JIPS is an inter-agency service established in 2009 to help governments and humanitarian and development organisations design and implement profiling exercises of displacement situations. Our primary mission is to provide support, either on-site or remotely, in the form of technical assistance, capacity building and training, tools and guidance.

Everything we do is driven by our vision of people and their communities being able to achieve durable solutions to displacement, supported by stakeholders’ collective efforts based on high quality, mutually agreed and locally owned evidence. Our approach can be adapted to a wide range of scenarios, but is particularly well suited to protracted crises and urban settings, where IDPs tend to live interspersed with migrants, returnees, refugees and the local population.

We are recognised as a global knowledge hub for profiling and as an “honest broker” for our impartial collaborative approach, and we pride ourselves in working through partnerships that cut across disciplines and sectors at the global, regional and national level. We believe this increases the impact and outreach of our work, and uses resources more effectively by identifying synergies and common priorities.

Our partners include:

- National and local governments
- National statistical offices
- Operational and policy-oriented NGOs and UN agencies
- UN country teams and humanitarian clusters
- Development actors
- Academic institutions and technical peers
What is profiling?

Profiling is a collaborative information-gathering process that provides disaggregated and comparative data about displacement situations. The aim is to establish a comprehensive and mutually agreed evidence base to inform:

- Effective policy development
- Advocacy and fundraising
- Collective outcomes and joint programming
- Long-term solutions for displaced people

Profiling exercises are useful in ways that go beyond the data they produce. Their collaborative nature generates consensus and fosters a culture of working together that is central to the analyses and undertakings they seek to inform. This in turn means more effective interventions on the ground.

JIPS focuses on profiling in protracted internal displacement situations, but our approach and methodologies can be adapted to a range of scenarios, including different phases of displacement and population groups. Much of our work is directed toward urban settings, durable solutions and supporting policy and strategy development. We support national and local governments, humanitarian and development partners working in these areas.

Profiling delivers data disaggregated by age, sex, location and diversity. It can also generate information for thematic analyses, such as socio-economic indicators, protection and social cohesion, by capturing both quantitative and qualitative data.
A two-tier governance structure, made up of an executive committee and an advisory group. Our executive committee is a decision-making body that oversees and monitors our work. It advocates for the value of profiling in displacement situations, disseminates information about our services and helps to raise funds on our behalf.

The advisory group operates as a forum for discussion and strategic advice. It brings together senior professionals from a broad range of backgrounds with expertise in areas such as displacement, protection, development and applied research methods.
Since we were established, we have been working to maintain a broad funding base with a diverse range of donors to support our work and ensure we have the flexibility and independence required to achieve our goals.

These are our past and present donors:
Building on lessons learned over the last decade, our strategy for 2018 to 2020 outlines three main goals in areas where we offer added value.

JIPS works through a dedicated team and in collaboration with strategic, operational and technical partners to achieve these goals. We do so by ensuring high quality standards and effective use of profiling and displacement data systems through cross-cutting work on:

- Field support and capacity building
- Information management and innovation
- Advocacy and communication
Joint responses to displacement are informed by comprehensive durable solutions analysis shared by governments, humanitarian and development actors and affected communities.

Responses to urban displacement crises are informed by adequate, tailored analysis that accounts for displacement and population vulnerabilities in addition to the wider urban context.

Governments and local authorities are able to make an informed choice of displacement data systems that are appropriate for their contexts and intended uses, and are supported to implement profiling exercises as relevant.
Our primary efforts focus on supporting our partners around the world in designing and implementing collaborative profiling exercises. Whether on site or remotely, we work first and foremost to build our partners’ capacity to undertake locally owned profiling exercises and establish consensus around results.

We understand that every context is different, so we offer a wide range of services and support tailored to needs on the ground at every stage of the profiling process. This includes:

- Strategic thinking to identify the need for profiling and its feasibility
- Coordination and project design to secure partnerships and set common objectives
- Technical support to develop methodologies and tools
- Operational support for training and data collection
- Coordination and technical support for joint analysis, validating findings and reporting

Whether new to the process or already in the midst of an exercise, government, humanitarian and development partners are encouraged to contact our team by writing to info@jips.org.
Between 2010 and 2019, JIPS received more than 170 requests for profiling support. Out of these, over 100 exercises have been successfully supported in displacement contexts around the world.

* Grouped in line with our strategic periods and counted in the year a request was received or an exercise initiated, without taking into account the actual duration of an exercise.
Urban refugee situation

Internal displacement in situations of generalised violence

Protracted internal displacement

Durable solutions for internal displacement
We build capacity for profiling at the global and regional level, and in doing so contribute to the creation of a community of practice. We develop bespoke training packages for specific profiling exercises and country settings, and can design, facilitate or run workshops and courses.

We also mainstream good profiling practice into our partners’ training initiatives on subjects as varied as policy development, protection, statistical practice, durable solutions, information management, collaborative data analysis, urban and development planning.

We run regular iterations of our flagship Profiling Coordination Training (PCT). Set in the fictional country of Freedonia, the PCT is a practical and hands-on six-day course that covers the profiling process from start to finish and focuses on the role of the profiling coordinator.

For more about upcoming PCTs and how to apply visit our website

www.jips.org/support-training/global-training/pct/
We use our extensive experience to inform the development of tools and guidance that are made widely available. These online resources not only support our partners during all stages of a profiling exercise. They also share expertise and embody good practice to build capacity beyond the reach of our direct country support.

**TOOLS AND GUIDANCE**

The JIPS Essential Toolkit (JET) is a compilation of generic tools, and represents our best practice. Its resources and guidance are comprehensive and self-standing, and equip users to plan and conduct a profiling exercise even without our support.

[www.jets.jips.org/](https://jet.jips.org/)

The Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics (EGRIS) is working to establish a set of international recommendations and an operational instruction manual. Better and more coherent statistics on refugees and IDPs will help ensure that IDPs are visible in the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Dynamic Analysis and Reporting Tool (DART) allows users to explore, analyse and visualise displacement data from collaborative profiling exercises. It provides easily accessible evidence as well as a forum to discuss profiling data and jointly inform programming and policymaking.


The Durable Solutions Indicator Library and the Analysis Guide, structured around the eight criteria set out in IASC’s framework, provide guidance on how to implement comprehensive durable solutions analyses. They help to inform policy, programming and advocacy efforts.


Urban profiling

Our Guidance for Profiling Urban Displacement Situations addresses the logistical, methodological, political and security challenges inherent in planning and conducting such exercises. These range from locating and identifying IDPs to examining the capacities of urban systems more broadly.
