Expert Group on Refugee & IDP Statistics

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Presentation outline

- Current state of refugee and IDP statistics
- Introduction of EGRIS
- Key achievements and recommendations (Phase I)
- Way forward and ongoing work (Phase 2)
Current status of refugee and IDP statistics

- Rapid increase in numbers of refugee and IDP in recent years
- Many challenges in producing statistics persist:
  - Legal/political: limited integration into statistical systems
  - Coordination: inconsistent terminology and limited/lack of coordination with increasing number of actors involved
  - Technical/capacity: often lacking although varied
- Forced displacement gained prominence on the international agenda, increasing pressure for better statistics
Refugee statistics

Map 1 | Populations of concern to UNHCR by category | end-2017

Refugees, including persons in a refugee-like situation
IDP statistics

The country names and figures are shown only when the total new displacements value exceeds 20,000.
The boundaries and the names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by IDMC.
EGRIS introduction

Group established by the UN Statistical Commission (March 2016) to develop:

- **International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics**: Reference guide for national and international work concerning statistics on refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Technical Report on Statistics of IDPs** outlining a way forward for development of comparable international standards for statistics on IDPs

Huge potential for better statistics for improved policy and practice, visibility of vulnerable groups in development planning and SDGs, enhanced international comparison of data
EGRIS country members

Country-led and experience-informed process to develop solid report with realistic and tangible recommendations
International and regional organisations

• European Commission (DG Home and DG Employment)
• EASO
• EFTA Statistical Office
• ESCWA
• Eurostat
• IDMC
• IOM
• JIPS
• OECD

• UNFPA
• UNHCR
• UNICEF
• UNRWA
• UN Special Rapporteur on human rights of IDPs
• UNSD
• WB
• WFP
EGRIS timeline (Phase I)

PHASE I

March 2016: Initial mandate from UNSC

November 2016: 1st All EGRIS meeting

March 2017: Initial outline of IRRS/IDP report

April 2017: 2nd EGRIS meeting

August 2017: 1st IDP subgroup meeting

Jul–Oct 2017: Complete draft of IRRS/IDP report

Nov-Dec 2017: Global consultation

March 2018: Adoption by UNSC & extended mandate
EGRIS achievements (Phase 1)


1. Creation of a statistical framework standardising relevant terminology and classifications

2. List of basic data tabulations and indicators

3. Assessment of data sources and methods and recommendations for their improvement

4. Identification of socioeconomic indicators for refugee integration

5. Recommendations to improve coordination (national, regional, international) and data quality, legal frameworks and capacity building
EGRIS achievements: refugees 2

1. Prospective asylum seekers
2. Asylum seekers
3. Persons with determined protection status
   i. Refugees
      ii. Admitted for complementary and subsidiary forms of protection
      iii. Admitted for temporary protection
4. Others in refugee-like situations

1. Naturalized former refugees
2. Children born of refugee parents
3. Reunified refugee family members from abroad
4. Others with refugee background

1. Repatriating refugees
2. Repatriating asylum seekers
3. Returning from international protection abroad
4. Others returning from seeking international protection abroad

IRRS - statistical framework
EGRIS achievements: refugees 3

Socio-economic indicators for refugee integration

Dimensions of topics of indicators of the satisfaction of the immediate and ongoing needs and integration:

1. Legal indicators
2. Civil-political indicators
3. Demographic and migration indicators
4. Education indicators
5. Economic indicators
6. Social inclusion indicators
7. Health indicators
EGRIS achievements: IDPs 1

1. Legal framework analysis based on Guiding Principles to inform statistical framework development

2. Assessment of data sources, methods and common challenges in producing numbers and characteristics of IDPs

3. Case studies from participating countries

4. Analysis of coordination systems to inform recommendations

5. Growing momentum and participation in group clearly outlining way forward for recommendations and securing mandate for phase II
EGRIS achievements: IDPs 2

Figure 7.2 Statistical categories to be included in official IDP statistics
EGRIS moving into Phase II

Extended mandate from the UN Statistical Commission (March 2018) to work during 2018-2020 to develop:

- International Recommendations on IDP Statistics: Reference guide for national and international work concerning statistics on internally displaced persons

- Develop manual and associated tools for compilation of refugee and IDP statistics (tools to be continuously improved)

- Promotion and dissemination of the Groups’ work
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**March 2018: Adoption by UNSC & extended mandate**
- Phase II
- December 2018: 2nd IDP group meeting
- January 2019: Complete draft of IDP Recommendations
- February 2019: 3rd All EGRIS meeting on Compilers Manual
- Feb-Nov 2019: Compilers Manual development
- November 2019: Global consultation
- March 2020: Expected adoption by UNSC
EGRIS moving beyond Phase II

Aim to complement Phase II (and continue in Phase III) through:

- Promoting & disseminating IRRS, IRIS & Compiler’s Manual
- Capacity strengthening
- Continuous learning & update manual
Thank you!

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