

Refugee Livelihoods Network

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Refugee Livelihoods and Natural Resources

This August edition of the Refugee Livelihoods Network Newsletter focuses on the thematic area of refugee livelihoods and natural resources.

EPAU invited subscribers to submit information (papers, reports, relevant websites) that have assessed the relative effectiveness of different livelihoods and natural resources. A wide variety of information was submitted that is represented in various sections of this newsletter.

Under the 'featured links' section to the left, reader's can read the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit's (AREU) recently published paper entitled 'Out of Step? Agricultural Policy and Afghan Livelihoods'.

The next 'featured link' is UNHCR's Evaluation and Policy Analysis Unit's (EPAU) Evaluation of the Dadaab Firewood Project in Kenya.

The link below looks at threatened livestock livelihoods in Somaliland through an article published by the US Committee for Refugees titled 'Welcome to Nothing: Refugees Repatriate to a Forgotten Somaliland'.

The following sections of this newsletter highlight various issues and topics related to refugee livelihoods and natural resources.

[Click here to learn more about a livestock livelihood threatened for repatriated refugees in Somaliland](#)

Mozambican refugees in Malawi: Livelihoods and their impact on the natural resource base

In his paper on 'Mozambican Refugees in Malawi', Dr. Chris Barnett of ITAD, explores the relationship between refugee livelihoods and natural resources, and in particular the 'transforming processes and structures' by which refugees gain access to (and impact on) the local environment.

The findings show that refugee livelihoods had a limited longer-term impact on the environment, though there were important local differences as well as appreciable changes in the availability of fuelwood in the Dedza and Ntcheu districts of Malawi.

[Click here to access Dr. Chris Barnett's paper on Mozambican refugees in Malawi](#)

Livelihood Options in Refugee Situations - UNHCR's handbook for sound agricultural practices

In December 2002, UNHCR's Environmental Unit, Engineering and Environmental Services Section and CARE International developed a handbook for sound agricultural practices in refugee and returnee situations. The handbook presents options and approaches for crop

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production - exploring opportunities for minimizing environmental impact and providing guidelines for developing locally appropriate initiatives.

The Handbook is intended to be a relevant and practical tool for practitioners, donors, refugees and returnees in a variety of different stages of displacement and different situations.

[Click here to access UNHCR's 'Livelihood Options in Refugee Situations'](#)

Refugee Operations and Environmental Management - selected lessons learned

As part of the TSEMPRAA (Towards Sustainable Environmental Management Practices in Refugee Affected Areas) activities UNHCR developed a sourcebook on lessons learned and environmental practices of past refugee operations. 'The lessons build on a variety of successful and unsuccessful attempts in field operations to mitigate negative environmental impacts'.

This sourcebook is intended as a technical tool to help inform and guide practitioners of the various environmental issues, guidelines and management issues encountered in refugee operations.

[Click here to learn more about lessons learned on refugee operations and environmental management](#)

Refugees and local hosts in Zambia - sharing natural resources between refugees and their hosts

An article written for ID21 Insights explored the relationship between Angolan refugees and their Zambian hosts regarding the sharing of natural resources in Zambia. The research revealed that both the refugees and their hosts shared the same livelihoods based on subsistence farming, which was an influencing factor in the Angolan refugees local integration. Moreover, the article illustrates the productive relationships that exist in situations where there are mutual benefits to both the refugees and their host communities.

[Click here to access ID21 Insights #44 on refugees and local hosts in Zambia](#)

International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM)

The IASFM is widely known as a reputable association bringing together academics, practitioners and decision-makers working on forced migration issues. The members of IASFM meet at biennial conferences and share their findings through a Newsletter.

This year the 9th IASFM Biennial Conference will be held from January 9-13, 2005 in San Paulo, Brazil. The conference will be organized around a theme of global significance: the search for solutions to forced migrations.

[Click here to learn more about IASFM and the upcoming January 2005 conference in Brazil](#)

Forthcoming events

A conference titled 'Bushmeat and Livelihoods' will be held at the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) on 23-24 September, 2004. The conference is organized jointly by ODI and ZSL, with funding from ZSL's 'Bushmeat and Forests Conservation Programme' and ODI's 'Wild meat, Livelihoods Security and Conservation in the Tropics Project', which is supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Interested researchers are invited to attend.

Contributions from field workers and policy makers who have sought to bridge conservation and development perspectives are particularly welcomed. For more information click on the link below.

[Click here to go to the ODI/ZSL 'Bushmeat and livelihoods' website for more information](#)

Agriculture and Livelihoods Technical Coordinator position opening with IRC

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) has recently posted a job listing for an Agriculture and Livelihoods Technical Coordinator. The Agriculture and Livelihoods Technical Coordinator will provide technical leadership for the implementation of the agriculture and livelihoods component of the three-year 'Empowering Remote Communities in Kono District for Relief, Rehabilitation and Development' project. This position is for 18 months and is based in Sierra Leone (Kono).

[Click here for more information on how to apply for the Agriculture and Livelihoods Technical Coordinator Position with IRC](#)

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