

**Flood and Erosion Induced Population Displacements:
A Socio-economic Case Study in the Gangetic Riverine Tract
at Malda District, West Bengal, India**

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ABSTRACT Various multipurpose dams around the globe have compelled the people to displace. The figure of dams and displaced people is too high, but displacements for flood and erosion are much higher than the dams. A study of Gangetic Tract at Malda District of West Bengal, India alone again proved the above hypothesis. The study was conducted along the riverine tract of the Ganga, which are frequently affected by regular floods and erosions made by the Ganga. Even the embankments are filled with displaced people as these are the safest refuges. Keeping in mind the above fact, the marginal embankment settlement was also surveyed. It was followed from the survey that many socio-economic factors were changed for such natural hazards in those area and it also changed the demographical factors of the area as well as of the whole district. Out migration is one of the important aspects of such impact. A huge number of people migrated to other distant places of India for livelihoods. It is a serious matter of concern for Government as well as for the researchers.