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Leave No One Behind: Developing Climate-Smart/Disaster Risk Management Laws that Protect People in Vulnerable Situations for a Comprehensive Implementation of the UN Agenda 2030

This Fellowship investigates links, coherence, and potential overlaps between two key international frameworks adopted in 2015, namely the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the UNFCCC Paris Agreement on Climate Change, assessed through the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project charts the application of those frameworks in national/sub-national legislation and policy decisions; provides scientific outputs on informal law-making dynamics; and develops research-based analysis and advocacy and guidance tools to promote Agenda 2030’s objective of leaving no one behind. The main outcomes will be the identification and scientific assessment of synergies between international frameworks aimed at anticipating the adverse effects of climate change (Climate Change Adaptation–CCA) and those taking appropriate action to prevent or minimise the damage caused by disasters (Disaster Risk Reduction–DRR); the completion of in-country qualitative research (interviews with key informants), providing concrete findings in national/sub-national contexts, collecting best practices and main challenges in the inclusion of CCA perspectives within Disaster Risk Management (DRM) laws/policies; and the development of advocacy and guidance tools for the adoption of “Climate-smart/DRM laws”, supporting the activities of the IFRC’s Disaster Law Programme. Key research findings will be disseminated to governments interested in launching legislative reforms processes; Red Cross/Red Crescent (RCRC) entities and other non-governmental stakeholders; and scholars and academic communities.

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