

Why Ask for JIPS Assistance?

The Importance of IDP Profiling

Collecting accurate information about IDPs is crucial for advocacy, evidence based programming, planning, intervention and fundraising.

IDP Profiling is a **collaborative process that serves to obtain an overview of an IDP population** (core data) through the application of a variety of data collection and analysis methodologies. It generates baseline information that includes at a minimum a general understanding of **numbers of IDPs disaggregated by sex, age and locations**.

While IDP Profiling provides initial numbers disaggregated by sex, age and locations, it could also include information on movement patterns, needs, protection risks, specific sectors and intentions. The main advantage of combining Profiling with collection of complementary information lays in the design of Profiling which provides a scientific basis for extrapolation of findings per specific subgroups and which attributes qualitative findings to numbers. Such information is crucial in enabling targeted responses and persuasive advocacy where responses are not forthcoming.

Finally, timely and reliable results of IDP Profiling are of value to the Government of concern and humanitarian and development actors and as such should be obtained through a collaborative process in order to maximise the use of the findings.

JIPS' Added Value

1. JIPS is an inter-agency service initiated by DRC, IOM, NRC-IDMC, OCHA, UNFPA and UNHCR.
2. JIPS is unique in that it comprises the accumulated experiences in Profiling approaches and methodologies to date. These have both been tested in a range of

contexts and agreed upon at the global level.

3. JIPS' work is compatible with the cluster system.
4. JIPS is the "one stop shop" for profiling methodologies, processes and tools that feeds the experience of profiling at the international level.
5. JIPS relies on local knowledge in its interventions to customise profiling methodologies and utilises national capacities.
6. Profiling is owned, managed and implemented nationally. JIPS provides technical support in a number of ways, including:

(i) Remotely, by assisting in the selection of the methodology, developing/reviewing forms, questionnaires, data management systems, and reporting plans and sharing good practices.

(ii) Through deployment for a short period of time (2-4 weeks) to assist in any phase of the profiling exercise, from profiling needs evaluation to methodology and tools design phase, signing of agreement with and training of the implementing staff or implementing partners, data collection phase and data analysis phase.

(iii) By identifying the right expertise (demographers, profiling experts and relevant institutions) that could be contracted to assist throughout the whole profiling exercise.

(iv) Through customised training at country, regional and global level

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