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## Thematic evolution of the IFMS

### What is new since the first IFMS in 2018?

- ✓ The Forum's **brand** is recognized and well-established: its role is to strengthen collaboration for improved data on migration and migrants.
- ✓ The COVID-19 pandemic was a huge challenge but also an **opportunity to explore** new data tools and solutions that will continue to be useful.
- ✓ Innovations and use of non-traditional data sources by **government institutions** rather than researchers alone.
- ✓ More countries are moving towards **administrative registers** as a source for deriving population and migration statistics.
- ✓ More initiatives to collect relevant data on **specific groups**, including on refugees and undocumented migrants.
- ✓ New **statistical standards** since IFMS 2020: on international migration; on IDPs and statelessness; on human trafficking.
- ✓ Greater awareness of a **human rights** approach to data.

