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ABSTRACT

This thesis investigates the intersection of climate change and human displacement in the Mekong Delta, a region significantly affected by environmental alterations due to global warming. Through comprehensive analysis of historical data, this study identifies the direct impact of climate change on migration patterns and explores the socioeconomic repercussions for affected populations. The research underscores the urgent need for adaptive strategies to mitigate climate-induced displacement, emphasizing the role of international cooperation and policy innovation to safeguard vulnerable communities. By detailing the migration from the Mekong Delta to urban centers like Phnom Penh, the study highlights both the push factors, environmental degradation and socioeconomic instability, and the pull factors, better living conditions and economic opportunities. This thesis contributes to a deeper understanding of the dynamic relationship between environmental stressors and human mobility, offering insights into potential responses to the challenges posed by climate change.

Keywords: Climate Change, Human Displacement, Mekong Delta, Migration, Adaptation Strategies

ABSTRAK

Tesis ini menyelidiki interseksi perubahan iklim dan perpindahan manusia di Delta Mekong, sebuah wilayah yang signifikan dipengaruhi oleh perubahan lingkungan akibat pemanasan global. Melalui analisis komprehensif data historis, studi ini mengidentifikasi dampak langsung perubahan iklim terhadap pola migrasi dan mengeksplorasi konsekuensi sosioekonomi bagi populasi yang terpengaruh. Penelitian ini menekankan kebutuhan mendesak untuk strategi adaptasi guna mengurangi perpindahan yang dipicu iklim, memperjelas peran kerjasama internasional dan inovasi kebijakan untuk melindungi komunitas yang rentan. Dengan mendetailkan migrasi dari Delta Mekong ke pusat-pusat perkotaan seperti Phnom Penh, studi ini menyoroti faktor pendorong, degradasi lingkungan dan ketidakstabilan sosioekonomi, dan faktor penarik, kondisi hidup yang lebih baik dan peluang ekonomi. Tesis ini memberikan pemahaman yang lebih dalam tentang hubungan dinamis antara stresor lingkungan dan mobilitas manusia, menawarkan wawasan tentang tanggapan potensial terhadap tantangan yang diajukan oleh perubahan iklim.

Kata kunci: *Perubahan Iklim, Perpindahan Manusia, Delta Mekong, Migrasi, Strategi Adaptasi*

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