

Internal Displacement and the Feminisation of Vulnerability in Africa: Implications for the Actualisation of the UNSDGs

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Abstract

Internal displacement presents one of the most compelling challenges confronting the world today. Preceding studies argue that the feminisation of displacement is the phenomenon in which girls and women constitute an increasingly disproportional fraction of the global displacement population. In this study, displacement feminisation connotes the projection of the vulnerability of women and the exclusion of men's vulnerability in the displacement discourse. Using data published between January 2000 and August 2020 which were retrieved via the systematic review of articles from bibliographical databases such as SCOPUS, it argues that displacement has similar effects on men and women but the experiences of displaced men and boys are less known, thus making them constitute “the forgotten minority” and exposing them to human rights violations. Conclusively, the exclusion of displaced men can undermine the actualisation of the UN SDG goals such as the eradication of gender-based violence and the realisation of peace and security.