

Working together for improved statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons

EXPERT GROUP ON REFUGEE AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS STATISTICS (EGRIS)



Why are statistics on refugees, asylum-seekers and IDPs important?

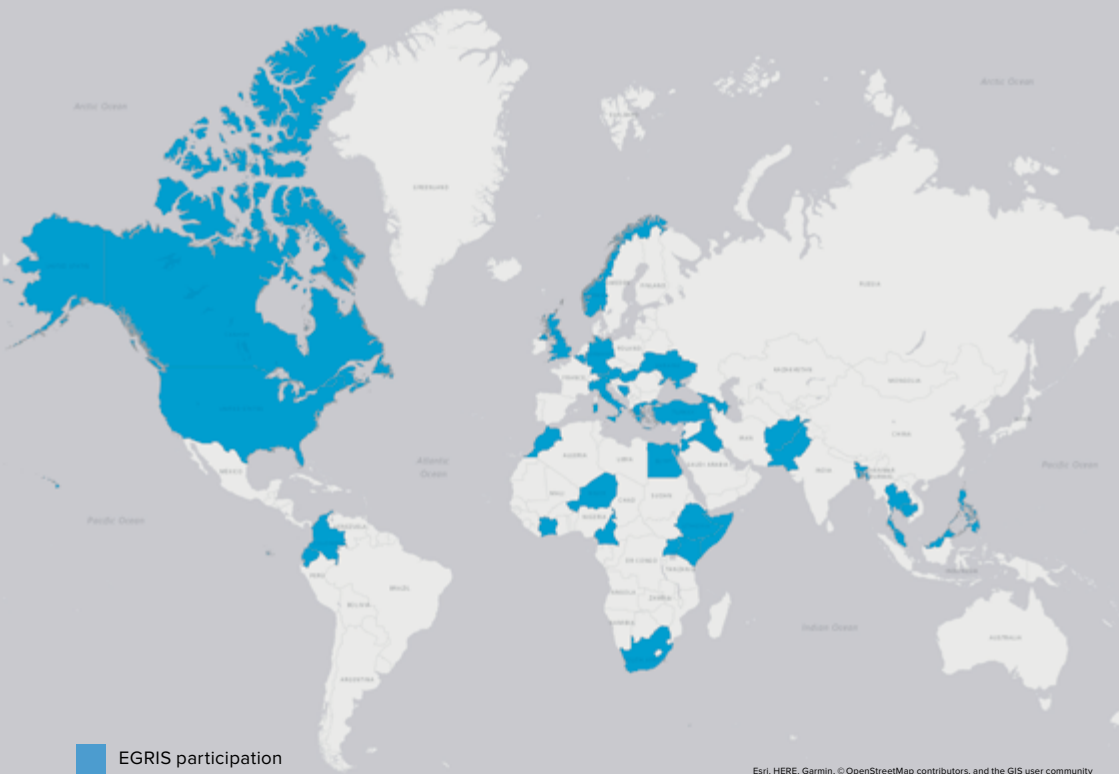
- There is a rapidly growing number of displaced persons worldwide. It is therefore urgent to build better and more efficient statistical systems on these populations.
- Displacement statistics provide the foundation for sound policies, programs and decisions; lead to more effective measurement and evaluation for decision makers and give increased accountability, support policy debate and stronger advocacy based on evidence.

About EGRIS

The Expert Group on Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics (EGRIS) was established by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC), at its 47th session in 2016. The group consists of participants from national statistical authorities, international and regional statistical organizations and other technical experts. EGRIS was mandated to develop recommendations on refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced persons (IDPs) statistics.

Why are the international recommendations on displacement statistics important?

- Promote consistent and comparable data between countries, organisations and statistical systems.
- Provide the basis for inclusion of forcibly displaced populations in national statistical systems and national development plans, as well as in national identity management and Civil Registration and Vital Statistics systems.
- Provide comparative analysis of host and displaced populations.
- Provide basis to build consistency and comparability of numbers on forcibly displaced populations, but also key factors underlying needs, conditions, welfare, integration and solutions.
- Provide a comprehensive picture on the issues related to asylum, international protection, and solutions by covering not only refugees, but a wider group of populations with a refugee background in order to reflect the growing diversity of responses to international protection needs.



Who would they apply to?

- National statistical systems
- International and regional statistical organizations and entities

Useful links:

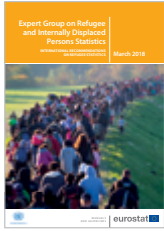
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What is included?

- Agreed indicators to report on:
 - the number and demographic characteristics of forcibly displaced and
 - the living conditions and well-being of forcibly displaced.
- Agreed methodologies for collecting and analysing statistics on forcibly displaced populations, including appropriate data sources and methods for estimating figures.

Milestone achievements so far:

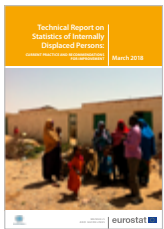
International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS)



Recommendations that countries and international organizations can use to harmonize and improve the overall quality of statistics on

refugees and asylum seekers. The aim is to improve statistics on an important aspect of international migration and to improve common information about a situation with a significant impact on global welfare.

Technical Report on Statistics of Internally Displaced Persons: Current practice and recommendations for improvement



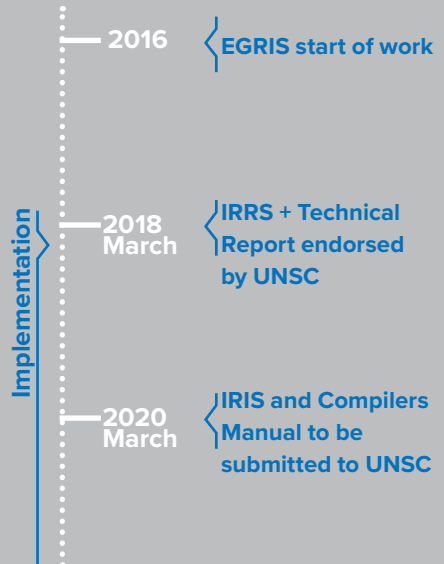
The report provides a stock-take of the current state of official IDP statistics as well as preliminary recommendations for improvement. Through

case examples from different countries and references to existing practices, the report identifies a need to develop further guidance on statistics of these populations that often remain invisible due to poor data. Such guidance is currently being developed by the Expert Group.

Steps ahead

- Development of International Recommendations on IDPs Statistics (IRIS).
- Development of Compilers Manual, including technical guidance on implementation of recommendations.
- Technical support and capacity strengthening of national partners to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations.
- Strengthening national systems in the area of displacement statistics.
- Advocacy and ownership building of national partners in the area of displacement statistics.

Timeline



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