Evidence for Responding to Displacement: A Scoping Review of Rigorous Impact Evaluations

Globally, displacement is at an all-time high and climbing. Humanitarian and development actors are working to respond to these crises, but the scale of displacement is outpacing solutions for those displaced. Fortunately, the number of rigorous impact evaluations of policies and programs for displacement-affected populations, which identify the causal effect of a given intervention on specific outcomes, has grown significantly over the past five years, providing decision-makers with more data on which to base policy and practice.
This scoping review provides an overview of the small but growing evidence base from evaluations of programs for displaced populations, across 27 displacement-affected settings. These evaluations cover a range of topics and outcomes, including household welfare, food security, education, health, livelihoods, and social cohesion. Overall, the review is intended as one input to support policymakers and practitioners in making evidence-based choices, to complement and be considered alongside other sources of evidence.