

CYPRUS

Figure Analysis – Displacement Related to Conflict and Violence

CONTEXT

Displacement in Cyprus started in 1974, when groups backed by Greece’s military junta ousted the Cypriot leader and Turkey responded by sending troops to the island. As a result, Greek Cypriots fled to the south, while Turkish Cypriots fled to the north. In both cases, thousands of people were forced from their homes and suffered significant loss and needed large-scale assistance.¹ The mandate of the UN peace keeping force in Cyprus was extended in 2018, with some territorial questions still unresolved.² This complicates the possible durable solutions for those affected by the conflict.

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
No data available	228,000 (Year figure was last updated: 2018)	No data available	No data available

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

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

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.

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.

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 of the total number of IDPs comes from the report ‘Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe’ presented by Killion Munyama at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and published in April 2018 (Doc. 14527). The report focuses on instances of internal displacement, which fall within the human rights protection afforded by the European Convention on Human Rights, in particular Article Two (on the right to life), Article Three (the prohibition of torture), Article Five (the right to liberty and security), Article Eight (the right to respect for private and family life) and Article One of the Protocol to the Convention (the protection of

property).³ The figure within Mr Munyama's report was provided by Cyprus' delegation to the Assembly.

Main caveats and monitoring challenges

The total number of IDPs figure is based only on the official figure provided by the government of Cyprus to the Assembly of the Council of Europe. The report providing the figure does not include information about the methodology or criteria used to produce the estimate.

IDMC figure and rationale

IDMC's figure is provided by the Cypriot delegation to the Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Significant changes from last year

The estimate on the total number of IDPs for the GRID 2019 has increased by 11,000 IDPs because IDMC has changed its source for the estimate, to the official figure of the government of Cyprus, as provided to the Parliamentary Assembly Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons.

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	Total number of IDPs
Reporting units	People
Methodology	Registration, unknown
Geographical disaggregation	Country/territory - admin 0
Geographical coverage	All relevant areas covered
Frequency of reporting	Unknown
Disaggregation on sex	No
Disaggregation on age	No
Data triangulation	No triangulation
Data on settlement elsewhere	No
Data on returns	No
Data on local integration	No
Data on cross border movements	No
Data on deaths	No
Data on births	No

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

For the full country profile on Cyprus please visit:

<http://www.internal-displacement.org/countries/cyprus>

¹ Council of Europe, [Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe](#), 9 April 2018

² United Nations Security Council, [Security Council Renews Mandate of United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2430 \(2018\)](#), 26 July 2018

³ Council of Europe, [Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe](#), 9 April 2018