EGRISS pledge for the Global Refugee Forum 2023

Pledge summary/title

Working together to improve inclusion of refugee, IDP and statelessness statistics in national data production processes

Pledge description

The Expert Group on Refugee, Internally Displaced Persons, and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS) pledges to enhance its efforts to improve the capacity of national statistical systems to produce data on forcibly displaced and stateless populations. The Group pledges to continue this work, with the goal of improving the quality, availability, comparability and national ownership of statistics to better inform inclusive policies and development programmes in line with the Global Compact on Refugees.

In accordance with its mandate from the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC), the EGRISS brings together members from government institutions, development and humanitarian partners working at global, regional and national levels to support the implementation of the International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS), International Recommendations on IDP Statistics (IRIS), and International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics (IROSS).

During the remainder of its current mandate (2020-2024) and course of its next one, the EGRISS pledges to:

- Raise awareness and enhance accessibility of the International Recommendations on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (IRRS, IRIS and IROSS respectively) through engagement at global, regional and national levels and ensuring the availability of the recommendations in five UN languages (Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish).
- Develop and maintain complementary and practical guidance to the three sets of statistical recommendations to support practitioners at national, regional, and international levels, including the EGRISS Compilers’ Manual, EGRISS E-learning and other resources.
- Strengthen capacity of national statistical systems and other relevant stakeholders that support countries to implement the recommendations, adopt shared methodologies, and actively pursue statistical inclusion, including through workshops/trainings and advisory/support functions.
- Monitor implementation of global progress concerning statistical inclusion of refugees, IDPs and stateless persons and use of the three sets of statistical recommendations, with a focus on capturing lessons learnt through the EGRISS Global Annual Inclusion (GAIN) survey and collaborative development of country case studies.

Expected impact of the pledge in one sentence

Improved statistics on refugees, IDPs and statelessness produced through national statistical systems