

Georgia

Displacement associated with Conflict and Violence

Figures Analysis – 2020

	Figure	Highlight	Methodology and Sources	Caveats and Challenges
New Displacement	-	No data available.		
Total number of IDPs as of 31 December 2020 <i>Pending further information and evidence, those who are in a situation of displacement, but progressing towards a durable solution have not been included.</i>	304,000	This figure refers to people internally displaced by the conflicts in South Ossetia (1991-92) and Abkhazia (1992-93), as well as from hostilities between Georgian armed forces and separatist forces from South Ossetia and Abkhazia backed by Russia in early August 2008.	This figure was obtained from the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, as well as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). It is based on a total of 289,000 people reported by the Ministry of IDPs as still being displaced in Georgia as of 31 December 2020. To this, we added two caseloads of IDPs in South Ossetia not included in official figures: 5,000 still displaced as a consequence of the 1991-1992 conflict, and at least 10,000 still displaced since the 2008 conflict, according to OHCHR.	We have medium confidence in this figure as it is difficult to verify their accuracy given the protracted nature of the displacement. Furthermore, the Ministry of IDPs in Georgia does not remove IDPs from their registry as long as they do not return to their areas of origin – that is, the Ministry only recognises return as a durable solution. Finally, IDMC does not have access to up-to-date data or information regarding IDPs living in South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

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Displacement associated with Disasters

Figures Analysis – 2020

	Figure	Highlight	Methodology and Sources	Caveats and Challenges
New Displacement	160	This figure refers mostly to displacement triggered by the evacuation of 150 people from an area severely affected by heavy rain in July 2020.	This figure was obtained from the media outlet Agenda.ge (150 evacuees) and the International Federation of the Red Cross (caseload of 10 internally displaced persons). It is based on two caseloads. The first concerns a total of 150 people reportedly evacuated from a disaster zone. The second corresponds to three families whose houses were completely destroyed – a number which was then multiplied by the average household size in Georgia.	We have medium confidence in this figure because its largest caseload is based on a media report that IDMC was unable to triangulate, whereas the smallest caseload was reported at household level.
Total number of IDPs as of 31 December 2020 <i>Pending further information and evidence, those who are in a situation of displacement, but progressing towards a durable solution have not been included.</i>	10	Our year-end estimate is based on time series data and housing destruction data for specific disaster events, as well as aggregated figures on the number of people displaced by disasters recorded by governments and other stakeholders. In addition to the people displaced by disasters in 2020, this figure includes cases from previous years where there was information on the number of people still displaced. We used an algorithm that reduces tens of thousands of data points entered into IDMC's database into a final IDP stock estimate per country. The script also filters the data into a variety of pre-defined scenarios and to ensure that no overestimation can occur. The code was written by the Department of Statistics, University of Oxford, and funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Impact Acceleration Account grant. Our methodology remains a work in progress.		Providers of disaster displacement data tend not to include information about when, how and for how long people were displaced. One of the main gaps and challenges in accurately estimating the number of IDPs is the lack of measurement of return flows. Data tends not to be collected on people who have achieved durable solutions either by local integration or resettlement elsewhere in the country. Our headcount does not include people displaced from hundreds of events for which we recorded only one data point (i.e. one figure provided at only one moment in time). These figures often reflect the maximum number of people displaced, commonly during an evacuation, and including these figures would have led to an overestimate.

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