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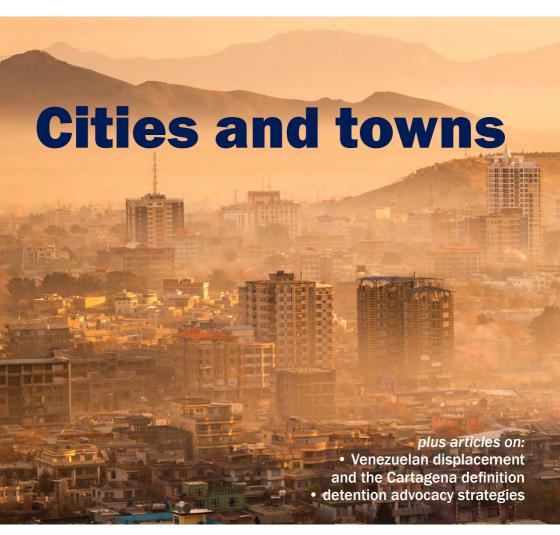- Venezuelan displacement and the Cartagena definition
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Cities and towns are on the frontline of receiving and welcoming people who have been displaced. In the 20 articles on **Cities and towns** in this issue of FMR, policymakers, practitioners, researchers, representatives of cities and international city-focused alliances, and displaced people themselves debate the challenges facing both the urban authorities and their partners, and those who have sought refuge.

A number of authors explore new ways of working in urban settings – including area-based approaches, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and city-to-city collaboration – while others offer insights and inspiration from local responses and the perspectives of displaced and host communities. Other authors examine how camp management practices can be applied in urban settings, how resilience can be bolstered by improved communication and information sharing, and how municipal capacity and community dialogue can be strengthened in order to improve protection in high-risk neighbourhoods. The issue also draws out practical lessons for promoting inclusive climate action, negotiating contested authority, and encouraging urban planning that takes account of both displaced and host community needs.

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Foreword: Time for cities to take centre stage on forced migration
Marvin Rees (Mayor of Bristol)
As Mayor of Bristol (a City of Sanctuary in the UK), I am glad to see this issue of FMR exploring the pivotal role of cities and towns in welcoming and protecting displaced people.
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Urban internal displacement: data and evidence
Vicente Anzellini and Clémence Leduc (IDMC)
Securing accurate, useful data on urban displacement is a difficult yet essential task.
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Urban response: three principles for good practice
David Sanderson (University of New South Wales)
A recent review identified three key principles for good practice in urban humanitarian response; taking these on board may help all actors to avoid wasting effort and missing opportunities.
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Urban planning for refugee housing: responding to urgent needs
Jessica Sadye Wolff (Stanford University/Tufts University)
Hamburg's urban planning model, developed in response to the arrival of large numbers of asylum seekers in 2015, offers a number of lessons for refugee housing policy.
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Active citizenship in Athens
Kareem Alkabbani, Wael Habbal and Tom Western (Syrian and Greek Youth Forum)
Members of the Athens-based Syrian and Greek Youth Forum explain how it provides a platform for active citizenship in the city.
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Children play at the Al Habbari informal camp for displaced people in Sana'a, Yemen, August 2018.

Area-based approaches: an alternative in contexts of urban displacement

James Schell, Mohamed Hilmi and Seki Hirano (IMPACT Initiatives / InterAction / Catholic Relief Services)

A geographically focused, multi-sectoral, integrated approach is increasingly recognised as more appropriate when responding to the needs of both displaced and host populations, especially in urban contexts.

www.fmreview.org/cities/schell-hilmi-hirano

Multi-stakeholder approach to urban displacement in Somalia

Mohamed Taruri, Laura Bennison, Shezane Kirubi and Aude Galli (Baidoa Municipality / Danwadaag Solutions Consortium / Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat)

Somalia's cities are struggling to cope with the immediate and longer-term demands posed by their fast-growing populations and the arrival of people fleeing crises in rural areas. A multi-stakeholder, locally led response can help to sustainably address the challenges that arise.

www.fmreview.org/cities/taruri-bennison-kirubi-galli

Urban planning in times of displacement: secondary cities in Ukraine and Niger

Jeremy Wetterwald and Louise Thaller (REACH Initiative / IMPACT Initiatives)

Urban displacement can have a major impact on the local ecosystems of secondary towns and cities. In Niger and Ukraine, an area-based approach has proved effective in identifying priority needs and enabling a multi-stakeholder approach.

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Applying camp management methods to urban displacement in Afghanistan
Anna Hirsch-Holland (Independent)
Applying key elements of the traditional camp management approach can enhance communication, community participation and coordination in out-of-camp urban contexts.
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A citywide approach in urban Bangladesh
Bipasha Dutta (World Vision Bangladesh)
World Vision applied a citywide approach to reducing the prevalence of child labour and to protecting working children's rights in four cities in Bangladesh. This approach offers lessons for others involved in urban programming.
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Transformative climate action in cities
François Gemenne, Caroline Zickgraf, Anneliese Depoux, Laetitia Pettinotti, Agathe Cavicchioli and Sarah Rosengaertner (University of Liège / University Paris Descartes / ODI / C40 Cities / Open Society Foundations)
A critical, but understudied, issue of concern is how climate change will affect migrant populations living in cities (including refugees and internally displaced people), and how local governance and actions to combat the effects of climate change will address migrants' vulnerability and support their inclusion in cities.
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Women refugees, leisure space and the city
Sarah Linn (University of Sheffield)
Research with refugee women in Amman and Beirut shows the importance of access to safe urban leisure space for well-being and integration.
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The path of least resistance? EU cities and locally organised resettlement
Tihomir Sabchev and Moritz Baumgärtel (Utrecht University)
The scaling up of locally organised, city-led routes to resettlement could form part of a larger solution to Europe's current political crisis and deadlock around migration.
www.fmreview.org/cities/sabchev-baumgartel

Cities as partners: the case of Kampala
Samer Saliba and Innocent Silver (International Rescue Committee / Kampala Capital City Authority)
The arrival of large numbers of refugees in western European cities since 2015 has spurred widespread endorsement of the role of these city governments in addressing displacement. Displacement to cities in other countries worldwide, however, also demands attention.
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Invisibility and virality in urban shelter response

Jennifer Ward George and David Hodgkin (University of Cambridge / Humanitarian Benchmark Consulting)

Humanitarian shelter responses should prioritise flexibility in order to accommodate diverse needs and capacities, particularly in the urban environment.

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Improving information and communication to boost inclusion and self-reliance for urban refugees

Laura Buffoni and Gail Hopkins (UNHCR / Independent)

Evidence from a refugee community-led assessment in Nairobi shows that communication and information flows must be improved to build sustainable resilience and self-reliance among urban refugees.

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UNHCR/Jim Huylebroek

Dasht-e Tarakhil is an informal settlement on the eastern outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, mostly populated by Afghans who have returned from Pakistan. UNHCR and its partners are helping returnees gain access to basic services, land and jobs.

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Pakistan's urban refugees: steps towards self-reliance
Muhammad Abbas Khan (Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees, Pakistan)

Although Afghan refugees in Pakistan enjoy considerable freedom of movement and access to livelihoods, the absence of a national legal framework for refugee management creates challenges for urban refugees and local authorities alike.

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Contested public authority in marginal urban areas: challenges for humanitarians
Dolf J H te Lintelo, Hart Ford, Tim Liptrot, Wissam Mansour and Aline Rahbany (Institute of Development Studies / ACTED / Independent / Occlude/Azm University / World Vision International)

In urban contexts where multiple governance actors compete for authority, a clearer approach is needed on whether and how to engage these various actors in order to reach the most vulnerable host and refugee populations.

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Places of refuge and risk: lessons from San Pedro Sula
Yolanda Zapata (UNHCR)

The outcome of interventions in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, provides lessons for working in high-risk urban neighbourhoods and communities.

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A call to action: mobilising local resources in Ethiopia for urban IDPs
Evan Easton-Calabria, Delina Abadi and Gezahegn Gebremedhin (University of Oxford / Research consultants, Addis Ababa)

Several lessons can be drawn from the successful multi-level response – by both local government and the local community – to the arrival of large numbers of IDPs in Adama, Ethiopia.

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Effective civil society engagement with governments on issues around detention
Grant Mitchell (Swinburne University)
With immigration detention expanding globally, civil society has responded with a range of advocacy strategies to address rights and protection concerns.
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The spirit of Cartagena? Applying the extended refugee definition to Venezuelans in Latin America
Cécile Blouin, Isabel Berganza and Luisa Feline Freier (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú / Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya, Peru / Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Peru)
Despite the widespread incorporation of the expanded 'Cartagena definition' of refugee into their national asylum frameworks, States in Latin America must do more to apply this definition – and resulting protection – to displaced Venezuelans.
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Asylum seekers in detention, 2013.

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A view over Kabul, Afghanistan.
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