

Against The Clock: Towards Climate Justice in Mobility

Our work on climate migration

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Climate-Induced Displacement in Cities

IOM: Identifying Climate Adaptive Solutions to Displacement in Somalia (2021)

The study

1. Investing in **multi-stakeholder partnerships** in the form of **Participatory exercises** with governmental counterparts, development partners, diaspora and community representatives help **integrate local perspectives**.
1. **Women favour longer-term strategies** such as planting trees over shorter-term measures such as raising the level of the house or migration.
1. There is a **need to link migration governance, environmental sustainability and urbanisation** under the same framework. Read [here](#).



GCCMI: Understanding Climate Mobility Dynamics in the Greater Caribbean

The intensification of extreme weather events has affected livelihoods and strained Caribbean economies, leading to increased internal and intra-regional displacement, as well as out migration.

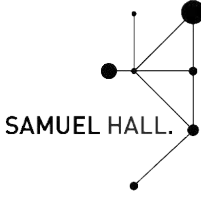
Samuel Hall is working closely with Greater Caribbean Climate Mobility (GCCMI):

- To complement the development of the Greater Caribbean Climate Mobility Model **through data collection in frontline communities**.
- **To better understand the full range of mobility outcomes for populations** living in the Greater Caribbean region and who are affected by climate change.



Facilitating Dialogue Through Our Annual Lecture

Cities, Migration & Climate Change



ASIA AND AFRICA IN CONVERSATION: CITIES, MIGRATION, AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Featuring:



Professor Nausheen Anwar
Karachi Urban Lab



Dr. Sanaa Alimia
Aga Khan University, ISMC



Peter Kasaija
Makerere University
Urban Action Lab



Salim Amin
Chairman of Camerapix



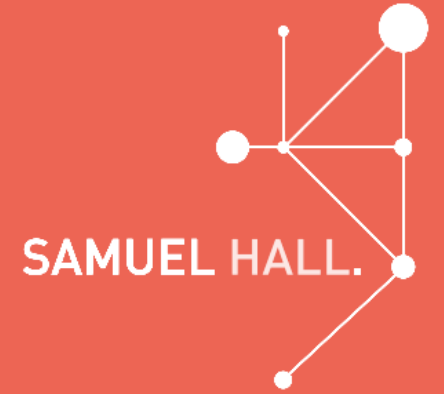
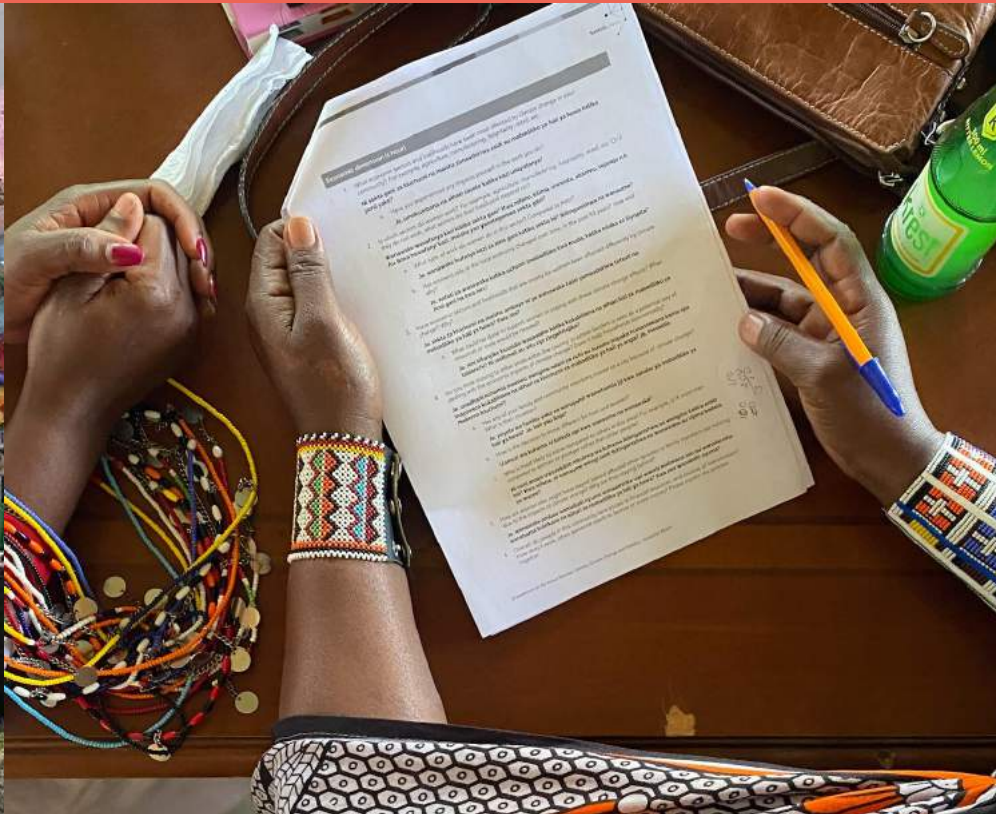
Dr. Nassim Majidi
Co-founder Samuel Hall



Jared Owuor
Samuel Hall

- We brought East Africa and South Asia into the conversation in our inaugural annual lecture, a collaboration between Samuel Hall, the **Aga Khan University Graduate School of Media and Communications, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations (AKU-ISMC)**.
- **The themes related to extreme heat impact on urban dwellers**, including migrants, prompted us to think about the role of urban planning to build sustainable cities and environments that are inclusive of migrants and of responses to thermal (in)justice.

For more information about the event, read [here](#)



Participatory & Inclusive Climate Action

Protracted Displacement in an Urban World project

Connecting the dots through our participatory forums

Led by **International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)** with 10 partners, including Samuel Hall; the research project seeks to:

- Raise awareness of unmet needs and economic contributions of refugees and internally displaced people.
- Support municipal authorities and other local actors to use participatory planning to **co-produce innovative and inclusive solutions** for forced displacement in cities.



Enhancing urban planning starting with a greener city and dedicated spaces for youth and women - a consensus point reached at the Jalalabad and Addis participatory forums



City expansion plans are urgently needed as informal settlements require upgrading.



A **greener and cleaner city** is among the first priorities for integration and inclusion in cities with displaced communities

Read the full city notes here: [Addis](#) & [Jalalabad](#)

Raising Awareness: Interventions on Local Climate Action

Notable Speaker Contributions

- Climate Mobility Africa Research Network (CMARN): The gendered dimensions of the climate change, mobility nexus, January, 2024
- Oxford Afghanistan Conference: Community Perspectives on Climate Change and Humanitarianism in Afghanistan, November, 2023
- DisplacementSolutons.org Climate Displacement: A View from Eastern Africa & Afghanistan, October, 2023
- [New African Woman, OP-ED with UNDP : The Role Of Women In Shaping The Climate Mobility Agenda, June, 2023](#)
- HBS-Relon Workshop: How Can RLOs help mitigate the impact climate change
- Africa Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI) Women Forum: The Role of Women in Climate Mobility Agenda, July 2022



Strengthening the role of women in the climate mobility agenda



Collective Action for Climate, Mobility and Gender Justice



Engagement on the Nexus between Gender, Climate Change and Mobility

Samuel Hall collaborated with the UNDP Resilience Hub with the aim of **understanding and supporting women's perspectives and leadership on climate change and mobility in Africa.**

We will start a **feminist coalition building exercise (FCBE)** to establish a feminist coalition of African research networks, NGOs, activists, entrepreneurs, experts, RLOs, and more to address barriers to human development of women and other groups in vulnerable situations in relation to **climate and mobility on the African continent.**



The changes have made women stronger as now they contribute to daily income generation to the family and also, they give better advice to their spouses on ways to cope with climate changes."
-Kenya Men FGD



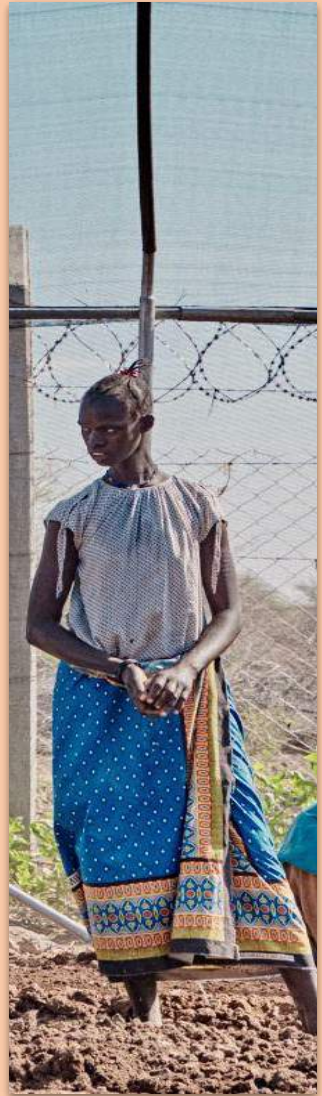
Research Questions and Dimensions



INSIGHT: Understanding the Climate-Mobility-Gender Nexus



- Climate Change and Mobility is not gender-neutral.
- Women take on new roles at all stages of climate-related mobility.
- Women's and men's role in adaptation differs due to cultural norms, gender roles and limitations to their political representation
- However, they also allow women to **re-negotiate gender roles in their household and community.**



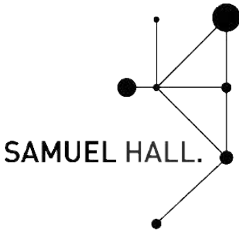
- Our research with UNDP, IOM & UNEP in Africa showed a **significantly higher level of awareness among women** on **community level solutions.**
- Women are more aware of strategies that are **locally adaptive** and using that information can help **build community resilience.**
- We need to focus on the **integration of a gender perspective** into climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.
- Recognising and addressing the unique vulnerabilities and capacities of women - including their knowledge on adaptation is critical



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Local Response to Climate, Mobility & Habitability

IOM: Unpacking the Realities of Displacement Affected Communities in Afghanistan



In 2022, Samuel Hall was commissioned by IOM Afghanistan to produce research briefs on the impact of climate change - especially on displacement-affected communities since August 2021.

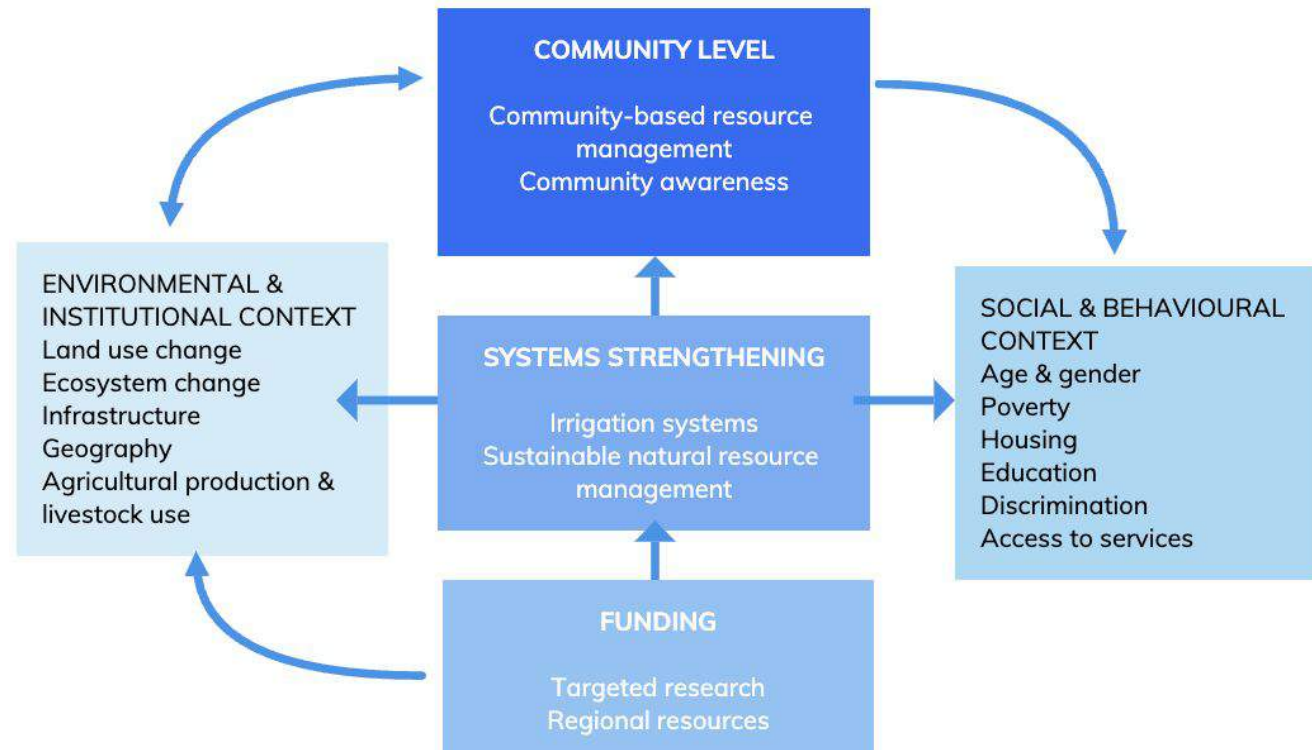
Read our research brief [here](#)



*"First, it was economic factors that forced me to migrate from Behsud district to Kabul. Second, it was the lack of natural resources, such as water. If natural resources were not in scarcity, we would not migrate at an old age."
- SSI5, Male IDP, Kabul*



Recommendations for durable solutions to mitigate the impact of climate change on displaced communities



University of Liège – Linking Climate Change, Habitability, and Social Tipping Points: Scenarios for Climate Migration (HABITABLE) (2020 - 2024)

The project aims at significantly advancing our **understanding of the current interlinkages between climate change impacts and migration and displacement patterns**, and to better anticipate their future evolution.

It does so through the **mobilisation of innovative methods**, implemented by a **diverse, experienced consortium associating 21 partners** representing a number of regions of the world from **West Africa, East Africa, South Africa** and **Southeast Asia**.



"Their financial situation is getting worse due to poor rainfall in the area. Most people in the area are farmers and the poor rainfall has led to poor yield which has in turn affected their nutrition status."



Using semi-structured interviews, Focus Group Discussions, and Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping (FCM) sessions, we engaged with men and women from migrant households affected by climate risks. This 4-year EU-funded initiative aims to understand **how climate change does and will affect migration and displacement patterns**.

Read our paper on 'Rethinking habitability from ordinary experience in Kenya' [here](#).

Insights from the field: Identifying New Strategies for Community-Led Climate Action

✓ What's working

1. Measures led by women
2. City Planning with Displaced Communities
3. Locally-led Response

⊘ What's not working

One-Size-Fits-All programmes and policies

Lack of funding to community and local organisations

Negative Coping Mechanisms

- Child labour & out of school children
- Medical needs increasing
- Conflicts over land and selling land

We need to connect ecological sustainability, mobility, and urban governance under the same framework

Ecological sustainability



Environmentally responsible practices for lasting ecosystems.

Mobility



The ability to move safely and access essential services during forced displacement

Urban Governance



Management and administration of city affairs.

This includes:

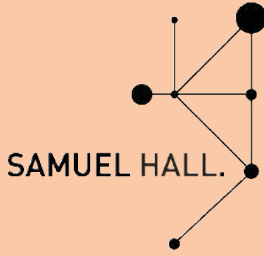
- **Creating green jobs:**
- **Planning resilient shelters:**
- **Formalising IDP settlement:**
- **Building capacity**
- **Considering migration cycles**



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Climate Advocacy in Practice

Against The Clock: Our Position on Climate Migration



For an organisation like Samuel Hall, which has been studying the phenomena of mobility and displacement since its inception, it is clear that the consequences of climate change are felt more severely by some than others.

Most people on the move due to climate-related – but others have been or will be forced to cross borders to survive.

The Key Angles we Explore in Our Position Paper

1. The importance of a **cohesive and academic definition** of "Climate Displacement"
1. The need for **accessible and current data** on climate-related mobility
1. Encouraging **policy development** by addressing the disconnect between evidence and policy
1. Investing in **grassroots movements and local leaders** to ensure solutions are relevant to the communities affected

Samuel Hall is also leading the conversation on localising action for climate mobility justice and the role of women in the climate mobility agenda.

This brochure highlights some of our work and insights on the topic of climate migration across the regions we work in.



Read our position paper 'Against The Clock' [here](#)

Making Every Voice Count: Storytelling, Advocacy & Outreach for Climate Justice

Spotlight: Our Digital Campaign

#InternationalWomensDay2023

This International Women's Day, Samuel Hall advocates for a greater understanding of the nexus between climate, mobility, and gender.

#SheSpeaksForClimate



Our research and engagement with communities across the world show that climate change not only affects women from marginalised groups more deeply but also accentuates their existing risks to safety. Women tend to have higher awareness of long-term adaptive solutions!

Our week-long Women's Day Campaign in 2023; TITLED ' #SheSpeaksForClimate,' brought **stories, findings and recommendations** from our research to better understand the nexus between climate change, women and mobility.

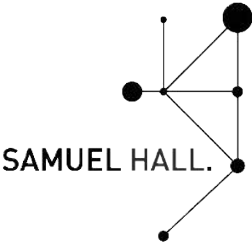


COMING SOON: OUR PODCAST ON CLIMATE MIGRATION

We have recently secured a grant to co-create a podcast with the [HABITABLE](#) project and [Migration Matters](#) focusing on the underexplored nexus of climate change and mobility.

Bringing climate migrants, researchers, and community-level organisations into a dialogue - we will listen to their stories, nod at their initiatives, and hear from them on opportunities, challenges, and gaps in climate migration and its research and how we could respond to them.

Narratives of Climate Action on Samuel Hall Stories



Samuel Hall's research and mission are defined by the **voices of people and communities** that are as powerful individually as they are collectively. This is why we strive to **move beyond big data, algorithms and research reports to focus on stories from the frontlines.**

To tell these stories, we launched Samuel Hall Stories, our multimedia blog and solutions-focused storytelling platform where we regularly work with Refugees and other migrants as well as refugee-led organisations to **shape and tell stories about their unique challenges, hopes and aspirations and the messages** they have for the humanitarian world - including for **climate, mobility and gender-justice.**



**Coping With Climate Change—
At Home & Away in Kenya**



**'(Un)tying the Knots Between
Climate Change & Early
Marriages'**



**A Green Mission to Strengthen
Refugees' Climate Resilience**



**Identifying Climate Adaptive Solutions To
Displacement In Somalia**



Collaborate with Us For Meaningful Impact



Through our research and policy recommendations, Samuel Hall continues to work with local partners and communities to **identify and encourage the links** not just between gender and climate change, but between **gender, migration and climate change**.

We are always looking to partner with:

- **Migrant-led organisations** for research, storytelling and capacity-building initiatives.
- **Local governments** to help train and create effective climate policy responses at the local level
- **Local and global research organisations** to develop projects, campaigns and advocacy strategies.
- **Investors and donors** to invest in projects which have the greatest impact.
- **Museums and universities** to host courses, guest lectures, and organise events.
- **Journalists and media organisations** to co-produce stories based on our understanding of climate in fragile contexts.

If interested in partnering with Samuel Hall, please email us at development@samuelhall.org

Why Partner with Samuel Hall?

- **Expert Research and Analysis Support:** research in tough contexts where knowledge is essential in making a difference
- **Sustainability:** Invest in research that can ensure development programming and decisions are sound
- **Global Footprint and Networks:** Join a group of researchers, specialists and experts from a wide range of sectors
- **Have an Impact:** Contribute to a dynamic world of information, discussion, analysis and strategy development that has impact on the ground

About Samuel Hall

Samuel Hall is a social enterprise that conducts research, evaluates programmes, and designs policies in contexts of migration and displacement.

Our research connects the voices of communities to changemakers for more inclusive societies.

We are based in the regions we study. Grounded in our team's presence and first-hand experience in complex and fragile settings, we contribute to and enrich local research ecosystems.

Central to our philosophy is the commitment to **localisation** and **decolonisation**, ensuring that our practices are not only intentional but also transformative.

We strive to redefine research paradigms by embracing and integrating these foundational principles in every aspect of our work, from the conceptual, to the empirical.

Samuel Hall was selected by Stanford University as one of the Global South's high-potential, fast-growth social enterprises and completed the **Stanford Seed Transformation Program** 2020-2021.



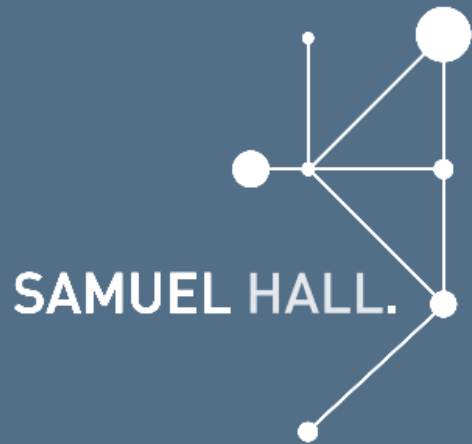
We have conducted **400+ projects in 60+ countries over 10+ years** – including many of the world's most complex and challenging contexts.

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SATELLITE OFFICES

Ethiopia, Somalia



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