UNHCR Global Reporting

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Why statistics on populations of concern?

• Global, regional and national public good
• Better policies, programmes and decisions
• Effective measurement and evaluation
• Increase accountability, policy debate, advocacy
Increasing numbers of refugees

Refugees and asylum-seekers

Millions

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15
Numbers in mid-year 2016 - refugees

16.5 million refugees under UNHCR mandate

3.4 million asylum-seekers
Numbers in mid-year 2016 - IDPs

36.4 million IDPs reported by UNCHR offices

But know that this is under-estimate

40.8 million reported by IDMC end-2015
Numbers in mid-year 2016 - returnees

• 123,000 returned refugees
• 3.2 million returned IDPs
What’s going well and future opportunities

• Reporting for nearly every country, twice a year (but questions of validity, disaggregation, timeliness)
• Interest of policy makers, media and civil society
• Increased data visualization, dissemination
• Potential of big data
Uses of UNHCR statistics

Improve well being of populations of concern

- Programme effectiveness
- Evidence-informed decision and policy making
- Evidence for advocacy

Get data into the hands of those who will use it in a form in which they can use it
Challenges in refugee statistics....
Working through national systems

Asylum applications & refugee registration

Line ministry

NSO

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Other data sources
Working through national systems

• IDPs part of national population
• But many challenges
  – Humanitarian emergencies
  – Capacity in affected countries
  – Lack of registration
Integrating into NSDS

- Working through National Strategies for Development of Statistics
- Integrated within national systems and reporting
- Harmonizing migration statistics and statistics on asylum
- How to ensure national ownership?
Increasing out of camp settings

• Refugees and asylum-seekers increasingly in urban areas
• Collecting data on out of camp populations more challenging
Disaggregation

- Sex, age, geographic
- Refugees and asylum-seekers: often reliant on national reporting
- IDPs particularly poor
- Need to identify vulnerable groups
Inclusion in the 2030 Development Agenda

- 230 indicators…..
- But not one on forced displacement, nothing on refugees
- Refugees specifically mentioned in resolution but not reflected in indicator framework
- Only disaggregation by migratory status – need to encourage
Thank you

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