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Highlights



Training Package

on Forced Displacement and Statelessness Statistics

Our new **open-source toolkit** aims to support the development and delivery of in-person capacity-strengthening activities to enhance the quality of official statistics on forced displacement and statelessness. This practical curriculum was developed by a team of EGRISS members: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Bank–UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC), Statistics Sweden (SCB), Statistics Norway (SSB), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS), International Organization for Migration (IOM), and High Commission for Planning (HCP) of Morocco. It's organised around seven core modules, each combining technical guidance, country case studies, and facilitation materials.

SEVEN MODULES

4-day workshop prepared for you

☐ Foundations ☒ Data sources ☐ Application

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Introduction to EGRISS and statistical inclusion

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Statistical frameworks and definitions

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Data sources: population and housing census

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Data sources: sample surveys

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Administrative data, CRVS and population registers

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Priority SDG indicators and inclusion

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Coordination and data protection elements

Partners can use the Package in whole or in part and adapt it to different institutional, national, and regional contexts. The content was validated by a wider group of EGRISS members including Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova, Ecuador's National Institute of Statistics and Census (INEC), East African Community (EAC), League of Arab States (LAS), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

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UNESCWA meetings advance refugee and IDP statistics in the Arab region



The 17th session of the UNESCWA Statistical Committee, held in Al Jabal Alakhdar, Oman, from 8 to 10 September, discussed a paper on improving statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons in Arab countries. Drawing on a regional survey (2023, updated in 2026) and a workshop co-organised by EGRISS in Cairo in November 2024 the paper recommends anchoring displacement statistics within national statistical systems, adapting global standards to national policy needs, integrating traditional and non-traditional data sources, and closing data gaps on Palestinian populations.

The EGRISS Secretariat shared evidence of growing implementation of the International Recommendations worldwide, highlighted guidance initiatives in other regions, and offered continued support to Arab States. The paper had earlier been presented to the eighth Meeting of UNESCWA's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Demographic and Social Statistics for Arab Countries, held online on 24 June. Engagement in the region also included a UNESCWA regional workshop for conflict-affected Arab countries in Amman from 28 to 30 July, where EGRISS presented on international standards, regional cooperation, and global progress in strengthening official statistics on forced displacement and statelessness.

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UNECE Group of Experts highlights approaches to measuring refugees and asylum-seekers

At the 28th meeting of the UNECE Group of Experts on Statistics on Population and Migration (Geneva, 23–25 September), a session on measuring hard-to-reach groups showed how statistics on refugees and asylum-seekers are advancing on two complementary fronts. Istat (Italy) and the Central Statistics Office of Ireland demonstrated how linking administrative records can trace settlement trajectories and employment outcomes over time. Meanwhile, two Italian surveys presented by the University of Palermo showed how carefully designed fieldwork can reach people largely invisible in registers and capture aspects of their lives such as health, living conditions, and family networks. The meeting also relaunched the **UNECE Task Force on Statistics on Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Statelessness (2026–2028)**, which welcomes statistical offices and organisations from across the region.

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Activities

Statistical inclusion in focus at the 4th Research Conference on Forced Displacement

Organised in Bangkok by the World Bank–UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC), in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics at Chulalongkorn University, UNHCR, and the World Bank, the event brought together the statistical, humanitarian, and development communities. A dedicated strategic dialogue reflected on one of the most significant recent transformations in the field: the inclusion of forcibly displaced and stateless populations in national statistics. Panellists from the World Bank, ESCAP, UNHCR, and BPS-Statistics Indonesia described how statistical inclusion has evolved from a specialist, technical niche into a shared policy imperative for addressing forced displacement. EGRISS and the International Recommendations were highlighted as the "glue" holding much of this progress together.

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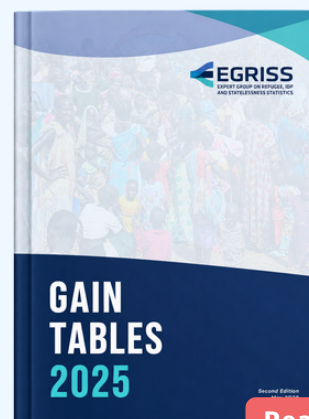
2026 facilitated e-learning course completed with multilingual cohort

The 2026 facilitated edition of our e-learning course Introduction to the International Recommendations on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics, delivered in collaboration with the UN Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), has been successfully completed. The course took 741 participants through six self-paced modules, four live webinars, an interactive discussion forum, and a final assessment, covering the Recommendations themselves alongside country and regional implementation examples. We're excited to welcome so many new faces into the EGRISS community. For those who didn't take part, the self-paced online modules remain available in **English**, **French**, and **Spanish**.

[Access the Course](#)

GAIN Tables 2025

The second edition of this publication was released mid-year, complementing analysis from our 2025 Annual Report and the data available through our interactive Global Annual Inclusion (GAIN) Survey's dashboard. It opens with tables on overall trends in the use of IRRS, IRIS, and IROSS, then moves through implementation analysis (country- and institution-led examples, policy use, challenges), methodological developments, EGRISS publications and visibility, Global Refugee Forum pledges, and future examples — closing with a dedicated maps section for supplementary geographic detail. Get ready for GAIN 2026, which will be launched soon.



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Implementation examples



Mexico

The 2025 Intercensal Survey as a foundation for strengthened internal displacement statistics

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Mexico has taken a major step towards nationally representative IDP data by including an identification question in the 2025 Intercensal Survey, building on INEGI's earlier experience piloting the IRIS in Chihuahua. Following the government's 2019 recognition of internal displacement, the IRIS guided Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) questionnaire design, distinguishing displacement due to violence from that caused by disasters, and shaped a strategy of statistical inclusion through regular national surveys rather than one-off exercises. Results released in September show that **1.5% of households in the country had at least one member who was forced to leave home**. Crime and violence were the main cause: about 509,900 households, home to 1.6 million people, were affected by displacement due to insecurity, more than three times the 151,900 households (485,500 people) displaced by natural or human-made disasters.

Mali

Integrating IDPs into the Modular and Permanent Household Survey to inform integration strategies

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Mali integrated a dedicated IDP sample into the 2025 edition of its Permanent Modular Household Survey (EMOP), developed by the National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) with UNHCR and JDC support to generate representative data on IDPs and host communities in line with the IRIS and IRRS. The questionnaire captured displacement causes, episodes, and legal and border-crossing history to distinguish refugees, IDPs, and returnees, with a mid-survey correction improving coverage of those displaced within district boundaries. Preliminary results already point to stark educational disparities between displaced and host populations and will inform national displacement policy and resource allocation.

Resources

UNHCR: Global Trends 2025

This guidance note from the World Bank's Identification for Development (ID4D) initiative, developed in close collaboration with the UNHCR, recommends that governments apply the IROSS to strengthen national data on statelessness, noting that "quantitative data on statelessness can be strengthened if National Statistical Offices apply the International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics by IROSS, 2023." In addition, the document's conceptual framework and terminology are fully aligned with the IROSS.

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Upcoming

77th plenary session of UNHCR's Executive Committee

12-16 October 2026 • Geneva, Switzerland

At its annual session, the ExCom reviews the work of the Standing Committee over the preceding year and sets its programme of work for the next 12 months. On the margins of the session, EGRIS, the JDC, and UNHCR are organising a side event on how data and evidence are supporting UNHCR's vision to help at least half of refugees in long-term displacement move beyond aid dependency by 2035 (50by35). Bringing together host countries, donors, and partners, the event will look at how statistical inclusion is shaping policy and investment and will feature the launch of UNHCR's Refugee Data Portal, a new platform combining population statistics with socioeconomic and protection indicators.

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10th session of the Statistical Commission for Africa

19-23 October 2026 • Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The meeting will provide Member States with an opportunity to take stock of ongoing global initiatives and to seek ways to mainstream and take ownership of new and updated methodologies to enhance their statistical capacity. On 19 October, at 10:45 (EAT), Statistics Norway and UNHCR are co-organising the event "Leaving No One Behind: Including Refugees in Household Surveys to Measure Poverty and Food Security and Track UNHCR's 50by35 Vision", during which the progress of various EGRIS members will be showcased.

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UNITED NATIONS WORLD DATA FORUM RIYADH 2026

9–12 November 2026 • Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

The 2026 United Nations World Data Forum is planned to take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 9 to 12 November 2026. The aim of the event is to spur data innovation, nurture partnerships, mobilize high-level political and financial support for data, and build a pathway to better data for sustainable development. The opening ceremony, the five thematic high-level plenaries, the first seven parallel programme session rooms and the closing session will be live streamed online.

To register as a virtual participant, please click on the link [here](#). This year, EGRISS is involved in organising three sessions on the programme:

TA2.02 - Regional innovation to transform statistics on migration and displacement: lessons learned and the road ahead

Date: 10 November (10:50 – 11:50)

Speakers: African Union Institute for Statistics (STATAFRIC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI, Mexico), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Kosovo Agency of Statistics (ASK), Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS), EGRISS Secretariat.

TA3.10 - Sustaining the transformation of forced displacement statistics in a changing world

Date: 11 November (14:30 – 15:30)

Speakers: Institut National de la Statistique de Djibouti (INSTAD, Djibouti), Kurdistan Region Statistics Office (KRSO) / KRG Ministry of Planning and Regional Statistical Office, World Bank–UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Statistics Norway (SSB), UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), EGRISS Secretariat.

TA2.13 - Identifying refugees and internally displaced persons in surveys

Date: 12 November (12:00 – 13:00)

Speakers: Somalia National Bureau of Statistics (SNBS), High Commission for Planning (HCP) of Morocco, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Statistics Division / Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys (ISWGHS), Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS), EGRISS Secretariat.

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About EGRISS

The Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS) is a multi-stakeholder group mandated by the UN Statistical Commission to develop and support the implementation of international statistical recommendations on refugee, IDP, and statelessness statistics. EGRISS was established in 2016 and currently includes 62 countries and 41 institutional partners. The group aims to improve the quality and availability of official statistics on these populations by advocating for and supporting their inclusion in national statistical systems. This helps ensure that displaced and stateless people are not left behind as countries work to achieve their development goals.



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