

DEMAND Rights for Climate Forced Migrants

1 out of 30 people in the Globe
and 1 out of 7 in Bangladesh
will be climate forced migrants
in near future.



VILLAGE IN NO GREEN

It was the Eid day last year when the weak and neglected embankment, that used to protect the villagers from the sea, crashed down and the entire village was flashed away with the saline tide. Like other hundreds of families this one took shelter in the local cyclone shelter which is also being used as a primary school. As the school runs in the daytime, they had to wait on the rooftop until it was called off. The school building stands at the end of the land and about to fall down to the sea in no time. The fact is, about 20 years back Dhalghata used to be a very green island with full of crops and now it is almost a treeless village.

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Dhalghata, Moheshkhali, Cox's Bazar. Photo : Din M Shibly



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Climate forced migrants are not threats. It's our common but differentiated responsibility.

WINDMILLS GONE IN VAIN

Kutubdia is an island situated in the South-East coast of Bangladesh. It is almost in extinction due to sea water raise and repeated cyclone impacts. Now it stands with almost half of its land compare to 60s. During 2008 the government has established a windmill project for power generation in the South-West part of the island. But due to the sea water raise and lands are being submerged under water, now the project has been abandoned. It is being engulfed by sea waves.

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Kutubdia, Cox's Bazar. Photo : Din M Shibly



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Protect coastal areas and
islands first to minimize climate
forced migrants.

LAST PIECE OF LAND

Mahbub Ullah, 58 years of age, came to Manpura Island in the Meghna delta being driven by a huge cyclone in 1970. In this consequence, he lost his land which was 3 km away from here in the middle of the river Meghna. Now Mahbub has 5 sons and 2 daughters. Big cyclones in the last 5-7 years took away his boats and nets with which he started fishing instead of farming and 2 of his children. The last piece of land on which he is working will be eroded soon for sure by the Meghna in no time. And then, no living will remain here for him except migration.

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Manpura, Bhola. Photo : Din M Shibly





Are our cities ready to accommodate climate forced migrants? Is it fair to let them be mere slum dwellers?

FLOOD IN DHAKA, 2004

14th September 2004, BBC reports “Worst floods in decades hit Dhaka. Many roads are waist deep in water. Bangladeshi authorities have closed all government offices in the capital, Dhaka, as the worst flooding in decades hit the city.

... Meteorological officials believe recent rainfall is the worst for many years, overshadowing July’s floods in which most of Dhaka’s roads were knee deep in water.”

The UN estimates around four million people live in slums and shanties in Dhaka city and several thousand live on the streets.

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Dhaka, 2004. Photo : Din M Shibly



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Allow natural labours to move
freely across the borders exactly
like the capital and goods.

MOVEMENT OF NATURAL PERSONS

There are some countries that have cultivable empty lands and there are some countries, on the other hand, have landless farmers. There are regions in the world where there are jobless laborers and there are resources, on the other hand, where they could be well accommodated. We are the habitants of the same planet. Shouldn't we look after each other?

The movement of natural persons is one of the four ways through which services can be supplied internationally. Otherwise known as "Mode 4", it covers natural persons who are either service suppliers (such as independent professionals) or who work for a service supplier and who are present in another WTO member to supply a service.

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Bandarban. Photo : Din M Shibly



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High carbon emitting countries
must take responsibility of the
climate forced migrants.

THE LOST CHILD

This is an island in the middle of the river Brahmaputra under the district Gaibandha. Normally the soil of the river islands is very fertile. But in the North of Bangladesh is a drought prone area. This island is an example of suffering from extreme drought. Rain often awaits the fields which are completely ready to seed. On the other hand, they suffer from floods as well. The baby in the picture hold by the woman drowned in the flood water in 2004 right at the place the picture was taken in 2003.

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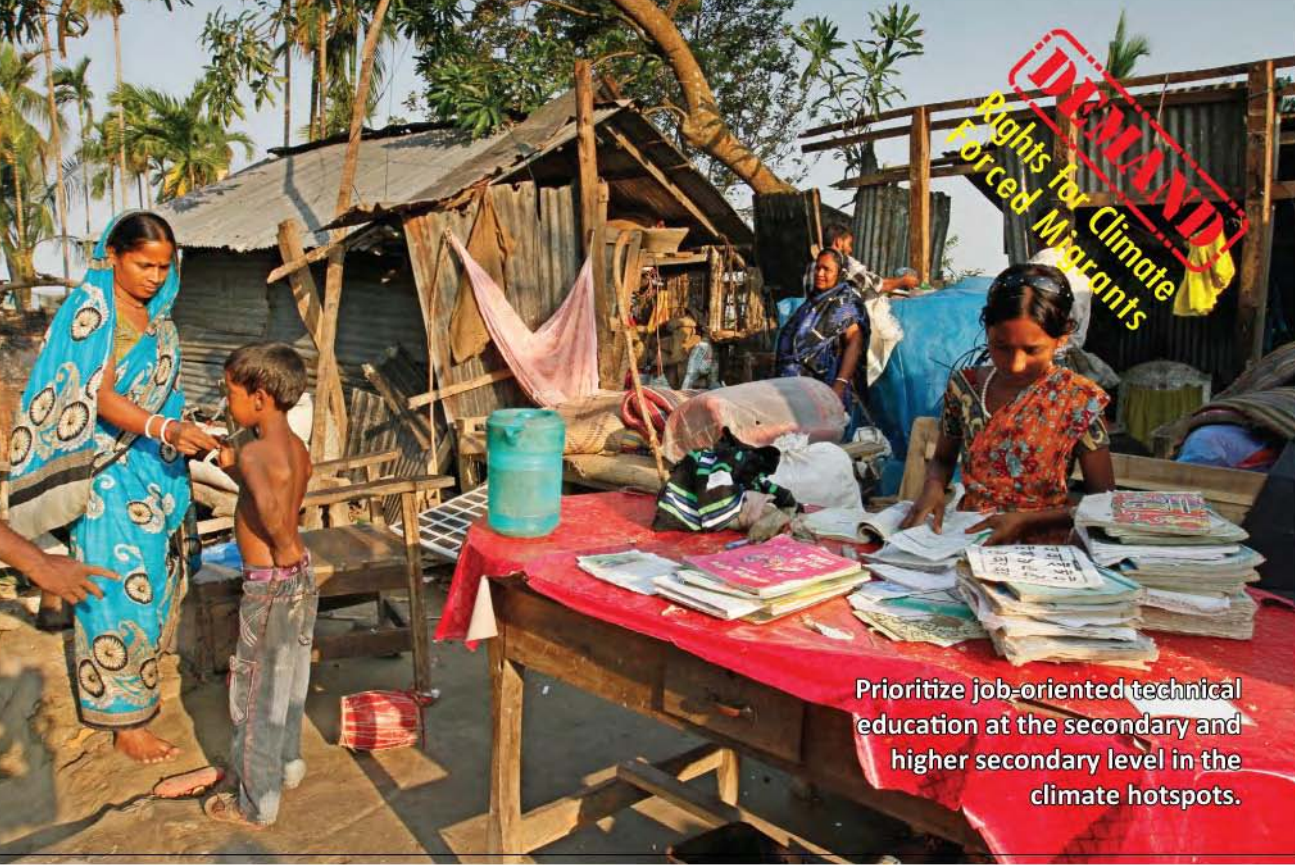
Char Chowmohon, Gaibandha. Photo : Din M Shibly



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Prioritize job-oriented technical education at the secondary and higher secondary level in the climate hotspots.

EVEN THOUGH FIGHT BACK

Gopal and his family live just on the bank of the river Meghna that erodes like a monster. Now the Meghna is just a couple of yard away from their hundred years old homestead. Right when they decided to break the inheritance and migrate to elsewhere a sudden cyclone came on the 11th October 2012 night giving no time to get prepare nor to announce any signal. The cyclone forced them to make their mind for leaving at once as it rampaged their home and the only earner shop. But despite the entire situation his daughter had to prepare herself for the examination next day. She had to fight back.



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Monpura, Bhola. Photo : Din M Shibly



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Redefine Development: Stop using
precious land in non-agricultural
purpose and strive for food
sovereignty first.

ADAPTATION IN SANDBAR "CHAR"

Land across the bank and the islands inside the river Tista, in the Northern part of Bangladesh, are very fertile. It is full of the blessings of fresh sediments which is fetched by the current naturally helps the crop grow up. But Extreme draught in this region is the only thing that deters the blessings to turn into harvest. A long time in the year, therefore, the land remain uncultivated. Farmers these areas move for the cities in quest of work leaving behind their families alone. A field full of green crop could provide them a earning here instead of temporary migration.



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Tista River, Lalmonirhat. Photo : Din M Shibly



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The diagram shows a square grid of sites. A central site is labeled 'i'. To its right is site 'j', and to its left is site 'i-1'. Above site 'i' is site 'i+', and below it is site 'i-'. The diagram illustrates the spatial arrangement of sites in a lattice.



A new UN protocol is needed. Consider climate forced migrants as universal natural persons.

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LIFE BETWEEN HOPE AND DESPAIR

The uprooted trees were embedded in order to protect the Marine Drive and the locality from the coastal erosion. But all the initiative went in vain. The sea kept eroding. In Cox's Bazar there is a big example of climate migration. A place called Kutubdiapara gave shelter a thousand of displaced and uprooted people from different places. They have lost their belongings into the sea. They have come here for just a hand to mouth living. They are the natural persons. They say, "as it is evident in the past decades, the sea won't keep this tree-line alive. Everything will be taken away one by one in course of time".

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Kolatoli Beach, Cox's Bazar. Photo : Din M Shibly



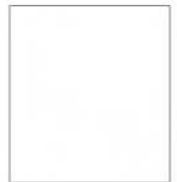
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Ainosphere is our global public goods. Every human being has the equal right to enjoy and protect it.



EQUALITY IS NOT ALWAYS JUSTICE

This particular slum, called Korail Bosti, is a big contrast in the Dhaka city. It has occupied the poshest area in the city, known as Gulshan. The slum has been build up just behind the city centre, inside the Gulshan Lake and sheltered around 20 thousand of dwellers who are out of every single city services and advantages and who are from every corners of the country in search of a leaving in the wide city. They are living under a big tower but are not allowed to have an access to the ionosphere which was supposed to be a common property and accessed by every people on the planet.



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Korail Bosti, Gulshan, Dhaka. Photo : Din M Shibly





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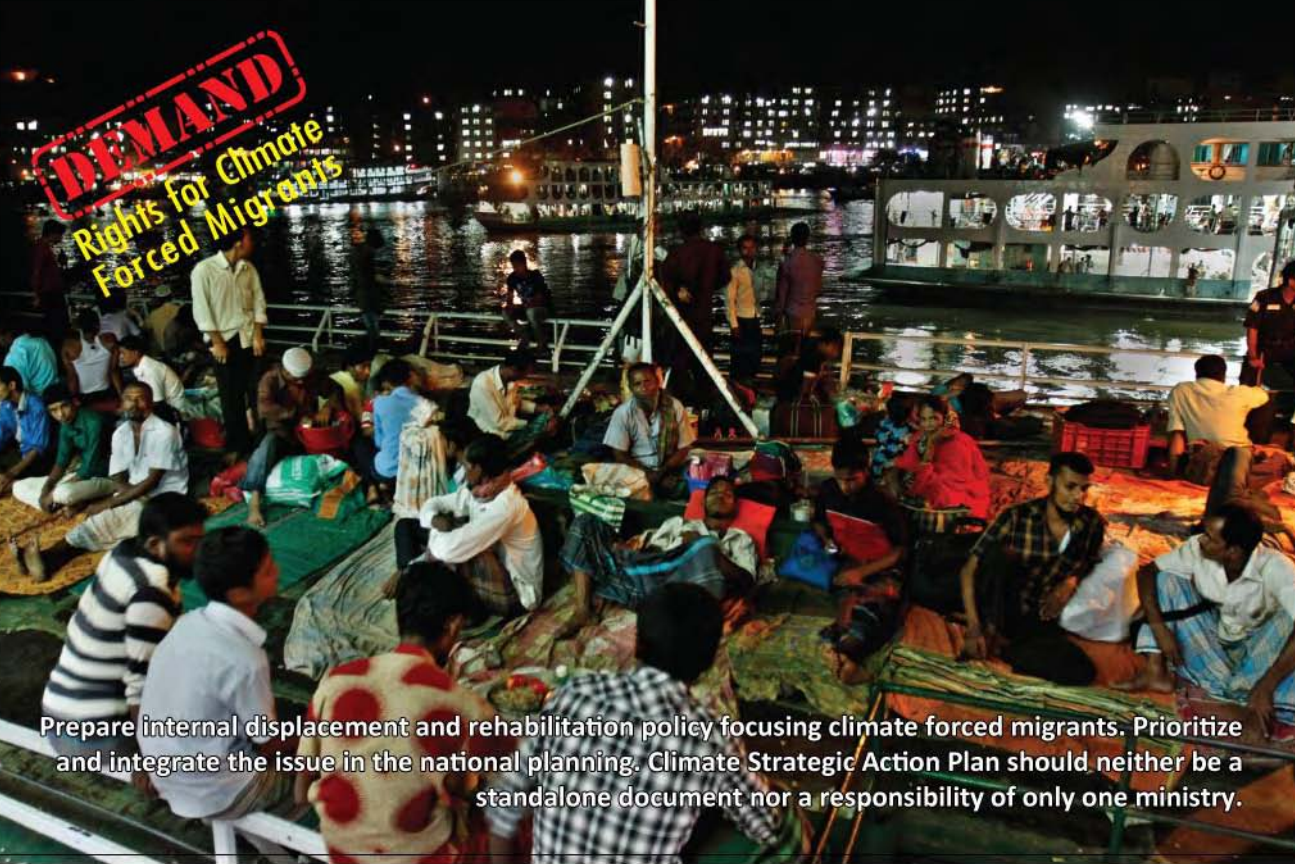
WHERE EVERYTHING IS BREAKING DOWN

This village is called Gabura in Satkhira District. After the cyclone Aila (2009) a big area around Gabura has gone under saline water permanently. All the lands used to be cultivated before are now completely abandoned. Most of the villagers have left the area for a better living except couple of families who are still trying to survive. Trees failed to cope with the salinity have left the soil for the saline tolerant ones. All the chains of economic activities and communication structures have been broken down.



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Gabura, Satkhira. Photo : Din M Shibly



EVERY DAWN THEY COME AND EVERY DUSK THEY GO

All in this crowd are Southerners who were forced, for different reasons, to come to and occupy the Capital. These launches are the main transport to connect the capital with the South coastal districts. They come and go with full of temporary workers like them to and from Dhaka city dawn and dusk. During the big vacations it is seen how fast the city gets empty and filled up again when the holidays are over. These temporary persons take this opportunity to go and meet their families and come back to the workstation.

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Sadarghat, Dhaka. Photo : Din M Shibly

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I'll think twice in emitting
carbon as it creates human
displacement.

BUT, LIFE GOES ON

Hasna, a woman of around 30 years, lives on an embankment in Shahjadpur, Sirajganj. 20 years back they used to live in an island in the middle of the river Jamuna and when their homestead eroded to the river completely they took shelter on that embankment. All these years she had spent in that temporary household. But she never quitted. She got some training on poultry and vegetable gardening. With the minimum resource she was able to make a living. But with such a small strength she might not be able to survive in anymore disasters like erosion or flood.

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Shahjadpur, Sirajganj. Photo : Din M Shibly





Women, children and adult are the trapped population in climate hotspots due to climate forced migration.

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THERE MUST BE A HOPE...

Everyone was standing on the bank of the river Jamuna and watching the rate of erosion helplessly. All of their homesteads were not farther than 100 yards from the point the river eroded up to. The bank was about 20-25 feet high from the water level with the everlasting possibilities of being eroded anytime. The photo was taken in 2010. It is now easiest to expect that no house are left alone from the hastening erosion.

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Kajir Char, Sirajganj. Photo : Din M Shibly



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Coastal fisher-folk are one community now in the verge of extinction due to rough sea and exploitation of sea resources by the company trawlers. They must have priority in the adaptation planning.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE NEXT?

This 55 years old fisherman is called Yousuf Majhi who lives in a small island called Dhalchar in the Bay of Bengal under Bhola District. He catches *Hilsa* fish from the sea. He is survivor of three big cyclones took place in the last couple of decades along with the extreme erosion of the river Meghna's deadly current. Yousuf says, "I have no idea about why the frequencies and intensities of the cyclones are increasing. We all would have died in the last cyclone. God saved us. I don't know what will happen in the next one."

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