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Oral Statement on the Lessons of Fukushima for Climate Change IDPs

Human Rights Now appreciates the Special Rapporteur on IDPs' concern for climate change and would like to contribute voices from Fukushima IDPs like me.

States must plan for the long-term care of IDPs from environmental disasters.

Failures by the Japanese government towards Fukushima IDPs include ignoring the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, terminating housing support and forcibly evicting sick IDPs. They treat the harms IDPs suffer from the disaster, such as child thyroid cancer, as the victim's responsibility. Voluntary evacuees are not supported equally with mandatory evacuees, even [being accused] in court of damaging the nation, despite a former special rapporteur stating that all evacuees are IDPs with equal rights.

We call on all states, including Japan, to address these issues in their planning for IDPs of environmental disasters.

Climate change, rising sea levels and extreme weather increase the risk of nuclear disasters and displacement.

Fukushima shows that nuclear power is unsustainable and not a solution to climate change displacement. Far from reducing the number of IDPs, it creates them.

Thank you.