

# Technical Subgroup 2

## Methodological Research and Guidance Development

2025/2026 WORKPLAN

### TSG2 Objectives

The main objectives of TSG2 are to identify and research any methodological gaps that hinder the direct application of the IRRS, IRIS and IROSS in statistical production; and to ensure the continued up-to-dateness, useability and relevance of the Compilers Manual (CM).

TSG2 will work towards this objective primarily through the development of methodological papers that will provide a well-researched and detailed basis for debate within the wider EGRISS about potentially expanding or refining the standards laid out in the Recommendations. However, it should be noted that TSG2, by its very nature, cannot by itself modify the standards laid out in the Recommendations by the Expert Group as a whole and endorsed by the Statistical Commission – such decisions will require broader consensus within the Expert Group, usually facilitated by the Secretariat.

### Organisation of the group

The subgroup as a whole shall meet virtually at appropriate intervals with a view to continually reviewing the progress, sharing information, and addressing any problems/issues. Each output listed below has a focal point that will be responsible for monitoring and ensuring progress, coordinating, sharing information and creating synergies and linkages between the group and other relevant partners if necessary.

### Co-leads and members

#### TSG2 is co-led by:

- Abdirahman Mohamed Sheikh (National Statistics Department, MoPlanning, Somalia)
- Felix Schmieding (World Bank – UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement)

Co-leads are responsible for the following:

- Leading and guiding group members.
- Enabling participation of members and ensuring clear communication channels.
- Ensuring progress against objectives and activities stated in the workplan.
- Liaising with the Secretariat and other subgroups to ensure linkages and synergies of efforts.
- Seeking guidance from the Steering Committee.

TSG2 membership includes representatives from national, regional and international levels as well as academia. Members from the national level include:

- DANE, Colombia – Andrés Felipe Copete (focal point to be updated)
- Victims Unit, Colombia – Diana Sanchez; Jaime Molina; Diana Bustamante
- INS, Cote D'Ivoire – Kofie Didier Laurent Kra
- ISTAT, Italy – Cinzia Conti
- ESS, Ethiopia – Mesfin Tefera Habe
- Geostat, Georgia – Shorena Tsiklauri
- Jordan Statistics Department – Ahlam Alrousan
- Kenya National Bureau of Statistics – Renice Akinyi Bunde

- Kurdistan Region Statistics Office, KRI – Serwan Mohamed; Gohdar Mohamed
- Statistics Norway – Helge Brunborg; Vebjørn Aalandslid
- Statistics Poland – Marek Cierpiał-Wolan (focal point to be updated)
- Statistics South Africa – Diego Iturralde
- Statistics Sweden – Anna Erikson; Åsa Vernby; Jean-Pierre Ntezimana
- Ukrstat, Ukraine – Vadym Pishcheyko (focal point to be updated)

Members from academia, regional and international levels include:

- African Union – Adoum Gagoloum
- Georgetown University – Salma Al-Shami
- Stanford University – Sigrid Weber
- IMPACT Initiatives – Álvaro Sardiza Miranda
- IDMC – Thannaletchimy Housset
- ILO – Elisa Benes
- IOM –William Lumala; Phineas Jasi; Brian McDonald; Joseph Slowey
- JIPS – Oscar Rico; Stein Vikan; Tracy Lucas; Sarah Tarabichi
- MED-HIMS – Samir Farid
- OECD – Cécile Thoreau;
- UNDP – Henny Ngu; Catherine Osborn
- UNESCAP – Petra Nahmias
- UNESCWA – Ismail Lubbad
- UNESCO / UIS – Bindu Sunny; Artur Borkowski
- UNICEF – Jan Beise; Danzhen You; Turgay Unalan; Bo Pedersen
- UNHCR – Hisham Galal; Martina Caterina; Lorenza Rossi; Lauren Herby; Hyunju Park; Nadine Walicki
- UNRWA – Victoria Cetorelli; Sebastian Steinmuller
- UNSD – Maria Isabel Cobos Hernandez; Elena De Jesus
- World Bank – Talip Kilic; Caroline Sergeant; Emi Suzuki; Johannes Hoogeveen; Karishma Silva; Robbie Hoppe
- World Bank – UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement – Ahmadou Hamady Dicko

## Expected outputs in 2025/2026

The subgroup's expected outputs in 2025/2026 are:

- Expansion of the **Compiler's Manual** to reflect statelessness/IROSS, and updating of refugee & IDP related case studies as appropriate.
- Finalise and publish methodological paper on the definition of a comparator population for refugee and IDP statistics.
- Follow-up methodological paper on identification of refugees and IDPs in household surveys (documenting any methodological updates and refinements that have surfaced since the **first paper**)
- Follow-up methodological paper on the IDP "exit measure" (documenting any methodological updates and refinements that have surfaced since the **first paper**).
- New methodological paper on maturing the IRIS "progress measure".
- New methodological paper on synergies, overlaps and incongruencies between the **EGRIS Recommendations** and the **Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and Temporary Mobility**.

## Deliverables

Deliverable	Focal points	Anticipated publication date
Paper on comparator population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sigrid Weber</li> <li>• Hyunju Park</li> </ul>	Q2/2025
Paper on IRIS “exit measure”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hans Hoogeveen</li> <li>• Felix Schmieding</li> </ul>	Q3/2025
Revised Compilers Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Felix Schmieding</li> <li>• Filip Mitrovic</li> </ul>	Q4/2025
Paper on synergies between displacement and migration statistical recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elena de Jesus</li> <li>• Diego Iturralde</li> <li>• Vebjørn Aalandslid</li> <li>• Filip Mitrovic</li> </ul>	Q4/2025
Paper on refugee & IDP identification in surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorenza Rossi</li> <li>• Filip Mitrovic</li> </ul>	Q2/2026
Paper on IRIS “progress measure”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oscar Rico</li> </ul>	Q2/2026