Refugees & IDPs in 2030 Agenda: Priority indicators for disaggregation

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Presentation outline

- Refugees and IDPs in 2030 Agenda
- Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics (EGRIS)
- Recommended SDG indicators for disaggregation
- Support available for implementation

Refugees & IDPs in 2030 Agenda

- Ambitious commitment to leave no one behind.
- SDG declaration recognizes "refugees and internally displaced persons and migrants" as amongst the vulnerable groups.
- It encourages effective measures to meet the needs of "people living in areas affected by complex humanitarian emergencies" (A/RES/70/1 par. 23).
- The *New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants* calls for enhanced international cooperation to improve data collection on refugees, including to assess economic impact.
- Global Compact for Refugees promotes inclusion of refugees in national systems, including statistical systems.

Refugee & IDP statistics (2017)

- **25.4 million refugees**
- **3.1 million asylum seekers**
- **40 million IDPs due to conflict and violence**

Source: UNHCR, IDMC

Where the world's displaced people are being hosted

85%

85 per cent of the world's displaced people are in developing countries

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Credit: UNSD

- Group established by the UN Statistical Commission (March 2016)
- Steering Committee includes Statistics Norway, Eurostat, UNHCR, Turkstat and the Joint IDP Profiling Service
- Potential for improved policy and practices, **visibility of forcibly displaced groups in development planning and SDGs**, and enhanced comparison of data at national, regional and international levels.

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Endorsed March 2018:

- **International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS)**: Developed to guide national and international work concerning statistics on refugees and asylum-seekers
- **Technical Report on IDP Statistics** outlining a way forward for development of comparable international standards for statistics on IDPs

Ongoing work (to be submitted to UNSC 2020):

- **International Recommendations on IDP Statistics (IRIS)**: to guide national and international work concerning statistics on internally displaced persons
- **Manual and associated tools** for compilation of refugee and IDP statistics
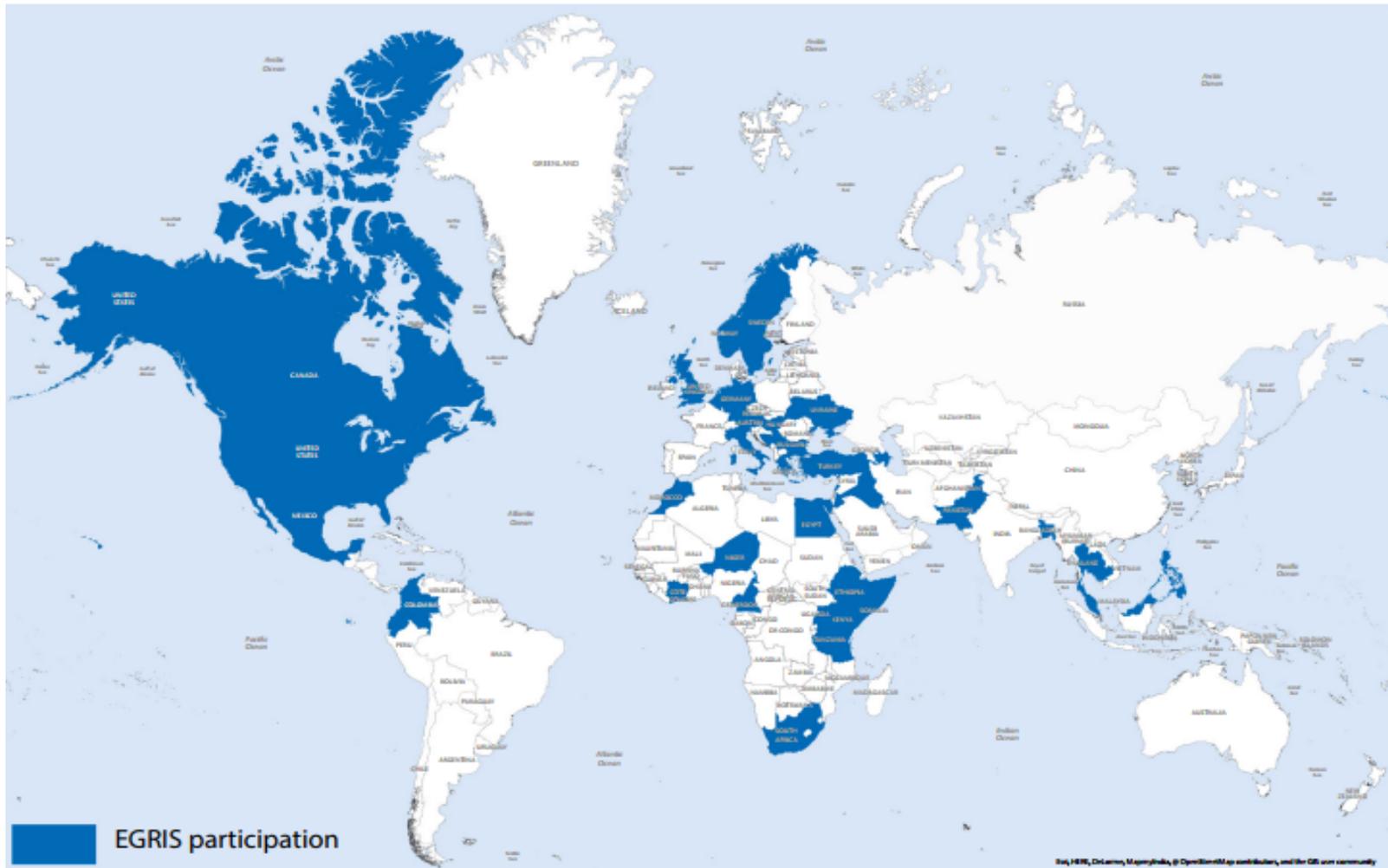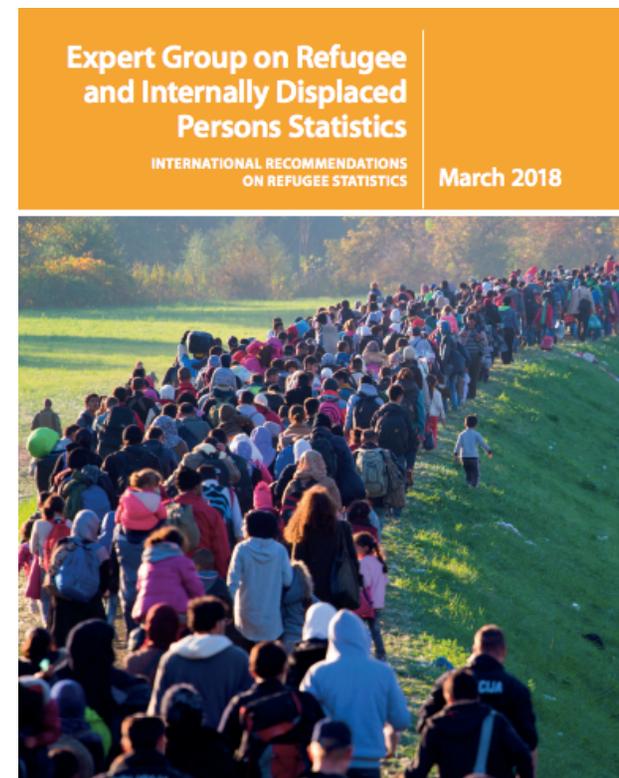- Promotion of recommendations and **support to states and others** to implement IRRS and IRIS

EGRIS membership

40 countries and 23 international organisations to pursue country-led and expert-driven realistic and tangible recommendations
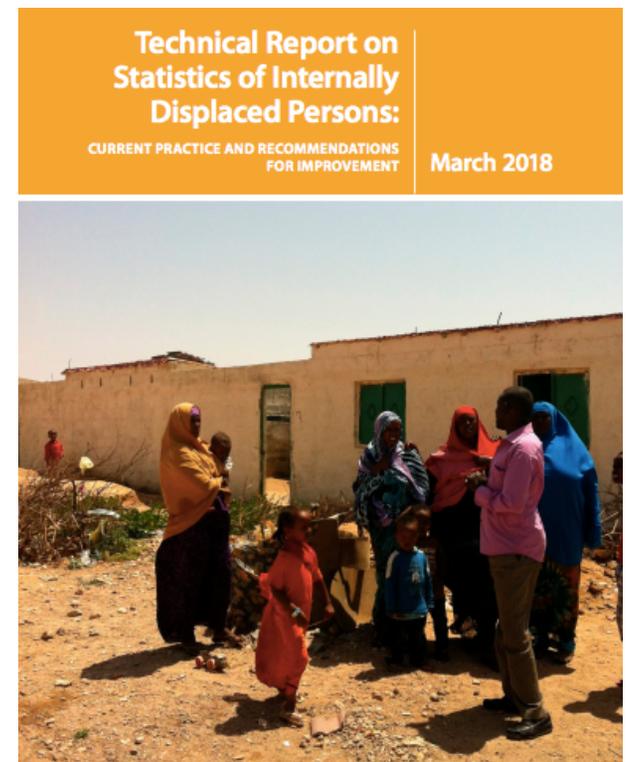

EGRIS participation

EGRIS achievements: refugees

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 improvements

4. Identification of **34 indicators** to measure refugee well being under four dimensions: legal; economic; social and cultural; civil and political. *(Linked to SDGs and Migration Group's recommended priority indicators)*

5. Recommendations to improve **coordination** (national, regional, international) and data quality, legal frameworks and capacity building

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United Nations

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EGRIS achievements: IDPs

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 actively working on recommendations development (meeting planned Dec 2018 in Uganda)

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Recommended indicators

- **18 SDG indicators** selected as priority for disaggregation to help make refugees and IDPs visible in Agenda 2030
- Link to Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 16 (see handout)
- Selection builds on:
  - EGRIS experience: 34 IRRS indicators, ongoing IDP recommendations development & consultation with EGRIS members
  - Review of 24 migration-relevant indicator recommendations from Improving Migration Data in the Context of the 2030 Agenda Expert meeting (June 2017)
  - Durable solutions indicator project for IDPs (3 year inter-agency project to measure/analyse durable solutions progress)
  - Pragmatic review considering data availability (prioritizing Tier I when possible)

Making support available

- EGRIS partners providing support/advice to implement IRRS/IRIS recommendations, including SDG indicators through capacity building and technical support

- UNHCR support to include disaggregation of forced displacement data by age and gender

- JIPS support services available upon request (www.jips.org)

- Work with partners to make refugees visible in national statistics, recommending core questions to identify displaced persons in surveys and developing systems that enhance data quality.

Thank you!

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