



# URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*Migrants Working with Megacities on Disaster Risk Reduction*

By 2050 more than two thirds of the world population will live in urban areas, and around half of urbanization can be attributed to migration. Despite this, urban development strategies struggle to take into account migrants and migration.

In densely populated cities, migrants often live in makeshift accommodation and struggle to access services, risking safety and well-being, especially in areas that are vulnerable to natural hazards.

Target 11.5 of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) calls on governments to reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected by disasters.

As we enter the “**Decade of Action**”, it is essential that the risk of displacement due to disaster is reduced, in order to achieve the SDGs by 2030.



**We tell the story of Rebecca**, an internal migrant living in a densely populated district in metro Manila, Philippines. With predictions of a category seven earthquake, Rebecca fears displacement due to disaster.

By getting involved in local Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) initiatives run by the local government, Rebecca and her family feel better prepared.

Watch the video on Youtube



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### Accompanying questions to prompt further analysis:

1. Where does the initiative take place?
2. What kind of migration or displacement is referenced?
3. Who is impacted by the migration, and how?
4. Who were the key stakeholders involved and what was their role?
5. At what stage(s) of the Programming Cycle do you think migration considerations were integrated? How do you think migration was considered at each stage?
6. What additional development sector(s) are influenced?
7. What challenges could you identify in the video related to migration? What can be the consequences of these challenges for migrants and the community, if not addressed?
8. What benefits could you identify related to migration? Who do you think benefits from migration in this context, and how?
9. How does the initiative demonstrate the importance of working on migration at the local / community level?
10. What do you think are the long-term development outcomes of this initiative?

### The video is a training tool

Through **the MMICD project** funded by the European Union, International Organization for Migration (IOM) produced a series of videos to show the **#MigrationConnection** between different sectors and capture what this means in practice for people and communities.

This training card can be used to help facilitate sessions on articulating the ways in which development and migration intersect and how programmes and/or policies can better integrate migration.



The **project in focus** “Mass Evacuations in Natural Disasters” (MEND) established management systems and conducted simulations to prepare for natural hazards and respond if disaster strikes in vulnerable urban areas of Manila.

Working with Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils ensured that urban planning reflects these aspects. Project implemented by IOM and funded by the European Union.

