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Integrating climate-induced mobility in climate and migration policies in Brazil: Challenges and ways forward

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Outline

- The linkages between climate change and human mobility in Brazil
- Recommendations from the international agenda on human mobility in the context of climate change
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The linkages between climate change and human mobility in Brazil

- The impacts of climate change at the national level
- Existing data on human mobility in the context of climate change in Brazil

BRAZIL

NUMBER OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE IN THE CONTEXT OF SUDDEN ONSET EVENTS

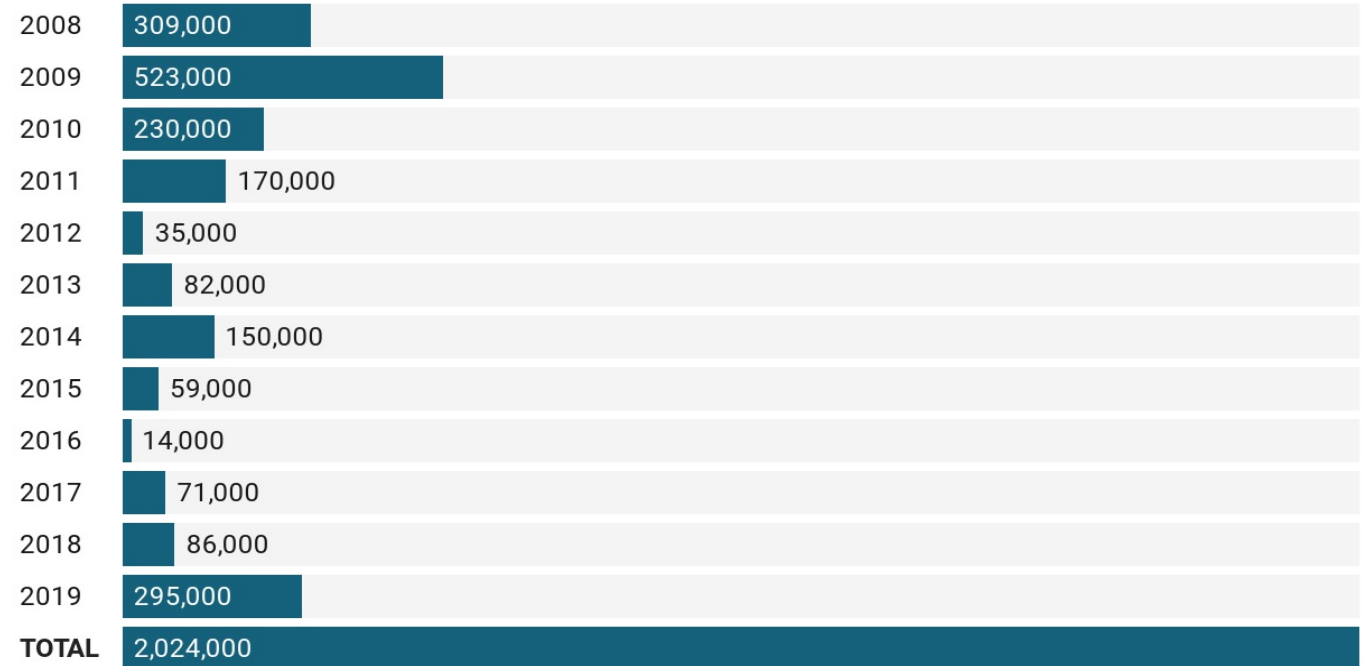


Chart: Data analysis and visualisation developed by the authors. • Source: IDMC (2008-2019) • Created with Datawrapper

Only in 2020, **358,000 people** were internally displaced due to disasters in Brazil.

Desastres naturais oficialmente registrados no Brasil em 2019

3982 Eventos
informados

Distribuição geográfica



Danos em
habitações

Unid. habitacionais
danificadas

194,203

Unid. habitacionais
destruídas

2,365

Total **196,568**

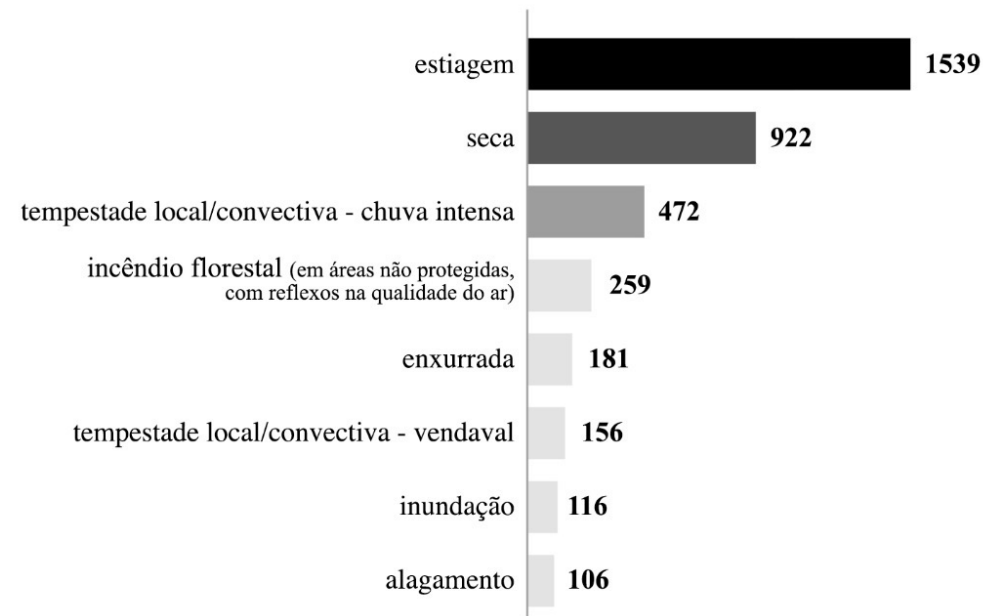
Danos materiais
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estimados para restabelecer
instalações e serviços públicos

Fonte: Sistema Integrado de Informações sobre Desastres (S2ID), Relatórios de Danos Informados referente ao período de 01.01.2019 a 31.12.2019. Download em 21.05.2020. Análise dos dados pelos autores. Gráfico por Candice Alencar.

8 tipos de eventos mais frequentes informados no Brasil como 'Desastres Naturais' em 2018



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Recommendations from
the international agenda
on human mobility in the
context of climate change

- **UNFCCC** – Task Force on Displacement
- **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)** – Objectives 02, 05 and 23



United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change



Global Compact
FOR Migration

The inclusion of the topic in national climate policy and legal frameworks

National Policy on Climate Change
(Law No. 12,187 of 2009)

National Communications (2004, 2010
and 2016)

Nationally Determined Contributions
(2016 and 2020)

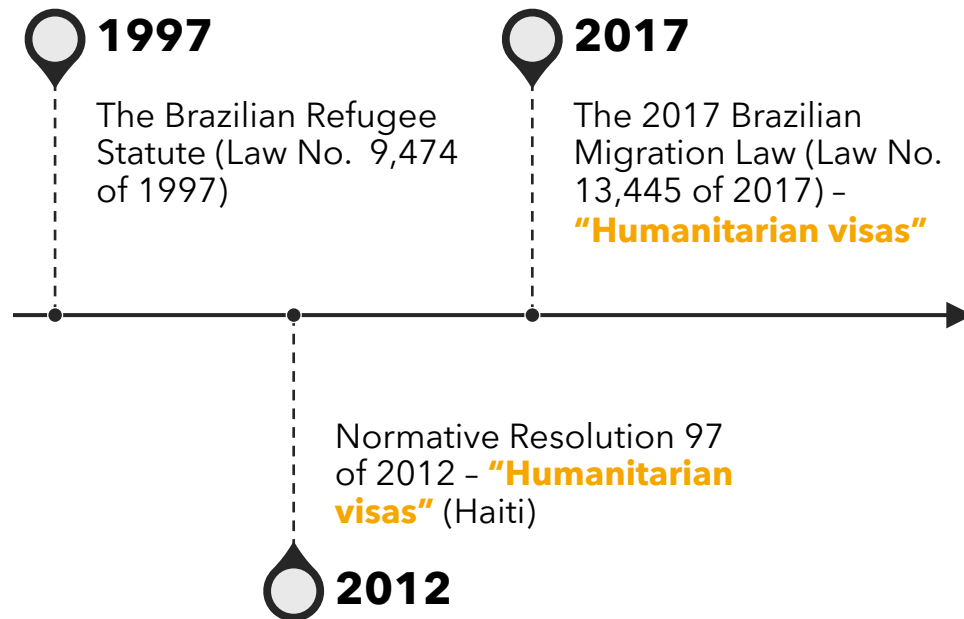
National Adaptation Plan (2016) –
“Migration as an adaptation strategy”

National Adaptation Plan to Climate Change

General Strategy
VOLUME I



Climate change as a factor of human mobility in Brazil's national migration policies





Source: Gazeta do Povo, 2019.

Interpreting recent climate and migration policies setbacks in Brazil

- Ministry of Environment with reduced structure and budget
- Extinction of the Secretariat of Climate Change and Forest, as well as of the Interministerial Committee on Climate Change - **"Climate deniers"**
- End of the Amazon Fund
- Withdraw from the GCM
- Draft bill that reversals the current Migration Law

[...] and the list of setbacks continues...

Conclusions

- Reliable information on internal displacement in the context of climate change
 - Data on cross-border movements, as well as slow-onset processes
- References to human mobility in the national climate agenda are still generic
 - Examples from other South American countries: Peru (Framework Law on Climate Change – Law No. 30,754 of 2018) and Argentina (Law on Adaptation and Mitigation to the Impacts of Climate Change – Law No. 27, 520 of 2019)
- The Brazilian Migration Law has not yet taken effect
 - Still unsolved issues (i.e. definition of environmental disasters, criteria for admission and stay, others)
 - The Law fails to assist affected people and host communities
- Lack of communication between national climate and migration agendas
- Right-wing populism attitudes and behaviors threaten further developments on the topic at the national level



Thank you!

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