International Interactive Workshop

What Solutions for Protracted Displacement?

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Conférences Building, Round Hall, Yarmouk University, Irbid 21163, Jordan

Concept Note and Agenda

Background and Justification

Many persons affected by forced displacement today find themselves in situations of protracted displacement. Current policies struggle to find long-term solutions for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) who live in long-lasting situations of vulnerability and dependency.

The EU-funded Horizon 2020 research project "Transnational Figurations of Displacement (TRAFIG)" investigates long lasting displacement situations and aims to inform policy-making by providing new knowledge on how to improve displaced people's lives and enhance their self-reliance. In order to understand the everyday life, livelihoods, needs and resilience, ongoing research is being conducted among Syrian refugees at multiple sites in Jordan. The research aims to comprehend the aspirations, strategies and different forms of mobility that refugees make use of.

Against this background, the workshop aims to discuss viable policy options and good practices, supporting the identification of possible solutions to protracted displacement. The workshop will further build on the preliminary research results of the TRAFIG project and invites workshop participants to contribute to the analysis of these results. The workshop will bring together humanitarian and development actors working with displaced persons, international organisations, representatives from Jordanian national authorities and academia.

Participants

The total foreseen number of participants for this workshop will be approximately **15-20 participants** to allow for a productive and rich information exchange. To better ensure frank discussions and engagement on the policy options and their potential further development, **Chatham House Rules** will be applied.

Format and Agenda

9:30 – 10:00	*Registration and welcome coffee*
10:00-10:30	**Welcome and introduction** • Yarmouk University • ICMPD
10:30-11:00	**Tour de table**
11:00-11:20	**Aims of the workshop and presentation of the project** • ICMPD • BICC
11:20-12:30	**Presentation and discussion of preliminary research findings: protracted displacement in Jordan** *Three working groups* • CMI • Yarmouk University
12:30-14:00	*Lunch*

14:00-15:30	**Identification of practices**
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	• *Please prepare to present examples from your work where people's transnational connectivity (e.g. social or business contacts to friends or employers abroad) and forms of mobility brought solutions to displacement situations:*
	    o *In which way respond policies and programmes to the needs of displaced people and their families in situations of protracted displacement? In which way do they support or hinder individual solutions of displaced people?*
	    o *In which way do mobility schemes facilitate displaced people's access to solutions or contribute to their vulnerability?*
	    o *In which way do networks of displaced people influence their life, livelihoods and resilience?*
	    o *What strategies are applied by displaced people to cope with or move out of protracted displacement?*
	    o *What is the link between local economies and PDS?*

15:30-16:00	*Coffee break*
16:00-16:45	**Ways Forward** *Plenary* • *What legal or policy changes are needed in order to implement successful approaches to protracted displacement?* • *How may transnational mobility and connectivity of displaced people add positively to solutions for protracted displacement?*
16:45-17:00	**Concluding remarks and end of the workshop**