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Highlights

Coordination to support the implementation of the IRIS in Somalia

1-2 August 2022 - As part of EGRISS support to the Somalia National Bureau of Statistics, JIPS convened a technical meeting in Nairobi with UN agencies and INGOs working with internal displacement data in Somalia. The aim of the meeting was to discuss opportunities and enhance coordination to support the implementation of the IRIS in the country.



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Regional webinar with ECOWAS countries on refugee and IDP statistics

27 September 2022 – EGRISS members (Côte d'Ivoire, ECOWAS, IOM, JIPS, STATAFRIC, Statistics Sweden and UNHCR) jointly organized a webinar to discuss the findings from the pairing activity between ECOWAS countries and EGRISS members. ECOWAS countries' representatives presented on the methods and coordination mechanisms for the production of forced displacement statistics at national level and identified opportunities for the implementation of the IRRS and IRIS.



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Activities

Inter-regional exchange and learning event in Asia and the Pacific



24 August 2022 – As part of the 8th Committee on Statistics of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, EGRISS organized a side event that highlighted experiences from within and outside the region (including the National Statistical Offices of Germany, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, and the Philippines) in the implementation of the IRRS and IRIS and production of statelessness statistics.

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Implementation examples

Germany: Making refugees visible in population statistics

Germany, the largest refugee-hosting country in the European Union, has taken concrete steps towards improving national statistics on refugees. Since 2017, the German Federal Statistical Office has used the IRRS statistical framework as a guiding tool to improve the use of administrative data to produce official statistics on refugees and asylum seekers.



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Central African Republic: 2021 Harmonized Household Survey

The Central African Republic is making progress towards including IDPs in its national surveys. With support from the World Bank–UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement, its 2021 Harmonized Household Living Conditions Survey utilizes the IRIS as a guiding tool to inform the identification of the ongoing needs for this vulnerable population at national level.



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Resources

UN Special Rapporteur promotes IRIS to the UN General Assembly

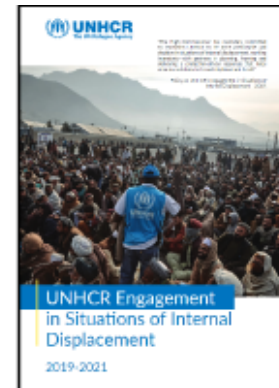
In her report to the UNGA, the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs raised critical data issues, including promoting IRIS as a guiding tool to improve statistics on IDPs, while recognizing the challenges that come with their implementation.



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Data recognized as essential to inform response to internal displacement

In recent years, UNHCR has developed a more decisive and predictable approach to target internal displacement globally. This report, amongst other reflections, highlights EGRISS work and the importance of implementing the IRIS to enhance the inclusion of IDPs in national statistical systems and build an evidence-base for durable solutions.



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Upcoming

UNECE Meeting of Group of Experts on Migration Statistics

Date: 26-28 October 2022 [TBD]

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

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IROSS: Upcoming Global Consultations

Date: 17 of October-14 November 2022 [TBD]

Experts and partners will be invited to the International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics (IROSS) global consultation process that will be facilitated by the UN Statistics Division. More information about the IROSS is available below.

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SICA Regional Workshop

Date: 15-19 November 2022 [TBD]

Location: Roatán, Honduras

The Central American Integration System (SICA) in collaboration with EGRISS members (UNHCR, JIPS, and IOM) are organizing an in-person workshop with National Statistical Offices to further the implementation of the IRIS in the region.

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2022 Meeting of the Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS): Delivering on our mandate and looking to the future

Date: 12-14 December 2022

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Hosted by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the meeting will bring together EGRISS members and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen the group's ability to achieve its current mandate and discuss the possible future of the group.

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About EGRISS

The Expert Group on Refugee, Internally Displaced Persons, 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 52 countries and 28 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, to help ensure they are not left behind as countries work to achieve their development goals.



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