Forced displacement within the IGAD region: Management of statistics on refugees and IDPs

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Background: Context

Area: 5.2 million km².

Coastline: 6960 Km

Population: Approx. 292 million & 60% Youth

Climate feature: 70% Arid and Semi-Arid (ASALs)

Secretariat: Based in Djibouti

Official Languages: English and French
**Vision:** IGAD to be the premier Regional Economic Community (REC) for achieving peace and sustainable development in the region.

**Mission:** Promote regional cooperation and integration to add value to Member States’ efforts in achieving peace, security, sustainable development and improved quality of life in the region.

**IGAD mandate encompasses:**

- Agriculture development, natural resources management, environment protection, climate variability/change and disaster risk management;
- Economic cooperation and integration;
- **Social development**; and
- Peace and security.

- As a regional organization, IGAD is also mandated to harmonize regional and national migration policies.
- Guides the regional priorities in migration management programming.
- Emphasizes on Migration data; i.e. Migration data collection and analysis, Exchange of data on regional migration.
Forced Displacement Situation in IGAD Region

As of 30 November 2022, the IGAD region is host to 4.46 million refugees and asylum-seekers. The majority of refugees and asylum-seekers are from South Sudan, currently at 2.21 million. Some 13.49 million people are internally displaced in the region as a result of conflict and drought. Over 134,000 refugees have returned to their countries of origin in 2022.

Policy, Protocols & Frameworks – Migration and displacement Statistics

AU Continental Migration Policy Framework & Relevant Protocols

IGAD Regional Migration Policy Framework & It’s plan of action

Protocol on Free Movement of Persons at regional and continental level

National Migration Policies and Action plans

IGAD Regional Strategy and National Development Plans

GCR and GCM

International and Regional Standards on Statistics

- IRRS, IRIS, ICLS, Conceptual framework on Migration Statistics

SHaSHA2, RSDS and NSDS
Migration Statistics in IGAD Region

- Labour Migration
- Border Management
- Irregular Migration
- Forced Displacement
- Internal Migration
- Migration data
- Migration and Development
- Inter-State and Inter-Regional Cooperation
- Social and Economic issues

IGAD migration statistics partners:
- Statistics Sweden (SCB)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRiSS)
- GIZ
- STATAFRIC
- UNHCR & UNECA
Migration and Displacement statistics-IGAD

Regional level
- Regional Migration and Displacement data TWG
- Generation of the migration Statistics report
- Webinars on migration and displacement statistics
- Migration and displacement priority indicators and Data collection tool
- Learning Exchange between the IGAD MS
- EGRIS/IGAD/SCB/STAFRIC- workshop on Refugee and IDP statistics

National level
- Supporting the MS in establishment/strengthening the coordination on migration and displacement statistics TWGs
- Migration data capacity assessments
- Building the capacities of the NSOs on Migration and displacement statistics
- Virtual Meetings with MS migration statistics focal points
- Modules on Migration and displacement

Improved availability of regular up-to-date migration statistics of good quality, for use in developing policies to adequately address the effects of migration in the region.

Production of migration statistics
Harmonization of concepts and methods
Coordination
Dissemination of migration statistics

➢ Somalia-IDP Statistics Sector plan
➢ Displacement questions in Census-Kenya

Capacity gaps assessment of the MS on Forced displacement statistics
Cascading the international recommendations at regional platform
Exchange on the best practices amongst the MS in the implementation of the IRRS and IRIS

Development of module on displacement statistics:-Djibouti
Summary

• There is need for investment in migration and displacement data to have reliable and timely statistics
THANK YOU

Muchas Gracious

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