



Climate change and forced migration



RESEARCH PROGRAM ON Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security



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1. Migration has many influences

- 2. CC will have major impacts in Middle East & Africa
- 3. There will be profound impacts on rural society
- 4. It can drive urban unrest and conflict
- 5. One part of the Solution?
 > Building thriving rural economies

1. Migration has many influences

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Environmental change, migration & conflict



How Societies Choose

TO FAIL OR SUCCEED

JARED DIAMOND

Author of GUNS, GERMS, and STEEL

Winner of the PULITZER PRIZE

...but fraught with controversy

- Lack of systematic data
- Complex circumstances that influence decisions
 - economic opportunities (push and pull)
 - Iand degradation
 - political persecution
 - overpopulation
- Black et al., 2011



2. CC will have major impacts

Beans – on their way out





Natural Catastrophes Worldwide



Munich RE

"the worst 3-year drought in the instrumental record"





Kelley et al. (2015)

Water stress by country: 2040



Ratio of withdrawals to supply > 80%

RCP8.5 WRI

3. There will be profound impacts on rural society "migration is the

"migration is the most important coping strategy"

Agricultural and economic shocks

> rainfall variability and food insecurity

Vietnam: Loc Duc Nguyen et al., 2012 South Asia: Bhatta and Aggarwal 2015 Ghana: Rademacher-Schulz et al. 2014

Largely male out-migration Increasing gendered vulnerability

Generally only one member migrates 60% males Age 24 Better educated Less poor

> Vietnam: Loc Duc Nguyen et al., 2012 Nepal: Sugden et al., 2015 Ghana: Rademacher-Schulz et al. 2014



Loc Duc Nguyen et al., 2012

Carlos Alberto de Costa Amorim,

Rainy season migration





- "Rainfall now is unpredictable, it stops when it is needed and it rains when it is not needed"
- Sell assets (livestock) to cope
 vulnerability
- Rainy season migration
- Reduced labour for ag production - vulnerability

Rademacher-Schulz et al. 2014



The fastest way to send money worldwide:

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Migration and Global Environmental Change

Future Challenges and Opportunities

will be an extremely effective way to " build long-term resilience"

Despite many exit barriers

Beegle et al. 2011

26 million people per year are internally displaced due to natural disasters (INDC, 2015)

200 million coastal inhabitants will be displaced by 2050 Stern, 2006

50 million environmental migrants in the next decade Sept Newsweek

(though numbers are disputed)

4. Migration can drive urban unrest and conflict





Marco Lagi, Yavni Bar-Yam, Karla Z. Bertrand, Yaneer Bar-Yam 2012

□1.5 million displaced to cities Large influx of Iraqi refugees **Poor governance** Poverty **Socio-political factors**

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Failure to address suffering of a displaced population

Climate change in the Fertile Crescent and implications of the recent Syrian drought Colin P. Kelley^{a,1}, Shahrzad Mohtadi^b, Mark A. Cane^c, Richard Seager^c, and Yochanan Kushnir^c ^aUniversity of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106; ^bSchool of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027; and ^cLamont-Dohert Earth Observatory, Columbia University, Palisades, NY 10964 Edited by Brian John Hoskins, Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom, and approved January 30, 2015 (received for review November 16, 24 Earth Observatory, Columbia University, Palisades, NY 10964 Before the Syrian uprising that began in 2011, the greater Fertile Crescent experienced the most severe drought in the instrumental

5. One part of the solution: Build thriving rural economies

Food security index









Length of growing season





Thornton et al. (2010) Proc. National Academy



Extreme events and gradual climate change

Thriving rural economies Production & livelihood challenges Migration

Urban unrest & conflict

Crossborder migration



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International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

IRI provides the forecast Early Warning, Early Action Strategy for enhanced flood preparedness and response

Early Action works:



- Faster response: 1-2 days rather than 40 in 2007
- Fewer victims (30 instead of hundreds)
- Lower cost per beneficiary (30%)



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International Research Institute Braman et al., 2013 Tall et al., 2013

Productive Safety Nets Example: Ethiopia

- Cash transfers for work by chronically food insecure populations
- ~1.3 million made food secure
- Growth in livestock holdings
- 9 million ha rehabilitated
- Better access to clean water
- Increase in school attendance



Senegal: Climate information services

Male and female farmers Indigenous & scientific 3.9 million farmers



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Agriculture and Food Security

Improved index insurance products for 1 million farmers in India

"Climate-smart villages" – High-value sustainable agriculture









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