Introduction

Problem Statement

The social protection, climate change and forced migration lacunae are intrinsically linked, failure to objectively contextualise them as a threesome, poses serious vulnerability and coping challenges. To guarantee social protection of the most vulnerable persons such as forced migrants, the tri-synergetic and symbiotic nature of forced migration and climate change must be explored other wise. Climate change, social protection and displacement are intrinsically linked, failure to objectively contextualise them as a threesome, poses serious vulnerability and coping challenges.

Findings

The National Social Protection policies in Uganda Exclude Forced migrants

The National Climate Change Policy lacks funds for its implementation to achieve adaptation and resilience

Environmentally Induced Refugees not protected at all within the National refugees policies

Contextualising Social Protection in Uganda’s Climate Change Policy and National Policies Related to Forced Migration.

• Environmental factors have long had an impact on migration, as many people are forced to leave places with harsh environmental conditions.
• Natural resources which would strengthen and support coping while in displacement continue to face depletion.
• The absence of social protection nets, accelerates displacement, frustrates resilience and coping of the forced migrants.

• Despite Uganda’s ratification and domestication of several international, regional legal instruments on social protection, climate and forced displacement, the vulnerability of forced migrants continues to increase without the ability to adapt to climate change and therefore prone to alternative risky sources of livelihoods

Recommendations

The National Migration Policy still yet to be finalized

The National Migration Policy presents an opportunity to provide for the inclusion of the social protection of migrants

The draft National refugee policy presents an opportunity for inclusion of Social Protection of refugees

Refugee definition exclusionary

The definition to include environmentally induced migrants to be granted refugee status

Refugee Policies scattered

The definition for a refugee in the Refugee Act 2006

Uganda’s social protection policy excludes non citizens,

Amend Policy to include refugees

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The nexus between climate change and social protection of forced migrants insignificantly features in the 2nd National Development Plan

Uganda’s 2nd phase of its 5 year development plan 2015-2020 is coming to an end

The 3rd National Development Plan is an opportunity to comprehensively provide for the social protection of environmentally induced forced migrants

Non existence of a National Migration policy.

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