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From the editors

In light of the projected increase in the frequency and intensity of disasters associated with climate change, it is anticipated that the number of people displaced in the context of disasters – already significant – will rise. In the years since our 2008 issue on 'Climate change and displacement', the relocation of people at risk, the need for adaptation to the effects of climate change and the legal challenges around people displaced by climate-related threats are all being widely debated and researched.

Existing national, regional and international legal regimes, however, respond to only some of the protection concerns arising from displacement in the context of disasters. Crafting an appropriate response will demand a cross-sectoral approach – technical and scientific, political, humanitarian, human rights and developmental, among others – that addresses different forms of human mobility (displacement, migration and planned relocation). But while the voices of scientists, academics, politicians and development practitioners dominate the climate change debates, one of the authors here reminds us that "local knowledge, values and beliefs are essential elements of navigating the way forward for affected communities". The articles in this issue attempt to reflect the research, the debates and the voices.

In 2015, the Nansen Initiative, led by the Governments of Norway and Switzerland, is bringing together states to discuss a Protection Agenda addressing the needs of people displaced in the context of disasters caused by natural hazards, including those linked to climate change. Some articles in this issue of FMR emanate from the Nansen Initiative's regional consultations and civil society meetings that have been taking place since 2013.

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The full issue and all the individual articles are online in html, pdf and audio formats at www.fmreview.org/climatechange-disasters. This issue will be available in print and online in English, Arabic, French and Spanish. An expanded contents listing for the issue is available at www.fmreview.org/climatechange-disasters/FMR49listing.pdf. Email fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk if you would like print copies.

This issue also contains a mini-feature on **female genital mutilation (FGM) in the context of asylum in Europe**, available both inside this issue and as a stand-alone pdf at www.fmreview.org/climatechange-disasters/FGM.pdf for separate use.

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With our best wishes

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