



# Aligning International Migration Statistics with Statistics on Refugees, IDPs and Statelessness

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**Shaping the future of international migration and temporary mobility statistics: revised  
recommendations in focus**

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# EGRISS – Quick overview

- Expert Group established by the UN Statistical Commission in 2016, currently completing its third consecutive mandate
- Membership: 61 countries and 38 international/regional organisations
- Focused on promoting and supporting implementation of IRRS & IRIS, IROSS through various channels (see below)

- Complementary resources & technical guidance:
  - [Compilers' Manual](#)
  - [E-learning course](#)
  - Recommendations summaries & translations
- [Regional workshops](#) & events to facilitate peer-to-peer exchange
- Methodological research (e.g.):
  - Standardizing identification questions for surveys
  - SDG disaggregation/inclusion
- Alignment of other Recommendations & Handbooks (e.g.):
  - International migration
  - P&R for PHC 2030 round



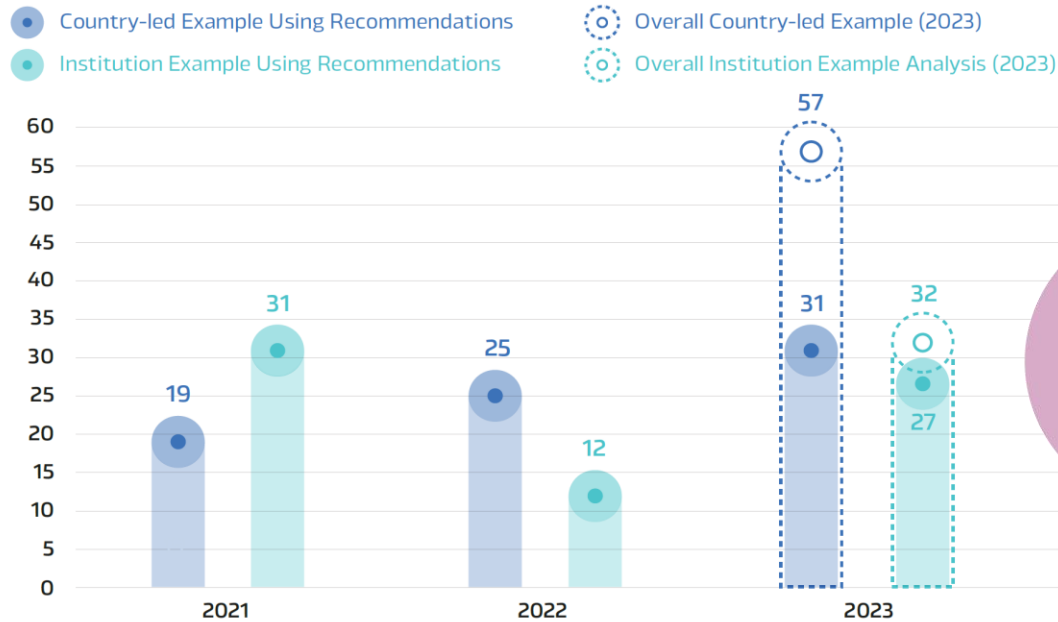
**International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS) - 2018**

**International Recommendations on IDP Statistics (IRIS) - 2020**

**International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics (IROSS) - 2023**



# Monitoring of implementation



## Case studies



**Italy:** Linking administrative data records to analyse refugee mobility and duration of stay



**Uganda:** Including Refugees in the Demographic and Health Survey



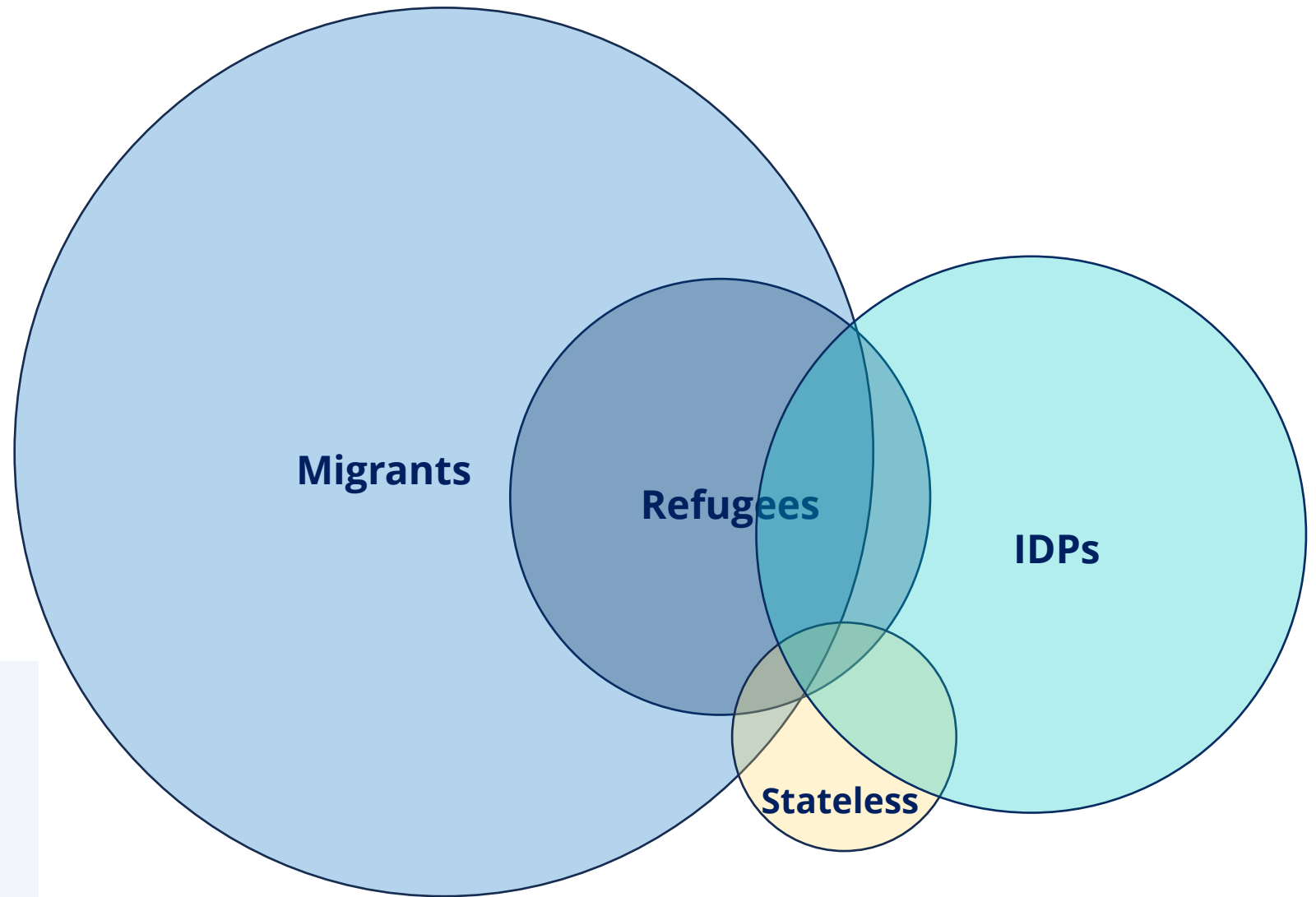
**Canada:** Data integration and national census for analysis of socio-economics outcomes for refugees

# Need *for* alignment

## Population sizes

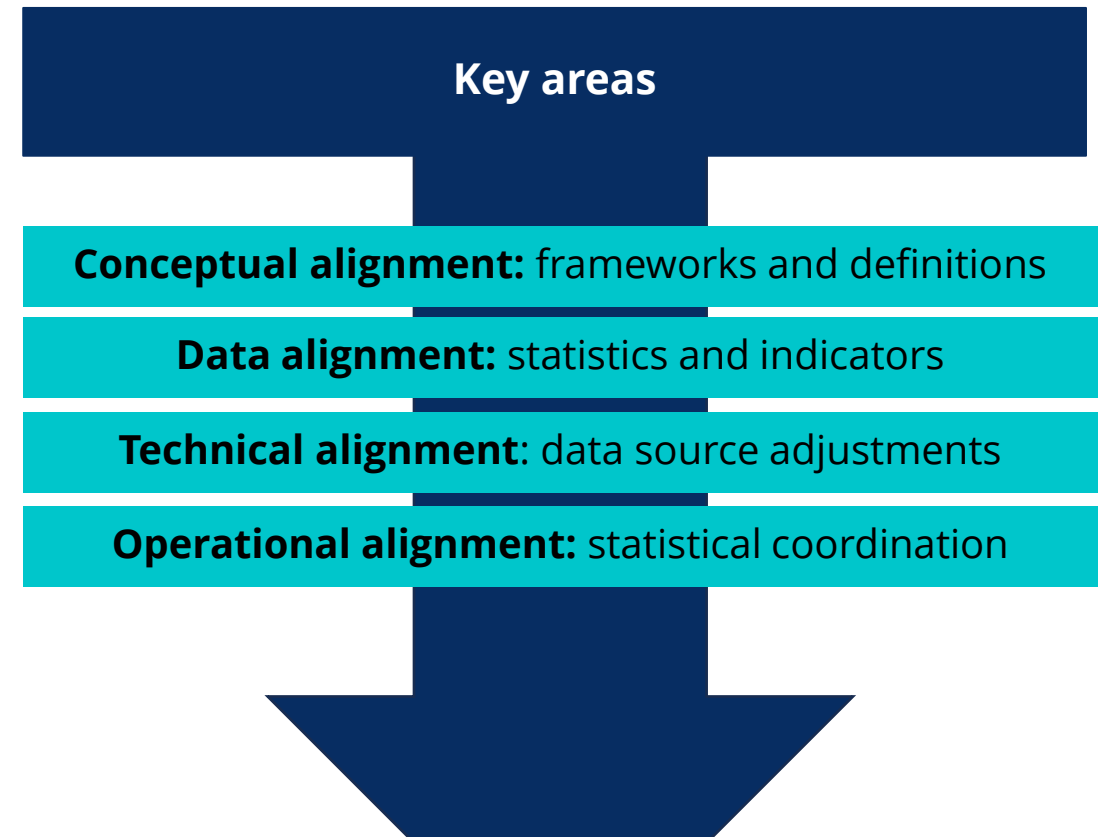
304 million migrants (2024)  
**117.3** million forcibly displacement (2023)  
 68,3 million IDPs  
 43,4 million refugees, asylum seekers  
 and others in need of international protection  
 4,4 million stateless (2023)

*Sources: IOM, UNHCR, IDMC.*



# Linking EGRISS Recommendations to *Migration Statistics*

**The revised *Recommendations on International Migration and Temporary Mobility* are now better aligned to EGRISS recommendations, specifically IRRS and IROSS.**

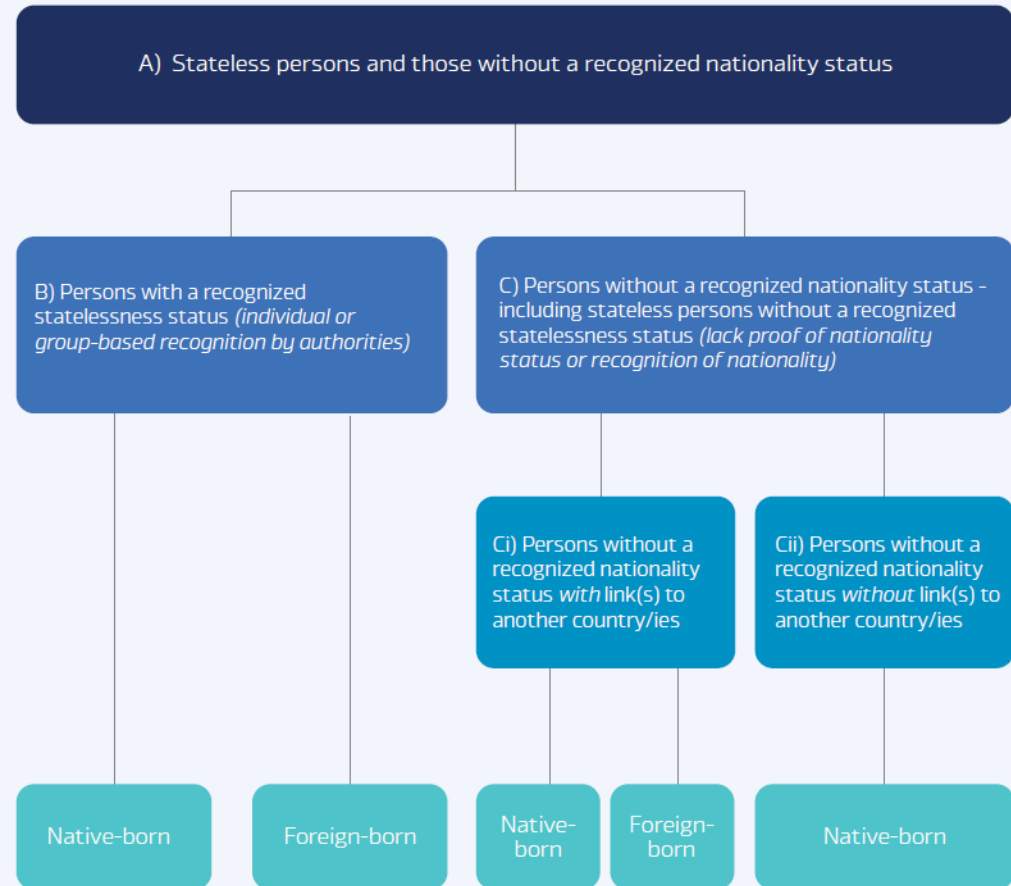


# Statistical frameworks

## IRRS Framework



## IROSS Framework



Comprehensive and agreed upon statistical frameworks for refugees and statelessness helped inform alignment with revised migration recommendations

## Importance of disaggregation highlighted by both expert groups:

TF1 Indicators for international migration and temporary mobility incorporated input from IRRS, recommending breakdown by reason for migration and asylum seeker/refugee status across both core and additional proposed indicators.

EGRISS Recommendations identify priority **14 SDG indicators** for disaggregation on forced displacement and statelessness status.

## Over half of EGRISS priority SDG indicators are also listed in core overall indicators by Task Force 1 for disaggregation by migratory status and migration-relevant topics:



**4.1.1 (4.6.1)** Proportion of children and young people achieving minimum proficiency in reading and mathematics.



**11.1.1** Proportion of the urban population living in slums, informal settlements, or inadequate housing.



**16.9.1** Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority.

**16.b.1 (10.3.1)** Proportion of the population reporting discrimination or harassment based on prohibited grounds under international law in the last year.



**8.3.1** Proportion of informal employment in non-agriculture employment.  
**8.5.2** Unemployment rate.



**7.1.1** Proportion of the population with access to electricity.

\* Additional indicators highlighted by both groups (like ones on sanitation-6.1.1/6.2.1, or poverty 1.2.1/10.2.1) would use most of the same inputs to be calculated

## Overview of EGRISS Recommendation on different traditional sources, links to migration



### Population and housing census

For both migration and forced displacement areas, some of the same questions/modules and deliberation of EGRISS recommendations suggest inclusion of reason for migration as a core PHC topic

**Compilers' Manual  
Use Case A**



### Sample surveys

For forced displacement and migration same questionnaire modules are relevant

Need to address representativeness of sample for both populations with population specific sampling needs

**Compilers' Manual  
Use Case B & C**



### Administrative data

Similar registers important both for reporting on migration and forced displacement

Especially where asylum processing managed by same authorities as migration/visas

**Compilers' Manual  
Use Case D**

## Data sources



# Statistical coordination

All recommendations underline the critical importance of effective coordination of statistics and national, regional and global levels.

**In practice, progress is tangible whilst recognizing the distinct policy approaches needed:**

**National:** Several countries have established statistical coordination mechanisms that combine migration & displacement statistics, especially in Africa.

**Regional:** Several regions have established/are establishing similar platforms:

- **LAC:** CEPAL *Working Group on Migration and Displacement Statistics* (2024-2025) reporting to CEA
- **Europe:** Expected merger of existing groups into single *Group of Experts on Population and Migration Statistics* (including forced displacement)
- **Africa:** Regional Economic Commissions (ECCAS, AMU, COMESA, IGAD, ECOWAS, and EAC) all host Technical Working Groups on Migration Statistics that incorporate forced displacement



# Ideas to further enhance alignment

## Methodological alignment

Produce **concise & clear methodological note** on alignment and gaps between frameworks

Coherently **address remaining gaps** that are identified to advance operationalisation

## Build on existing regional & national cooperation

**Migration & displacement working groups** in several regions & countries

Create common spaces to exchange and document **lessons/experience**

Pursue a joint and targeted **capacity development** programme

## Ensure appropriate linkages in existing/future resource

Cross-reference to new migration statistics recommendations in future IRRS & IROSS updates and other relevant resources

**Resources developed** on migration statistics should incorporate IRRS, IRIS and IROSS as appropriate

Joint efforts to enhance **SDG disaggregation and statistical inclusion** (e.g. ongoing DHS-9 review)

# Thank you



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