

SIERRA LEONE

Figure Analysis – Displacement Related to Conflict and Violence

CONTEXT

New displacements took recorded in Sierra Leone in 2018, for the first time in several years. About 3,000 people, mostly supporters of the main opposition All People’s Congress (APC) party, were displaced from Kono district to Masingbi in northern part of the country. They fled political violence, which followed the presidential election in April 2018.¹

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
3,000	3,000 (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 based its estimate of the number of people newly displaced in the country in 2018 on reports from the Anadolu News Agency, which cites Caritas. We triangulated this estimate with local news sources including the Sierra Express Media.

Main caveats and monitoring challenges

The Anadolu and Sierra Express Media figures are not identical. IDMC believes the former’s figures are more reliable, because its report provides more detail about the condition of the IDPs. No further information is available on the methodology employed by Caritas.

IDMC figure and rationale

More than 3,000 people were displaced in April 2018 in Kono district, triggered by post-electoral violence. IDMC's figure is taken from reports from Anadolu News Agency, triangulated with local news sources including Sierra Express Media.

Significant changes from last year

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

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 used data from the Turkish Anadolu Agency, which covered the crisis, citing the Caritas assessment as the source of its figures. IDMC triangulated these figures using local news sources, including the Sierra Express Media.

Main caveats and monitoring challenges

The figures reported by Anadolu Agency (3,000 people) and Sierra Express Media (2,000), conflict with one another. IDMC decided to use the Anadolu Agency figure because its article provides more detailed information about the condition of the IDPs and we therefore consider it likely to be more accurate. No further information is available on the methodology employed by Caritas.

IDMC figure and rationale

IDMC does not have further information about whether the 3,000 displaced people were able to return home. Consequently, we consider them all to still be displaced.

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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	Media monitoring	Media monitoring
Geographical disaggregation	Country/territory - admin 0	Country/territory - admin 0
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

For the full country profile on Sierra Leone please visit:
<http://www.internal-displacement.org/countries/sierra-leone>

¹ Anadolu News Agency, [Sierra Leone: Post election fury displaces over 3,000](#), 10 April 2018