

# National Researcher (s): Climate Mobility Study in the Greater Caribbean Region:

*Colombia- Costa Rica- Suriname- Jamaica- Dominica- Antigua & Barbuda*

Samuel Hall seeks experienced national researchers in six countries (one per country) in the Greater Caribbean region to support the data collection of a study on climate mobility.

## Who we are

Our research connects the voices of communities to change makers for more inclusive societies. Samuel Hall is a social enterprise that conducts research, evaluates programmes and designs policies in contexts of migration and displacement. Our approach is ethical, academically rigorous, and based on first-hand experience in complex and fragile settings. With offices in Kenya, Tunisia, Afghanistan, Germany, and the United Arab Emirates, and staff all over the world, we are based in the regions we study.

We have over ten years of experience in 70+ countries and have become a trusted partner and leading voice in the field of migration and displacement research, working with governments, donors, multilateral organisations and NGOs, as well as public and private sector entities. For more information, please visit [www.samuelhall.org](http://www.samuelhall.org).

## What the study explores

The greater Caribbean region, and particularly the Caribbean Small Island States, are highly vulnerable to climate change, evidenced by extreme weather events and slow-onset disasters that affect the wellbeing of people and their communities. As an accelerator of existing migration patterns, the climate crisis has led to a growing concern of forced migration and displacement, with an estimated 200 million expected to be forced to leave their homes by 2050. The intensification of extreme weather events has affected livelihoods and strained Caribbean economies, leading to increased internal and intra-regional displacement, as well as out-migration. Climate projections suggest that hurricanes, floods, drought and sea-level rises will become more severe and unpredictable, significantly affecting human mobility.

The Greater Caribbean Climate Mobility Initiative (GCCMI) aims to support the nations in the Greater Caribbean, and is being advanced by the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) in close collaboration with partners including the Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the World Bank. The goal is to harness the potential of mobility in order to further economic integration in the context of the climate crisis, and to advance coordination and efforts to address climate-forced displacement and migration.

Between 1 September 2023 and 30 June 2024, Samuel Hall, a research organisation, will carry out mixed method research on climate mobility dynamics in six (6) ACS member countries in Latin America and the Caribbean region. Using a combination of methodologies, the research will provide an in-depth assessment and analysis of the inter-relation between climate and mobility, identifying interlinkages between migration drivers, vulnerabilities to climate-related events (slow-onset events and disasters) and capabilities of the population, in the six selected locations of the Greater Caribbean.

## National Researcher (NR)

The National Researcher leads, coordinates and oversees field operations during data collection and represents the research organisation at the field (sub-national) level. There will be one National Researcher per each of the six countries who will support in leading the organisation's national research activities in two locations per country- one in an area of origin for migrants, and one in an area of destination. The NR will work closely with and under the supervision of the Research Lead and Area Coordinator from Samuel Hall to collect data. The NR is a situational role and is based on the duration of the project (One-off projects). The NR will be responsible for:

### Coordinating the field team

- Recruiting a team of 10 quantitative enumerators to conduct surveys and 4 qualitative enumerators to facilitate focus group discussions. Enumerators are to be assigned to specific geographic areas or regions to ensure comprehensive data collection within those areas and may travel to different locations as required.
  - The quantitative enumerators will assist in conducting a total of 400 surveys per country. Each enumerator will be expected to conduct an average of six surveys per day, for a total of seven days. They will also be expected to participate in two days of training, and one day of pilot data collection.

- The qualitative enumerators will assist in conducting four focus group discussions (FGD) per country (two per location) with an estimated six participants per FGD. The qualitative enumerators will work in pairs of two and will be expected to conduct two FGDs per day in one selected location, totaling one day of data collection. They will also be expected to participate in two days of training and one day of transcription.
- Supporting Samuel Hall's research team in organising and conducting training during pre-fieldwork (training on data collection methods, survey instruments, and the specific project's objectives and requirements).
- Facilitating communication between Samuel Hall's research team and enumerators before and during fieldwork.

## Quality Assurance

- Support enumerators in maintaining data quality by minimising errors, biases, and inconsistencies in the data collection process.
- Ensure that all project implementation and outputs in the area of responsibility align with the organisation's strategy and standards. This includes assisting with data quality checks, transcript reviews, and feedback discussions.
- Ensure enumerators follow standardised procedures and guidelines, including following strict ethical and legal guidelines to protect the privacy and anonymity of respondents.

## Liaising with the research team

- Assist the research team in site selection by consulting on pre-selected sites and secondary sites while in the country.
- Act as the face of the organisation nationally in liaison with the Research Lead and Area Coordinator, engaging in outreach as required to achieve the research objectives.
- Liaising with Samuel Hall's research lead and data quality analyst during data collection.
- If needed, the national researcher may be asked to assist (remotely) in the data analysis phase to provide input.

## Who we are looking for

### Required - National Researcher (NR)

- Advanced degree in social sciences or a field related to our work (such as Economics, Political Science, Public Policy, International Development, Law, Gender Studies, or Sociology).
- Excellent command of spoken and written English and Spanish (if based in Colombia, Costa Rica). Additional local languages are a plus (Jamaican Patois, Sranan Tongo, Dutch, Dominican Creole etc.)
- At least five years of relevant professional experience in research in humanitarian and development contexts, including coordination of related project activities and project team members in the region. Experience with themes of migration, climate change, and work with vulnerable populations is a plus.
- Experience managing field-level teams, including direct supervision and monitoring of research activities.
- Advanced knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods, and related data collection techniques (for example, SurveyCTO, ODK, Kobo Collect)
- Demonstrated capacity to provide technical leadership: ability to train, mentor, and coach a team.
- Experience managing and reporting fieldwork expenses.
- Familiarity with key players in the migration sector and government agencies: the ability to facilitate and organise meetings and events regarding project activities.

## How to apply

The field coordinator will be expected to work a total of a minimum (16) working days throughout the duration of the data collection phase of the research, between January 2024 and February 2024.

This includes pre-fieldwork preparations and fieldwork. Depending on the country's context, the project may extend to mid-March. If called upon to participate in analysis, the field coordinator will be compensated for additional days. Travel within the country may be required.

Location	Multiple countries: Colombia, Costa Rica, Suriname, Jamaica, Dominica, Antigua & Barbuda Locations are subject to change but are scheduled to take place in and near the following primary locations: Codrington (Barbuda), Antigua and Barbuda ; Salybia, Kalinago Territory, Dominica; Hellshire Beach, Jamaica; Barranquilla, Colombia; Paramaribo, Suriname; Buenos Aires, Costa Rica
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	Secondary locations will be dependent upon consultations with national researchers and results from pilot data collection.
Position	National Researchers/ Field Coordinators
How to apply	Send a Letter of Interest, your CV, and daily rates to <a href="mailto:careers@samuelhall.org">careers@samuelhall.org</a> by Dec 13, 2023. Write in the Subject the position you are applying for and the country, e.g.: National Researcher in Colombia, Jamaica etc.