

FORCED MIGRATION review

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FMR is the world's most widely read publication on forced migration, providing a unique global forum for sharing information, experience and policy recommendations among practitioners, policymakers, researchers and displaced people.

- a full-colour magazine-style publication
- published three times a year
- available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic
- free of charge in print and online.

FMR supports the interests and information needs of responders to crises that cause displacement; publicises research that is relevant to these interests and needs; and provides tools to assist learning, training, advocacy, policymaking and research.

FMR aims to

- contribute to improving policy and practice for people affected by forced migration
- provide a forum for the voices of displaced people
- be a bridge between research and practice
 - raise awareness of lesser-known (or little covered) displacement crises
- promote knowledge of, and respect for, legal and quasi-legal instruments relating to refugees, IDPs and stateless people.



A UNIQUE ROLE

FMR is published by the Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford. It is read in print and online by thousands of readers around the world, is written for by authors from all sectors, and is in great demand for workshops, conferences, teaching, advocacy, reference and training.

FMR **brings together experience and analysis**, new ideas and new perspectives, lessons and recommendations for action. It is neutral and impartial, and is committed to the rights and protection of stateless people and forced migrants of all kinds.

Each issue of FMR includes a **major feature** on an issue of emerging concern and/or focus – such as the September 2011 issue on **Technology and communications** and recent issues on Armed non-state actors, Disability, Climate change, Urban displacement, Statelessness and Humanitarian reform. It also covers lesser-known or little covered crises and themes, such as Burma and Older displaced people. FMR presents up to 30 articles on each theme from many different perspectives, and also includes a range of ‘general articles’ on other aspects of forced migration.

FMR **provides input** to debates, policy development, research and conferences.

FMR is **available free of charge** (in print and online). For those in the Global South in particular this is enormously significant. Few can afford subscriptions to academic journals and there are very few independent publications disseminated free of charge and of relevance to such a range of audiences.

FMR’s **availability in print as well as online** is key to its accessibility by people around the world in contexts where internet access is still limited or expensive. In addition, the ability to raise the profile of themes covered is greatly enhanced by making print copies available at conferences and other public fora.

FMR is **firmly grounded in a world-class academic institution**, and **yet is deeply rooted in policy and practice**. The FMR Editors have many years’ experience working in the international humanitarian community, including in the field. They bring their own experience and their location within academia to bear not only in researching FMR themes and developing outreach networks but also in editing FMR articles to be accurate, useful, succinct, relevant and accessible.

“a pivotal publication” [UNDP]

“very professional work”
[University of the Witwatersrand, S Africa]

“a wonderful source of reporting”
[Gaza Community Mental Health Programme]

“an excellent publication”
[Namibia Red Cross Society]

“essential reading” [UNHCR]

“the best resource on protection we’ve had for months, if not years!”
[International Rescue Committee Sudan]

“invaluable to our work with refugees” [National Catholic Commission on Migration Thailand]

“great source of information” [World Vision]

“a very strong advocacy instrument”
[Sir John Holmes]

“the best displacement-related review”
[Danish Refugee Council]

“an invaluable space for dialogue” [IDMC]

SUPPORTERS OF FMR

FMR benefits from its collaboration with organisations and individuals around the world who write articles, promote and disseminate FMR, advise the editors and suggest topics.

Although housed within the Refugee Studies Centre of Oxford University, FMR is a semi-autonomous project dependent on raising its own funds for all aspects of its work. FMR is proud of having a diverse funding base and enjoys close collaboration with its donors. Over recent years these donors have included:

- governments (including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, EU, Norway, Qatar, Spain, Switzerland, UK and US)
- UN agencies (UNHCR, UNDP, UNICEF, UNOCHA, UNEP, UN-HABITAT, UNAIDS, UNFPA, WFP and UNIAP)
- NGOs (including CBM, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, DanChurchAid, Danish Refugee Council, Handicap International, International Alert, International Rescue Committee, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam GB, Refugees International, Save the Children, Sightsavers, Women’s Refugee Commission, World Vision, ZOA Refugee Care)
- trusts/foundations (including USIP, OSI, Commonwealth Foundation, Ford Foundation)
- universities and research institutes (Brookings, Feinstein, Witwatersrand)
- private individuals

RANGE OF TOPICS

The FMR team has published **37 issues of FMR** plus some special issues (on the Indian Ocean tsunami and Iraq, for example) and a number of shorter supplements. All back issues are online at <http://www.fmreview.org/mags1.htm>

Feature themes include:

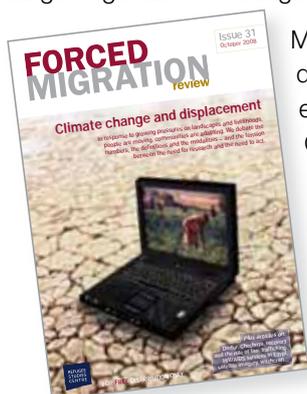
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READERSHIP AND AUTHORSHIP

FMR is **read in 167 countries** at all levels of local and international NGOs, UN agencies, Red Cross/Red Crescent societies, refugee and IDP camps, displaced people's associations, donors, researchers and students, foreign and interior ministries, libraries, the media and members of the public. NGOs represent the largest sector of readership, followed by UN staff, researchers, and governments. Most copies of FMR are read by multiple readers. Authors of articles in FMR are drawn from the same communities, reflecting a mix of experience, practice and research.

PROFILE AND OUTREACH

FMR is widely requested, circulated and cited. For example, demand for **FMR 31** on climate change and displacement was so great that 10,000 extra copies had to be printed. This issue was noted as pioneering the coming together of climate scientists and migration researchers, and continues to be requested for international climate change negotiation meetings.



Multiple copies of **FMR 34** on adapting to urban displacement were requested for conferences and training events on urban displacement held in Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, UK and USA.

Publishing FMR in French, Spanish and Arabic as well as English enables it to reach audiences who would otherwise have little access to material on displacement. The FMR editors liaise with readers and authors – and accept articles – in any of the four languages.

FMR IN PRINT AND ONLINE

For each issue of FMR, usually 16-19,000 copies are printed and disseminated, of which 11-12,000 are of the English edition. Although people are strongly encouraged to read FMR online, its availability in print as well as online makes it accessible in countries and contexts where internet access is limited or non-existent.

Each issue of FMR is also available on the four FMR language websites in a number of formats: **pdf, html** and (for the English edition) **MP3/audio**.

Page-loads for the English edition of FMR regularly reach 10,000

over a six-nine month period, showing an initial peak as the issue goes online and then sustained interest in it thereafter. The most popular issue, FMR 31 on Climate change and displacement, has to date totalled approximately 21,000 page-loads.

FMR is also available on many external websites and digital storage locations throughout the world.

There is widespread use of the online back issues as reference material. For example, in one week in May 2011, visitors to the FMR website downloaded pdfs of various FMR issues dating from the most recent back to the very first issue of FMR in 1998.

"In today's programme we broadcast three articles in the MP3 recording provided on your site. Thanks for all your work and especially going to the great lengths to make it accessible and available for downloads."

[EthnicAbility Radio Program, Australia]

"...provides in one compilation one of the best summaries of knowledge and views on environmental change and migration." [Dr Koko Warner, Institute for Environment & Human Security, United Nations University]

IMPACT

Feedback from FMR readers indicates how they use it and how useful they find it:

"Very useful publication to keep updated on recent developments, research, experiences."

"The older FMRs have a lot of valuable information that is still relevant today, plus they are useful to see how issues/crises have evolved over time."

"Great background reading to understand the context and to design our advocacy strategy."

"We have used the materials to train field workers on issues of migration and forced displacement."

"We have registered the articles in our database, so that they are always available for scholars searching for topics."

"[we have used FMR] in preparing reports for tribunal hearings."

"Ever since [writing] that article, I received comments and feedback from all corners of the world – UN, INGOs, Somali Diaspora and local people."

"We are in the midst of planning training sessions for police and the FARDC armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo. [please] send us 50-100 copies for distribution to our partners, the police, and the FARDC."

"Many articles from the FMR Issue 32 would be perfect as additional reading and reference material for the course."

"The BBC contacted me for an interview because of the article I wrote in FMR."

"The FMR aroused my consciousness about issues relating to the reproductive health of refugees and I then decided to go to the Oru refugee camp in Ogun State to volunteer as a peer educator."

"The article [we] wrote has already resulted in the set up of training in child protection for the groups in Sheffield."

Priorities 2011–2012

Publishing four issues of FMR

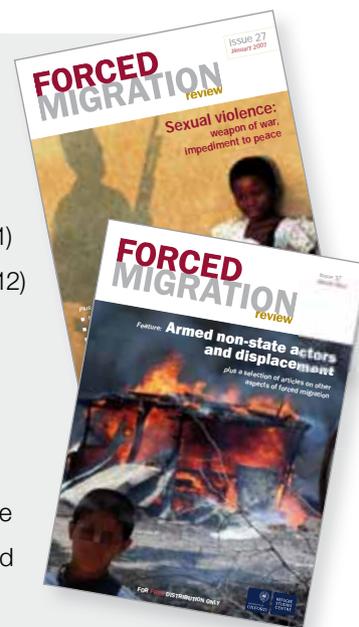
Feature themes to be covered are:

- Technology and communications (September 2011)
- Displaced adolescents/young adults (February 2012)
- Fragile states (July 2012)
- [theme for October 2012 under discussion]

Details at <http://www.fmreview.org/forthcoming.htm>

Improving and extending FMR's online presence

- Enhance searchability of FMR articles/issues online
- Increase FMR's presence on social-networking and other new media
- Improve provision of audio and good quality digital files
- Explore new forms of provision, storage, licensing and dissemination of electronic materials
- Explore possibilities for enhancing the interactivity of the FMR website



DONOR SUPPORT IN 2011-2012

FMR's annual budget totals approximately £316,000 / US\$570,000 / €427,000. The full budget is available online and from the Editors.

The Editors are seeking support for FMR in 2011-2012 in the form of:

Core/unearmarked support:

Unearmarked support is needed throughout the year to fund production of FMR issues and to cover salary and office costs. One-off or multi-year contributions of any amount are welcomed.

Issue-specific support:

If a donor is particularly interested in a forthcoming feature theme, a donation may be earmarked, and will be acknowledged in the relevant issue. Contributions usually range from \$2,000 to \$50,000.

Advertising:

FMR is able to take paid advertising, whether in the form of full- or part-page advertisements in the magazine or as inserts in a regular mailing. Rates on request.

Donor visibility and reporting

All current and recent donors are acknowledged in FMR in all languages in print and online, and in the funding reports of the Refugee Studies Centre and the University of Oxford. Issue-specific donors are additionally acknowledged on page 2 of the issue and in all supporting promotional material.

FMR liaises closely with donors over use of their funds and will discuss opportunities for profiling and acknowledging their support, recognising that 'core' donors may also wish to benefit from the additional profile offered by a closer link to a particular issue. FMR will, if requested, carry donor logos in the magazine. Donors receive multiple copies of FMR for their own use, and full narrative and financial reports.

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