

Digital Media and Video Training for Refugee Groups

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A new project: Climate Change, Migration and Asylum

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR CLIMATE REFUGEES PROJECT:

Use this sheet with your interviewee to construct your questions. Make them simple and short, keep to the point.

What we want to know:

How the weather has changed “back home” where you grew up and how that might have changed the conditions in which people are living---or even whether it is still possible to live there.

(For example, if the people where you grew up grew crops, raised animals, or fished or hunted, what was it like then, and if you know, is it different now **BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN THE WEATHER**. If it is different, what has happened) how

Specifically, we want to know about changes in:

- Water – changes in rain, snow, river levels?
- Floods or droughts?
- Temperature – Were seasons hot or cold and is it now much hotter or colder?
- Winds and storms, possibly monsoons, typhoons, massive storms?
- Seasons and extremes of weather?
- Harvests – crops?
- Food – availability or difficulty because of changes in the weather?
- Health problems linked to weather changes (such as lack of water, more heat, more dust?)

Have these any of these changes led to different ways of getting water or food or changes in the type or quantity of food that people now eat there?

Have any of these changes led to people migrating (to cities or out of the country)?

Have any of these changes led to violence that caused people to leave home?

- Anything else?

- you might only choose a few of the most important points above. After discussing the above with an interviewee, **create your own questions** using a set of points such as:

- Your and your ‘mother’ country, peoples relationship with the environment in your town / village
- **Some environmental changes that have taken place there** – tell me a few things from the above list that you have observed to change in your home town or village. Think of the differences between when you were young and your most recent memories or knowledge.
- Any worries that you may have for the future
- What you think might need to happen to improve things. Do you see a relationship between what people do in Manchester ---such as use of cars, packaged food and changes in the weather where you grew up?