

# Nexus between Climate induced Vulnerability and Migration in India

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*Climate change in the developing world is a hindrance in the path of development. The impact of climate change is more likely to have an adverse effect in the developing countries due to high dependency on climate sensitive livelihood like rain-fed agriculture, water, and forestry. According to IPCC (2007) report states that the impacts of climate change and their associated costs will fall disproportionately on developing countries threatening to undermine achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, reduce poverty, and safeguard food security. India has a long, densely populated low lying coastline, an under developed and fragile Himalayas, a vast arid region. The rural India is faced with severe crisis of land and water, caused by rapid population growth, environmental change and political compulsions in resource distribution and economic development. The situation is further worsened by frequently recurring natural disasters. The social impact of worsening environmental crises is manifested in increasing landlessness, unemployment, declining wages and income, an environment unfit for human habitation and in growing income disparities. The poor, with low and declining standards of living, unable to satisfy their needs and aspirations in the rural area, often try to move to urban where their prospects appear to be reasonably better. The basic objective of this paper is to assess the impact of climate change on migration and to understand the adaptation needs of the migrants. Addressing the unprecedented challenge before us requires unprecedented partnership - collaboration among international organizations, civil society, the private sector, the academic world, and governments.*

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