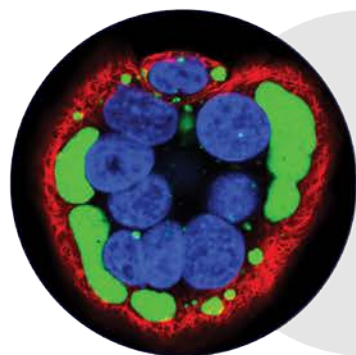


UKRI GCRF - Security Protracted Conflict, Refugee Crises and Forced Displacement



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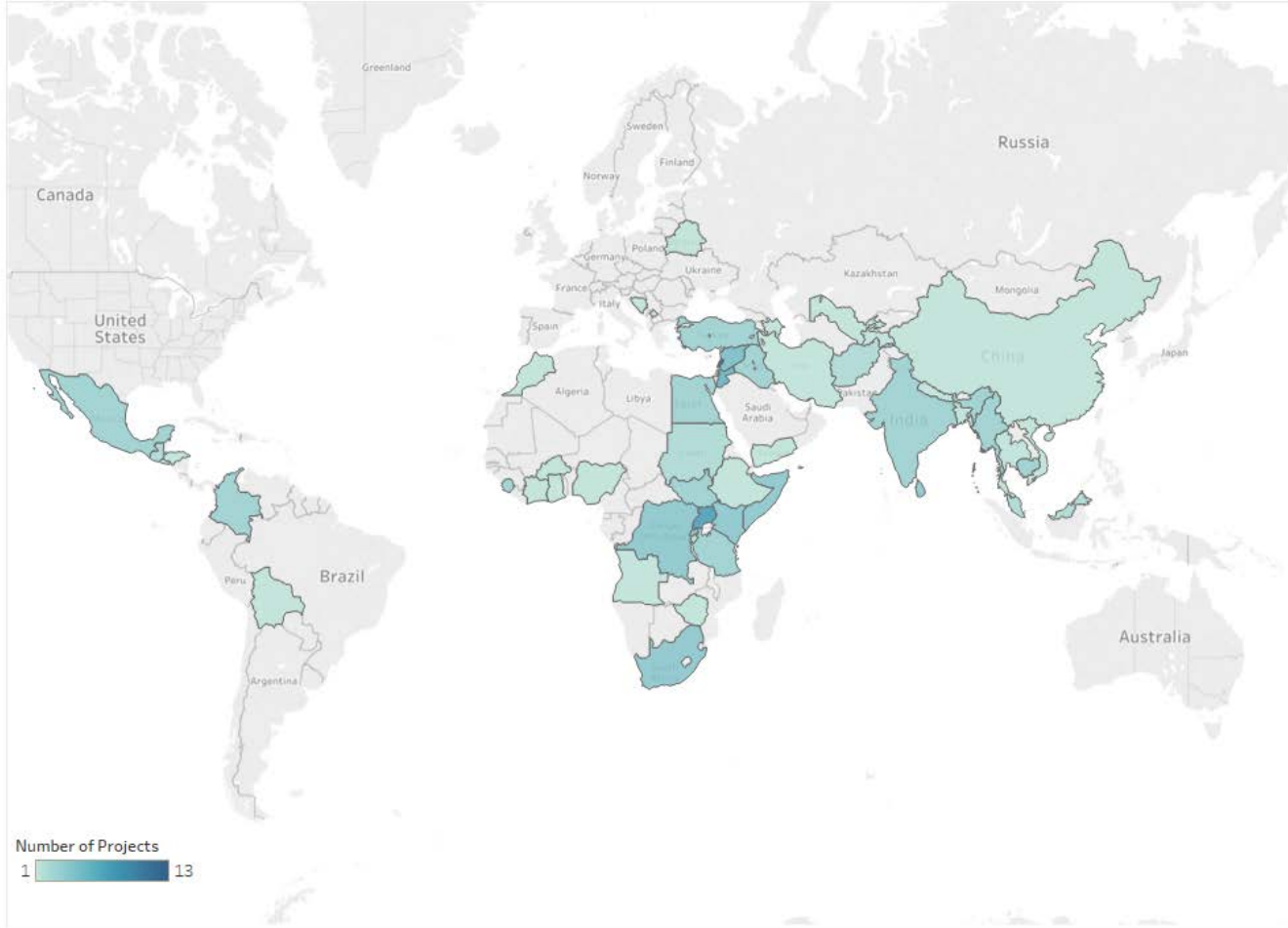
Security Protracted Conflict, Refugee Crises and Forced Displacement

- Portfolio split between Protracted Conflict/Prevention (Dr Neelam Raina) and Migration/Displacement (Professor Laura Hammond)
- Cuts across several other challenge areas

Countries of Focus on GCRF Funded Projects trying to Reduce Conflict and Respond Effectively to Forced Displacement

*reduce conflict and promote peace, justice and humanitarian action

*understand and respond effectively to forced displacement and multiple refugee crises



- 60+ funded GCRF projects
- Employed 250 members of staff from 160 organisations across over 40 countries.
- Partnerships with:
 - UN, Salzburg Global Seminar, Musicians without Borders, ActionAid, The South African Holocaust Foundation, Rwanda Cinema Centre, Gulu University, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy etc.

Other major investments

- GCRF RELIEF Centre (£4m) – examining how Syrian refugees participate in everyday life
- ESRC-AHRC Forced Displacement Programme (£3.5m)
- Urgency Grants on Mediterranean Migration (£1m)
 - looked at the experiences of refugees in a relatively small number of developing countries and of refugees entering Europe through the Mediterranean, respectively

- AHRC Diaspora's, Migration and Identities Programme (5 years, 6 million, large and small research grants, networks, workshops and postgrad activities)
- Translating Cultures Programme (£1.5m on Researching Multilingually at the Borders of Language, the Body, Law and the State)
- PaCCS AHRC-ESRC Conflict Large Grants (£2.4m on Displacement-related grants)
- ESRC-NordForsk Programme on Migration and Integration (£6 million, Europe-based)

Cities and Sustainable Infrastructure

- GCRF (Re)thinking the off-grid city
- GCRF Sustainable energy and international development: beyond technology

Education

- GCRF Education as a driver of sustainable development Network Plus
- GCRF Education in conflict and crisis research
- GCRF Education Interventions for Early Childhood Development

Food Systems

- GCRF Cultures and histories of agriculture, food, and nutrition
- GCRF A combined Food Systems approach to developing interventions to address the Double Burden of Malnutrition

Global Health

- GCRF Health and Context

Resilience to Environmental Shocks and Change

- GCRF Equitable Resilience: ensuring resilience enhances the Sustainable Development Goals
- GCRF Multiple and systemic Risks

Security (Protracted Conflict, Refugee Crises and Forced Displacement)

- GCRF Development-based approaches to Protracted Displacement
- GCRF Preventing Conflict, Building Sustainable and Inclusive Peace
- GCRF Protection in Contexts of Conflict and Displacement

Research Themes

- integrated risk assessment
- people and community centred approaches and building societal prevention capabilities
- addressing grievances from difficult pasts, access to justice and understanding structural factors underpinning grievances
- tackling horizontal inequalities

“A key feature of this call will be to explore the interactions and inter-connections between key factors in the development and dynamics of conflict which cut across the GCRF portfolios- such as urban exclusion, health inequalities, unemployment, food insecurity, environmental stresses, low literacy levels and gender inequality.”

Challenges

- Structural and institutional barriers to education
- Limited access to finance and donor aid
- Gender mainstreaming objectives are often undermined by the political economy context
- Gender inequality
- Limited mobility
- Limited literacy and other related transferable skills
- Identity politics

Opportunities

- High levels of tacit knowledge about the informal economy (craft made goods)
- Women as Household heads
- Remains of tourism related infrastructure
- Desirous of peace
- Ambitious about their own future

Network Plus schemes – launching soon

GCRF Network Plus call

[◀ RETURN TO OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Summary

We're holding **town hall meetings** in Birmingham, Edinburgh and London to explain all three of our GCRF Collective Programme calls. Fill out our **smart survey** [\(Opens in a new window\)](#) if you're interested in attending.

The next Town Meeting is in Birmingham and the survey for expressions of interest for this event closes Tuesday, 29 January 2019.

As part of the **UKRI GCRF Collective Programme** [\(Opens in a new window\)](#), AHRC will be announcing three calls in January 2019 for large-scale, Network Plus, collaborative awards for international development. The calls will be inviting proposals targeting the following areas:

1. **Preventing Conflict, Building Sustainable and Inclusive Peace**
2. **Protection in Contexts of Conflict and Displacement**
3. **Education in Conflict and Crisis Research.**

- UKRI GCRF Gender, Justice and Security Hub
- UKRI GCRF South-South Migration, Inequality and Development Hub

Questions?

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- In groups discussing the following questions (30 minutes):
 - What are the top three challenges in this area that research and innovation can help tackle?
 - Who are the key research partner and stakeholder organisations we should be partnering with to deliver the research and enable research outputs to have impact?
 - How can we engage them better?