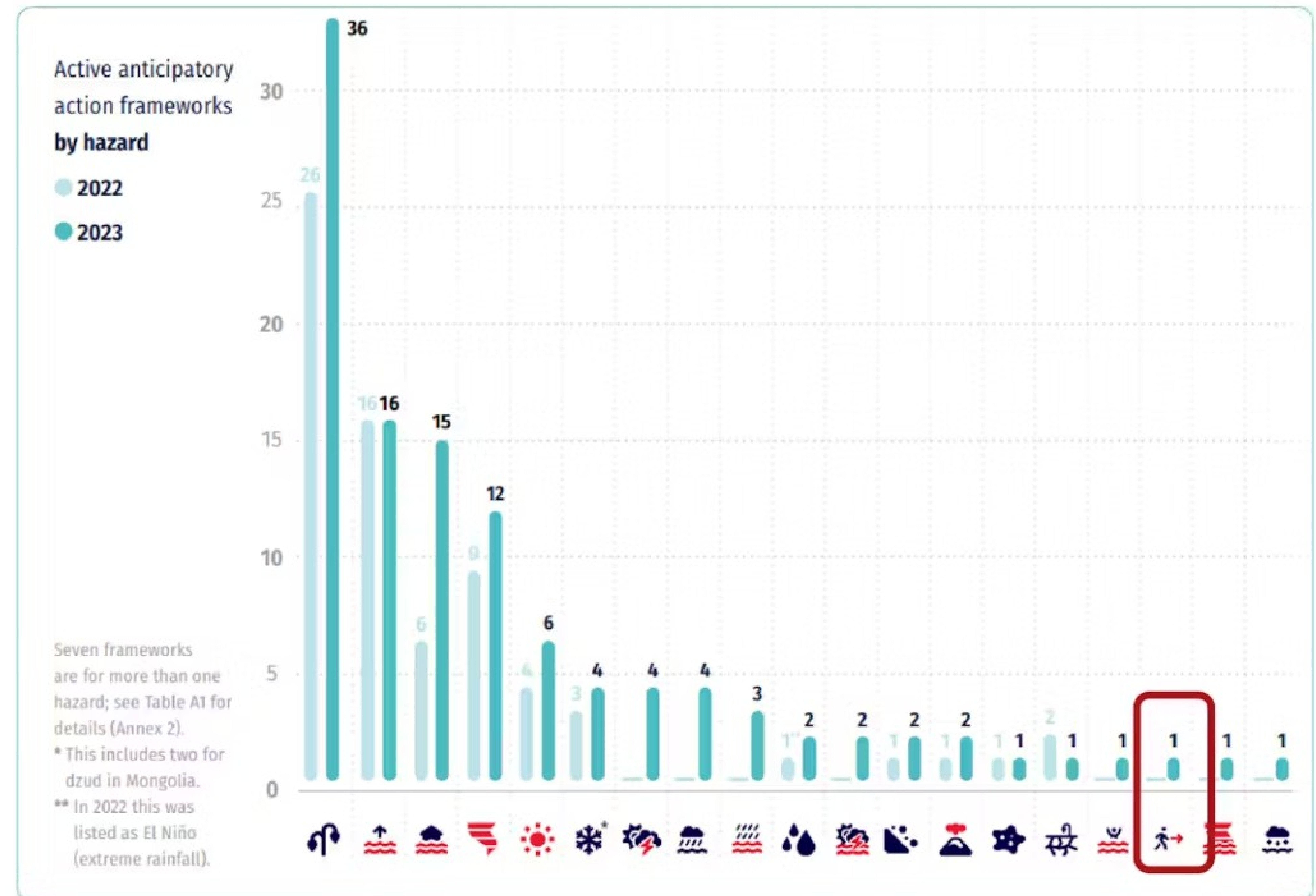
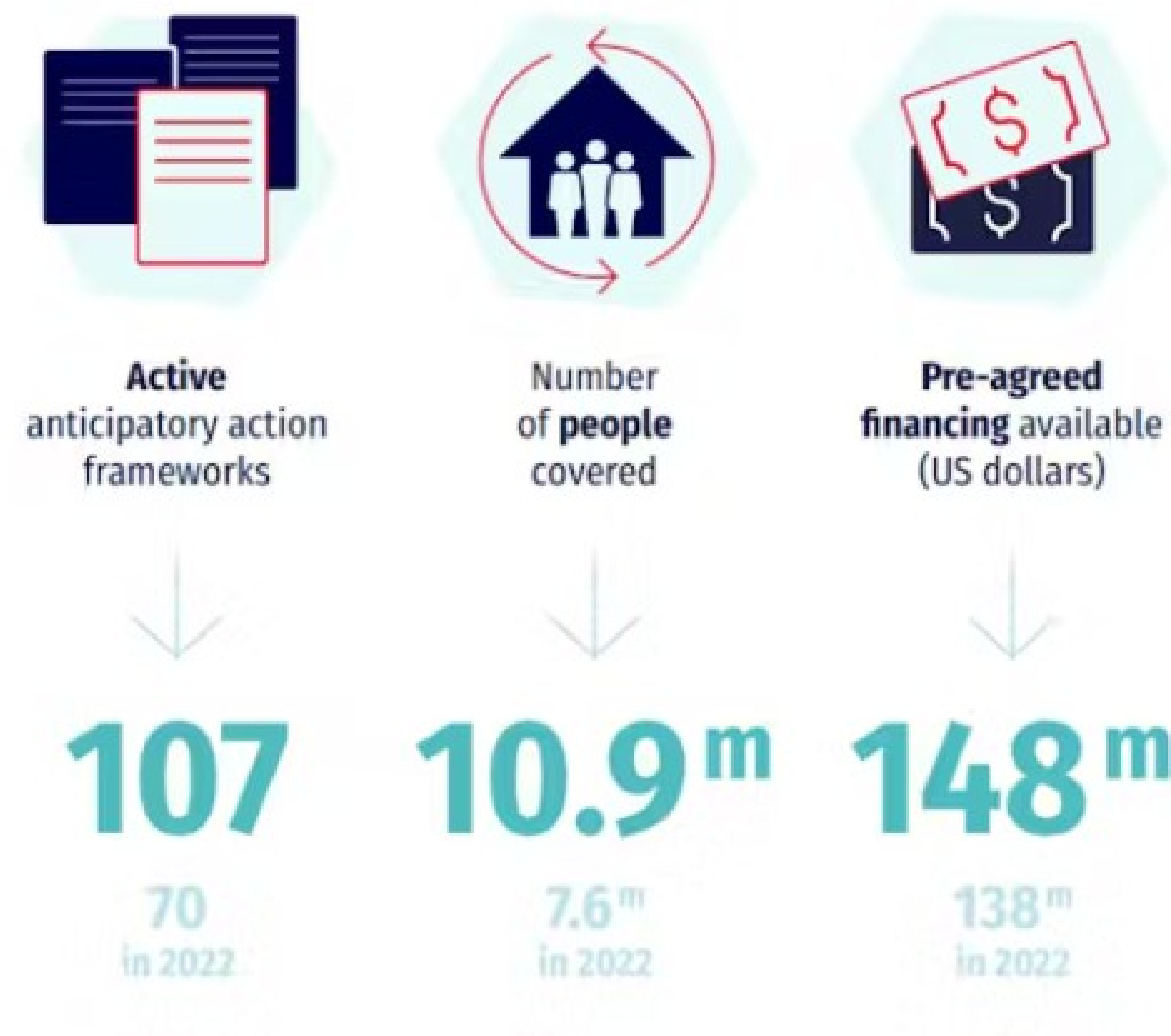


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The Displacement Blind Spot

Anticipatory Action in 2023



2023

Global Workshop –
AA for Displacement

AA for Displacement **The current State of Play**

2024

Global Workshop –
AA for Displacement

2025

Soft Launch of
Global Working Group
at HNPW



Displacement Forecasting

- **Advances in forecasting and AI** are improving our ability to predict displacement drivers, with tools increasingly used for both anticipatory action and preparedness.
- **Growing potential, limited scope:** While current models have a narrow geographic focus, accuracy and reach are expanding alongside evolving global data systems.
- **Need for broader adoption:** Tools developed through partnerships (e.g. IOM, DRC) must be scaled across more organizations and contexts to unlock full impact.



Application of Anticipatory Action for Displacement

- **Displacement is dynamic and complex**
Responding effectively requires flexible tools to address both rapid-onset and protracted movements.
- **Two AA lenses on displacement – diverse menu of operational options:**
 - *As vulnerability:* Protecting at-risk populations from predictable shocks.
 - *As impact:* Treating forced displacement itself as a shock - using anticipatory action (AA) to either **mitigate displacement caseloads** or **deliver anticipatory assistance along likely routes**.
- **Fragmented approaches across actors**
Organizations are testing varied AA models - there's a growing need to consolidate lessons and scale coordinated, evidence-based approaches.
- **Bridging two communities of practice:**
 - Core AA stakeholders exploring displacement integration
 - Displacement-mandated agencies (e.g. DRC, IOM, UNHCR) exploring AA's use across the displacement continuum with links to addressing root causes of and solutions to displacement.

Application of Anticipatory Action for Displacement

- **Forecasting potential is growing**

Predictive models are increasingly accurate, providing real opportunities to inform early, pre-emptive action.

- **Rethinking rigid frameworks**

Traditional AA metrics designed for climate shocks (e.g., fixed triggers or return periods) don't align with the fluid nature of displacement. Flexibility is key.

- **Complementing data with local insight**

Displacement anticipation must combine predictive analytics with expert judgment and community-based early warning systems.

- **Evidence base still emerging**

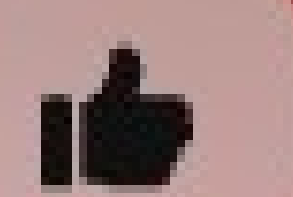
More real-world testing is needed to demonstrate AA's feasibility and effectiveness in displacement settings.

Global Working Group Anticipatory Action for Displacement

Anticipation Hub, IOM, DRC



What we aim to achieve...



Objectives and Deliverables

The overall goal of the Working Group is to advance anticipatory action approaches for displacement by focusing on the following objectives:

- 1. Foster collaboration and community exchange:** Bringing together stakeholders from across sectors to share knowledge, experiences, and insights related to anticipatory action and displacement, at both global and regional levels
- 2. Generate tools and implementation guidance:** Developing, adapting, and disseminating practical resources to support the scaling of anticipatory action for diverse displacement settings. Design of forecast-based displacement triggers
- 3. Strengthen evidence base and advocacy:** Collecting data, sharing lessons learned, case studies, evidence generation to contribute to global advocacy efforts for anticipatory action in displacement contexts, with a focus on coordinated policy engagement.

Objectives and Deliverables will be achieved through:

1. Membership meetings (monthly) to share expertise and best practices.
2. A dynamic online resource hub for tools, reports, publications, and case studies related to anticipatory action and displacement.
3. Development of specialized guidance on anticipating conflict- and climate-driven displacement, as well as the impacts of compounding shocks on already displaced populations, with a focus on integrating peacebuilding and climate resilience into anticipatory action approaches.
4. A targeted advocacy strategy for integrating anticipatory approaches into long-term displacement risk management and response coordination structures at global, regional, and local levels.

Membership

This Working Group is open to organizations and institutions involved in anticipatory action for displacement or those with a strong interest in developing capacities for such action.

What kind of organization do you represent?



I am...

an expert in anticipatory action programming

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an expert in programming in displacement settings

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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

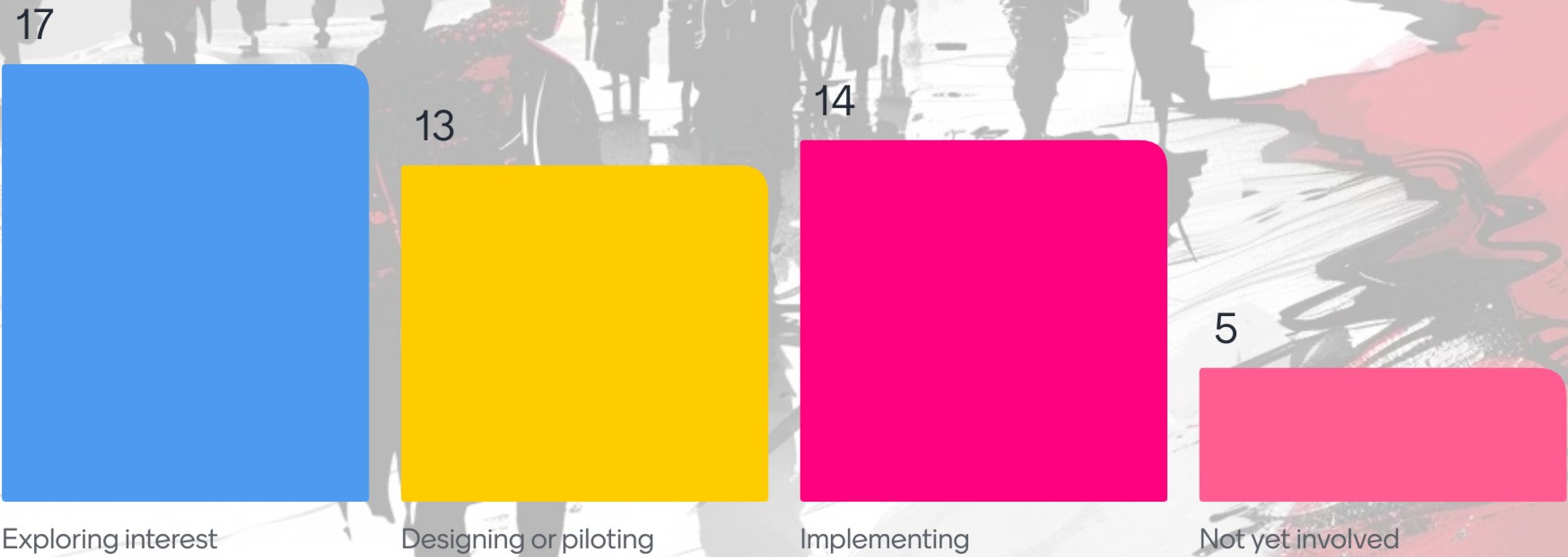
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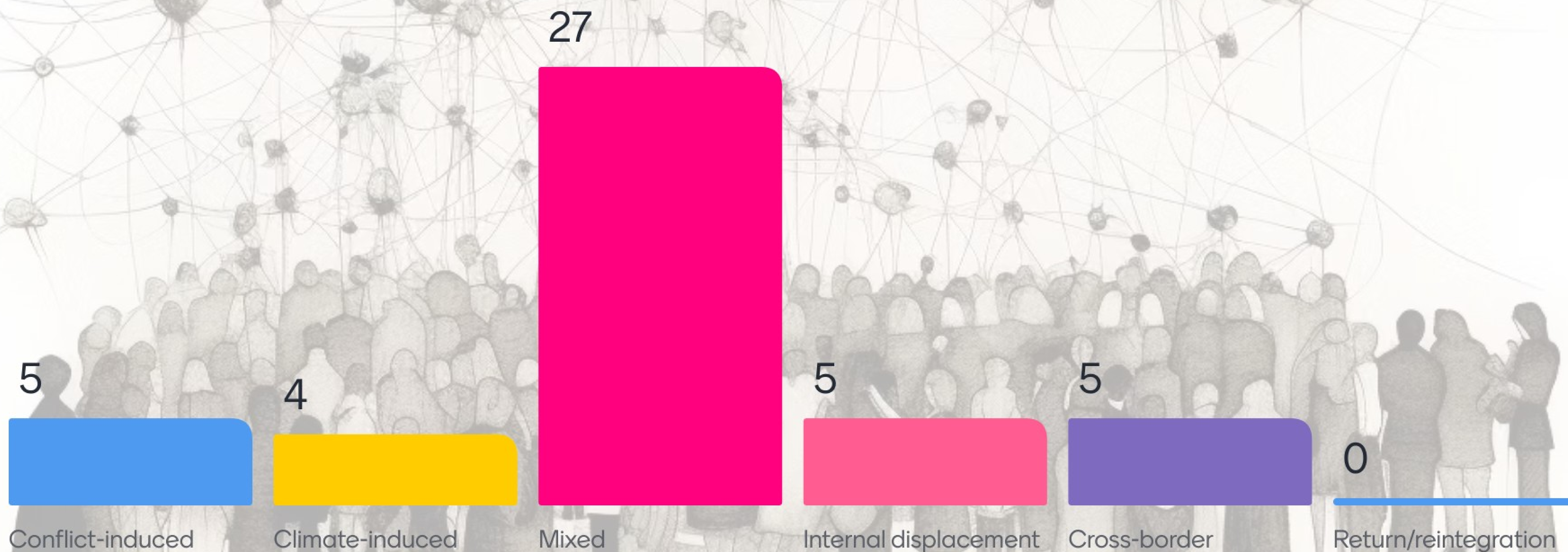
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What stage is your organization at with anticipatory action for displacement?



Which displacement context do you work most in?



What do you most hope to get out of this Working Group?

105 responses

A word cloud of 105 responses is overlaid on a background illustration of a narrow alleyway in a slum. The alleyway is flanked by makeshift buildings with corrugated metal roofs. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several people are visible, looking down the path. The word cloud features the following terms:

- collaboration
- learning
- coordination
- best practices
- knowledge
- exchange
- contacts
- information
- to learn and collaborate
- learn the main actor
- data coordination
- experience context
- apply gis and data
- joint advocacypositioning
- impactful use of aa
- synergy
- understand aa landscape
- partnership
- advance learning
- response
- learn and exchange
- practices
- charity from nrccs
- co-creation
- exchange of practices
- practice sharing
- innovative approaches
- mapping processes
- integration
- updated implementing tool
- lessons learned sharing
- collab opportunities
- aa in displacement
- conflict data informs aa
- aa in conflict
- happy to be here
- trigger and methodology e
- learn about the triggers
- common principles
- community
- data sources
- methodologies
- inspiration
- localization
- collaborate
- partnerships
- good practice sharing
- to learn from others
- good practices
- coordination other wg
- expériences
- evidence
- resources
- nexus

Which area of the working group interests you most?

