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ABSTRACT	<p>This tool was compiled to assist emergency management actors at national and local levels in factoring in migrant populations in their crisis evacuation plans. Evacuations are a key measure to reduce the impact of natural and man-made hazards. Moving out of an area at risk or affected by a hazard, whether before or after its occurrence, can greatly reduce losses in emergencies. Planning for and supporting evacuations is a key element of the mandate of emergency management agencies.</p> <p>For emergency management actors working in communities hosting migrants, understanding how these conditions are reflected in migrants' evacuation behaviours (and more generally in the way they react in emergencies) is vital to being able to support effective emergency response. Many emergency management actors routinely take into account the different conditions of vulnerability, capacities and behaviours of specific population groups, such as the elderly, people with disabilities, children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. Similarly, in order to ensure migrants' effective integration in emergency evacuation plans and operations, preparedness and responses need to be designed in a way that addresses their specific characteristics.</p> <p>Accounting for migrants in evacuation planning does not require setting up dedicated systems, rather adapting existing plans and arrangements, effectively communicating them to migrants and adequately engaging them in preparedness and response activities. This tool provides recommendations and indications to adapt evacuation planning and support for communities hosting.</p>
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