

BENIN

Figure Analysis – Displacement Related to Conflict and Violence

CONTEXT

This is the first time IDMC has reported on conflict displacement in Benin.

Clashes between pastoralists and agriculturalists on 8 July in Cobly commune (Atacora department) led to the displacement of about 3,500 people. The situation calmed after the deployment of security personnel. There have been no more reports of violence since then.

New displacements	Total number of IDPs	Partial or unverified solutions	
		Number of IDPs who have made partial progress towards a durable solution	Number of IDPs whose progress towards durable solutions cannot be verified
3,500	3,500 (Year figure was last updated: 2018)	No data available	No data available
<i>This corresponds to new instances of internal displacement having occurred in 2018.</i>	<i>This corresponds to the total number of individuals living in internal displacement as of 31 December 2018.</i>	<i>This corresponds to the number of IDPs whom our data providers have identified as having returned, resettled or locally integrated in 2018 and for whom the evidence obtained by IDMC suggests that progress toward durable solutions is only partial given their living conditions. In a few instances this number may refer to movements rather than people.</i>	<i>This corresponds to the number of IDPs whom our data providers have identified as having returned, resettled or locally integrated in 2018 but for whom there is no available evidence to corroborate progress toward durable solutions. In a few instances this number may refer to movements rather than people.</i>

NEW DISPLACEMENTS

This corresponds to new instances of internal displacement having occurred in 2018.

Sources and methodologies

IDMC’s main sources are the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), local authorities and local NGOs. IFRC issued a report on 12 July 2018, reporting that 2,700 people were staying in five shelters in Cobly and Matéri. On the same day, the Agence Benin Presse (ABP) published an article citing local authorities and NGOs, which reported 3,500 people displaced in Cobly, Matéri and Tanguiéta. It published another article on the event on 18 July, citing The Benin Red Cross reporting 3,500 people displaced due to the violence. The figures are based on a headcount of people staying in shelters.

Main caveats and monitoring challenges

IDMC has no significant caveats to report.

IDMC figure and rationale

IDMC used 3,500 as the recommended figure for new displacements in 2018 as it includes all three communities and the estimate was later also confirmed by the Red Cross.

Significant changes from last year

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TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPS

This corresponds to the total number of individuals living in internal displacement as of 31 December 2018.

Sources and methodologies

IDMC's estimate is based on the IFRC, local authorities, and local NGOs. All details on their reports are as described above.

Main caveats and monitoring challenges

IDMC has no significant caveats to report.

IDMC figure and rationale

IDMC's year-end estimate of 3,500 has been verified by the Red Cross and it accounts for people from all three affected communities. IDMC has not received any information indicating that the displaced people have returned home or achieved any other form of durable solution.

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CONFIDENCE ASSESSMENT

The Confidence Assessment provides an at-a-glance overview of the comprehensiveness of the data available regarding displacement associated with conflict for each country. It describes the methodologies used, frequency of reporting, data disaggregation and geographical coverage. Here two key metrics are analysed: the new displacements and the total number of IDPs.

Displacement metric	New displacements	Total number of IDPs
Reporting units	People	People
Methodology	Other	Other
Geographical disaggregation	Admin 2 or more	Admin 2 or more
Geographical coverage	All relevant areas covered	All relevant areas covered
Frequency of reporting	Other	Other
Disaggregation on sex	No	No
Disaggregation on age	No	No
Data triangulation	Some local triangulation	Some local triangulation
Data on settlement elsewhere	No	No
Data on returns	No	No
Data on local integration	No	No
Data on cross border movements	No	No
Data on deaths	No	No
Data on births	No	No

For any additional questions please email: data@idmc.ch

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