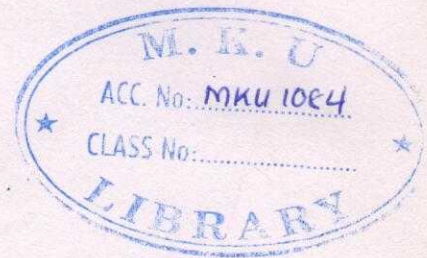


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CASE STUDY: INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs) IN KENYA



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ABSTRACT

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) are often the victims of the armed conflicts, when persons have been forced to migrate and abandon their place of residence or occupation within the national territory because their lives, security or freedom to free movement have been rendered vulnerable and threatened due to the existence of the hostilities, widespread violence, tensions, massive violations of human rights or the circumstances that can drastically disturb public order. Danger of war and general insecurity cause the large-scale displacement all over the world. Once it occurs, internal displacement brings about a set of circumstances that renders those affected highly vulnerable. Most obviously, it forces people from their homes, depriving them of shelter and the basic protection it can provide. Cut off from their land, traditional livelihood and means of generating income, and compelled to leave all but a few possessions behind, IDPs suddenly find themselves stripped of their means of survival. This Project will examine the conception of internal displacement as a result of an armed conflict by considering the key challenges associated with the right of freedom of movement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Kenya. First, the Project will discuss the legal analysis and the different points of view of the right to freedom of movement as a human right. Second, it will explore whether there are violations of the right of freedom of movement in the conflict areas, third, it will identify the conditions of IDPs today as a category of concern. It will also explore the debate as to who has the responsibility to take measures and solve the problems of IDPs in the breakaway regions