



Migrants and transients in a climate of change

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Island of Matsungan, Papua New Guinea



Matsungan, Papua New Guinea: Island Chief John Kela (right) standing on what he says was formerly dry ground.

Photo: Johannes Luetz

Chief Kela: “What will the future hold for our children and grandchildren?”

Labutali, Papua New Guinea



Photo: Johannes Luetz

Group of “climate change exiles”
who abandoned their coastal village
“because of rising sea levels.”



Photo: Johannes Luetz

**Puwamo, Papua
New Guinea**

Albert Nai: “The bush is better than the beach!”
(At his new home with two of his grandchildren)

Mohammad Shamsuddoha:
“Bhola – Bangladesh’s biggest island – is eroding. From a size of 6,400km² in the 1960s, Bhola is now only half its original size.”

*(General Secretary
Equity & Justice
Working Group)*



**Bhola Island,
Bangladesh**

Tajumuddin, Bhola, Bangladesh: (Photo: Johannes Luetz)



Present: 100,000 displaced p.a.

SLR 1m: 65 million

SLR 3m: 92 million

SLR 5m: 128 million

(Rajan, 2008)

Bhola Island, Bangladesh

Tajumuddin, Bhola, Bangladesh: (Photo: Johannes Luetz)

Abdul Mannan: “The place where I was born lies 5 kilometres out in the sea. I’ve already moved my home and family four times.” Community elder Abdul Mannan (centre) points out signs of erosion.



Abdul Mannan:

“People are constantly moving back. This family left last week. Only the toilet pit is left.”

**Bhola Island,
Bangladesh**

Tajumuddin, Bhola, Bangladesh: (Photo: Johannes Luetz)

PLANET **PREPARE**

2008 World Vision Preparedness Study

Protect Development
Research Priorities
Empower Communities
Partner And Network
Advocate Justice And Change
Reinforce Disaster Defences
Educate Children





<http://youtu.be/KBq2jNrD-yg> OR

<http://tv.unsw.edu.au/video/bolivia-leaving-the-land>

- **Attribution:** multi-causality, “disaggregation”?
- **Associational appropriateness:** best term?
- **Legal applicability:** what legal framework?

- ***Synthesis 1:***
There are no “environmental” and/or
“climate refugees”

- ***Synthesis 2:***
There *are* “environmental” and/or
“climate refugees”

- ***Synthesis 3:***
There will be more

Source	Projection	Timeframe
IPCC (2001)	150 million	2050
Myers (1995 and 2005)	200 million	2050
Myers (2006)	250 million	2050
Nicholls (2004)	50-200 million	2080
IOM (2009)	200 million	2050
Stern Review (2006)	150-200 million	2050
Christian Aid (2007)	1 billion	2050



<http://tv.unsw.edu.au/video/hit-the-brakes>



**At micro /
local-level
ascertain
preferred:**

- Terminologies
- Locations
- Solutions



- ***Terminologies:***
widespread rejection of “refugee” label among respondents as too “long lived” and devoid of hope and sense of human agency. More research needed on “transience”.



- ***Locations:***
pronounced preference for “in-region” resettlement



- ***Solutions:***
livelihood generation deemed key priority,
more research on the role of “transience”

Thank You!

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