Challenges and Opportunities

Taking stock of statistics on Internally Displaced Persons

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Overview

• Challenges: conceptual, operational, technical, political/coordination

• Opportunity: EGRIS mandate & potential of better IDP stats

• EGRIS’ IDP Technical Report: objectives, scope & membership
Challenges

Urban Profiling in Hargeisa, Somaliland, 2014
Community discussion to inform profiling process
Challenges: conceptual, operational, technical & political

- Conceptual: who counts as an IDP? How are they identified? when does displacement end? varied practice and lack of clear guidance.
- Operational: access limitations, population movement, locating/identifying IDPs, humanitarian assistance linkages etc.
- Technical: Various sources and methods, limited transparency, capacity shortages
- Political/coordination: recognition of displacement, conflict time period, other conflict dynamics, coordination systems
Opportunities

Profiling scoping mission in South-East Myanmar 2013: Identifying IDP communities
Opportunities: EGRIS and improved IDP statistics

• EGRIS mandate from UNSC: include IDPs in scope of work
• Pursuing country-led and experience-informed process to develop realistic and tangible recommendations
• Huge potential: improved national/regional policy and practice, enhanced global/regional comparison, visibility of vulnerable group in SDGs
EGRIS’ work on IDP statistics

Erbil Profiling methodology development 2015: Aligning neighbourhood names and codes with Kurdistan Regional Statistics Office
EGRIS’ IDP Technical Report

- Objective: to provide realistic recommendations to improve the production of statistics on IDPs
- Scope: technical stock-taking of current practice, with focus on official statistics, to shape evidence-based recommendations
- Membership: Azerbaijan, Bosnia, Colombia, Cote d’Ivoire, Iraq-KRI, Kosovo, Norway, Philippines, Somalia, Uganda, Ukraine, UNHCR, IDMC, World Bank and JIPS (inter-agency initiative).
EGRIS’ IDP Technical Report

- Content:
  - Existing legal and policy frameworks/IDP definition
  - Defining IDPs for the purpose of statistical measurement
  - Sources of IDP data
  - Measuring numbers and characteristics of IDPs in official statistics
  - Coordination systems at national and international levels
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