Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

SENEGAL

Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID 2018)

Conflict displacement
Figures analysis
SENEGAL - Contextual Update

We based its estimate on the total number of conflict-related IDPs in Senegal from the figures published the previous years (2009-2016). This is a caseload carried over corresponds to the southern region of Casamance, where an armed group known as the Movement of Democratic Forces of the Casamance (MFDC) has been operating for years. We had received no evidence that this caseload is no longer displaced or are in the process of achieving durable solutions; thus it is included in the global stock figure for 2017. Meanwhile, we continue to engage with government representatives and aid agencies to assess if any changes have taken place.

In fact, sporadic clashes between the Senegalese army and the separatist Movement of Democratic Forces in the Casamance (MFDC) reduced in number and intensity after 2013. No comprehensive data is available, but figures from 2010, the most recent available, placed the number of IDPs at 24,000. Since, no new displacements have been reported.

However, humanitarian actors present in Casamance supported the reconstruction of villages. Since 2014, IFRC reports on action regarding housing reconstruction in return villages.
SENÉGAL - Map of the displacement situation as of 2017

Stock: More than 22,000 IDPs
Location: Casamance
Date: 31 December 2017
Sources: OCHA; IFRC

Sources: Displacement data (IDMC); map (OCHA, Reliefweb) created in Aug 2011. 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 primary source for this estimate is OCHA, who has published the estimate of 24,000 IDPs at multiple occasions since 2009. Neither OCHA, UNHCR, or the Ministère de l’intérieur et de la sécurité publique have provided any updates on this figure since then.

Main caveats and specific monitoring challenges
This figure is based on decaying data, and IDMC therefore has low confidence in the estimate. We hope to be able to update through continuous and thorough engagement with partners on the field.

IDMC figure, methodology and rationale
Our estimate is based on the OCHA estimate published in September 2015, subtracting nearly 2,500 IDP returns that are estimated to have taken place since 2014 based on IFRC reports.
SENEGAL - Returns: 2,460

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

Sources and methodologies
We use figures reported by IFRC, actor in Casamance, on housing reconstruction in return villages since 2014.

Main caveats and specific monitoring challenges
The figure could be an underestimate, as IFRC has not provided clarity as to whether the latest housing reconstruction figure covers all housing reconstruction that has taken place since 2014. To avoid double counting, we use the latest figure reported by IDMC, rather than the cumulative sum of the housing reconstruction estimates reported since 2014.