

# Challenges and Opportunities

## Taking stock of statistics on Internally Displaced Persons

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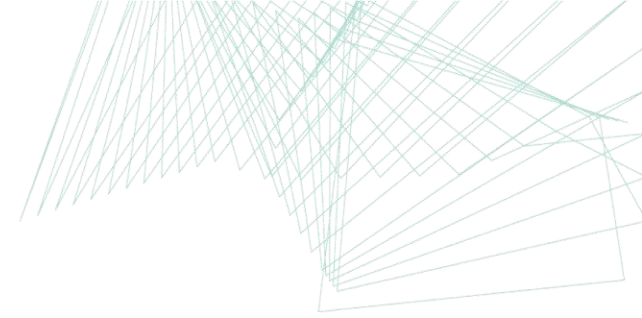
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# Overview



- 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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