

## About the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) is the leading source of information and analysis on internal displacement worldwide.

IDMC was set up in 1998 at the request of the international community to fill an important knowledge gap on the global scale and patterns of internal displacement. Since then, tens of millions of people become internally displaced each year as a result of conflict, violence and disasters. While the numbers are rising and the needs of millions go unaddressed, internal displacement continues to receive insufficient political attention and commitment.

**IDMC offers an important service to the international community. By telling the story of internal displacement, we keep the issue and the plight of internally displaced people high on the global agenda.**

IDMC is part of the [Norwegian Refugee Council](#), an independent, non-governmental humanitarian organisation.

### What we do

- We provide credible and timely data on all situations of internal displacement worldwide.
- We interpret the global data with research into the drivers, patterns and impacts of internal displacement across different countries.
- We translate this evidence into targeted advice and support to inform global, regional and national policy-making.

### Our services

**In addition to the Global Report on Internal Displacement, IDMC has a number of other services including:**

**The Global Internal Displacement Database (GIDD)** - IDMC's [open online database](#) captures data from sources and partners and gives free access to internal displacement related information. The GIDD covers all countries and territories for which we have obtained data on internal displacement.

**Situations updates** - Our website is the 'one-stop shop' for all interested in internal displacement. The website gives access to the database, the latest data and analysis of displacement at a country level, our regular [Internal Displacement Updates](#) and [information](#) on our research areas providing reports, briefing papers and other publications.

**Research and policy influencing** - IDMC carries out research and analysis on the drivers, patterns and impacts of internal displacement across different contexts. By doing so, we provide evidence, expertise and tools to influence key global and regional policy processes. Current and new research during the next few years cover:

- patterns of internal to cross-border displacement
- protracted internal displacement
- urban internal displacement
- displacement in the context of slow-onset disasters and climate change
- structural drivers and socio-economics impacts of internal displacement.

## Partners

In order to produce independent evidence-based analysis, we collaborate across the globe with the most respected organizations and research centres in the field of data analysis, conflict, disasters and migration.

## The plight of internally displaced people

Internally displaced people (IDPs) are forced from their homes and land by conflict, violence, disasters and human rights violations. Unlike refugees, they do not cross a border and often fall through the cracks of protection and assistance in their own countries, and their own governments are sometimes responsible for their displacement.

The number of IDPs far outweighs that of refugees in the world, with over 40 million people living in displacement within the borders of their country because of conflict or violence. Meanwhile, 26 million people on average become displaced each year by disasters like storms, floods and earthquakes.

Many of the challenges faced by IDPs – from threats to their physical safety to finding adequate shelter, livelihoods or education provided for their children – go unaddressed for long periods of time, often for years. This is the case particularly in countries weakened by decades of war and conflict, high exposure to natural hazards and weak political institutions.

## IDMC online

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