

On the Road: Glossary of Terms

Chronic drought: an extended period of months or years when a geographic region experiences a deficiency in its water supply

Famine: a drastic, wide-reaching food shortage, resulting in extreme hunger and starvation

Horn of Africa: The Horn of Africa takes its name from the horn-shaped point of land on the north-eastern side of the continent of Africa. It includes the countries of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia. Sometimes Kenya, Sudan and Uganda are also included.

Humanitarian Aid: Food, water, and necessary supplies that are brought into conflict or disaster affected areas and countries by third parties, such as other countries or relief and non-governmental organizations which specialize in helping people in need.

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): persons who are forced to leave their homes due to natural or man-made calamities, but who remain within their country's borders.

Livelihood: the means of supporting one's existence and supplying the necessities of life.

Migration: The movement of people from one place to another. There are two main types of migration: *internal migration* or migration within a country (internally displaced persons) and *external migration* which requires crossing a political border into another country (refugees).

Peninsula: A piece of land almost surrounded by water or projecting out into a body of water but still connected to the mainland.

Push- Pull Factors: The push factor involves a force which acts to drive people away from a place (e.g. lack of food or employment) and the pull factor is what draws them to a new location (e.g. employment opportunities, safety from conflict).

Refugee: A person who has been forced to leave his or her country and cross a political border in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.