Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

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Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID 2018)

Conflict displacement
Figures analysis
IDMC’s estimate refers to people who remain in displacement following the conclusion of Sri Lanka’s 30-year civil war in 2009. The data on which this figure is based is provided by the Government of Sri Lanka’s Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs.
SRI LANKA - Map of major displacement events in 2017

Stock: About 42,000 IDPs
Location: Countrywide
Date: October 2017
Source: Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs

Sources: Displacement data (iDMC); map (OCHA, Reliefweb) created in Sep 2013. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations and iDMC.
Sources and methodologies
The website of the Ministry of Resettlement, Reconstruction and Hindu Religious Affairs which breaks down those still displaced in open welfare centres and those living with host families, friends and relatives.

Main caveats and specific monitoring challenges
The figure refers primarily to people who are still living in displacement following the conclusion in 2009 of Sri Lanka’s 30-year civil war.

IDMC figure, methodology and rationale
The figure refers mainly to people who are still living in displacement following the conclusion in 2009 of Sri Lanka’s 30-year civil war, during which more than a million people were displaced internally and abroad. The Ministry tracks IDPs who still need to be resettled, disaggregated by district and by those in open welfare centres and those living with host families, friends and relatives. It has published annual progress reports on resettlements and those still displaced on its website since 2009. Given that the data comes directly from the government, IDMC attaches high confidence to the figure.

Significant changes from last year: methodological and contextual changes
Slight decrease compared to GRID2017 as government continues to resettle IDPs.
SRI LANKA - New Displacements: 0

This corresponds to the estimated number of internal displacement movements to have taken place during the year.

IDMC did not record any new displacements in 2017.
Sources and methodologies
The website of the Ministry of Resettlement, Reconstruction and Hindu Religious Affairs which breaks down those still displaced in open welfare centres and those living with host families, friends and relatives.

Main caveats and specific monitoring challenges
The return figure refers primarily to people who returned in 2017 following the conclusion in 2009 of Sri Lanka’s 30-year civil war.

IDMC figure, methodology and rationale
The return figure is the difference between the stock figure reported at the end of 2016 and the stock figure reported at the end of 2017.

Significant changes from last year: methodological and contextual changes
A return figure was not reported in 2016.
SRI LANKA - Provisional Solutions: 0

This corresponds to cases of individuals who IDMC considers to not have achieved a durable solution

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