

QUARTERLY UPDATE

April - June 2018

FEATURE ARTICLE: GLOBAL REPORT ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT 2018

Conflict and disasters displaced 30.6 million people within their own countries last year, according to IDMC's [flagship report](#), which we launched on 16 May.

Our Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID) 2018 presents the latest data and trends of internal displacement caused by conflict and disasters worldwide. With another year of shocking figures, IDMC Director, Alexandra Bilak, concluded:

"There were 30.6 million new internal displacements in 2017: the equivalent of 80,000 people displaced each day. It's time for an honest conversation, led by affected countries and with support from the international community, on the most effective ways to turn the tide on this global phenomenon."

Conflict and violence displaced 11.8 million people, the highest number in a decade, and almost double the 6.9 million displaced in 2016. Syria, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Iraq accounted for more than half of the total figure. Elsewhere, new waves of violence in the Central African Republic, El Salvador and Somalia pushed them into the top ten worst-affected countries. The total number of people living in internal displacement due to conflict is now close to 40 million worldwide.

Disasters, mostly floods and tropical storms, displaced 18.8 million people in 135 countries in 2017. The worst-affected states were China, the Philippines, Cuba, the US and India. As in previous years, displacement was concentrated in regions with high levels of vulnerability and exposure to natural hazards. We also recorded data for displacement associated with drought for the first time, and found 1.3 million people had been affected, mainly in the Horn of Africa.

Drivers of displacement are varied and multifaceted but a few situations stood out in 2017. Complex emergencies in places like Yemen and South Sudan, involving a breakdown in the rule of law, a weakened economy and limited humanitarian access, led to significant displacement. It was also a year of cyclones, with hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria displacing millions in the Atlantic and Caribbean, highlighting the vital need to address the impacts of climate change and develop disaster risk reduction strategies.

GRID 2018 questioned why states and the international community are still struggling to prevent and resolve internal displacement, despite 20 years of attempts to do so. Calling for a new approach where affected countries take the lead, the report concludes that more investment must be made in peacebuilding, disaster risk reduction, sustainable development and addressing the impacts of climate change.

LAUNCH EVENTS

We launched GRID 2018 at events held over the three-day period 15-17 May. We began with an embargoed launch of the findings to the Geneva press corps, then travelled to the UK for a London media tour with Alexandra Bilak and NRC's Secretary General Jan Egeland, and finished with a presentation and panel discussion with member states, donors and partners at the UN in Geneva.

The keynote speech at the UN was delivered by Mr Walter Kälin, former representative of the UN secretary general on the human rights of internally displaced persons. Alexandra then presented the GRID findings. This was followed by a panel discussion with the permanent representatives of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Fiji and Iraq. Watch videos of the presentations [here](#).



The report was covered by more than 470 media outlets worldwide, including AFP, the BBC, CNN, the Economist, Le Monde, Stern and Reuters.

Alongside the report, we also launched our new website, which contains new features, a refreshed design and a purpose-built [GRID 2018 landing page](#).



IDMC presents the hidden cost of internal displacement, accompanied by partner organisations. Photo: IDMC/George Binder, April 2018

ACTIVITIES

| APRIL:

— UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN COST OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

We [launched](#) a new research project to assess the [economic impact of internal displacement](#) on affected countries and communities, in partnership with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and with the financial support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), on 12 April. IDMC's Head of Policy and Research, Bina Desai and Researcher, Christelle Cazabat, presented the conceptual framework, supported by reflections from the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and USAID on the challenges in assessing impacts of displacement, before opening the floor for consultation and feedback on the research project. Invited speakers from IIASA, the University of Bristol and IDMC presented innovative approaches to overcoming the challenges of quantifying human mobility impacts in different contexts. The launch closed with an expert discussion on the challenges of assessing direct and indirect impacts of crises.

— GP20: GLOBAL CAMPAIGN ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

IDMC attended the launch of the [GP20 Plan of Action](#) on 17 April, [20 years since the publication of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement](#). The aim of the multi-stakeholder

plan is to reduce and resolve internal displacement through prevention, protection and solutions for IDPs consistent with the Guiding Principles.

On the same day, we joined eight international organisations to launch the [GP20 campaign, with the goal of raising](#) awareness of the phenomenon of internal displacement and the situation of IDPs worldwide, and generating global action. It is endorsed by the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs, Cecilia Jimenez-Damary and will run until December.

The campaign partners are; the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UNHCR, the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Human Rights Council, Christian Aid, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Translators without Borders. GP20 is being developed with FHI360 and will feature articles, videos and photos on internal displacement throughout this anniversary year. Visit [gp20.org](#) to find out more and sign up to the mission statement.

— HUMANITARIAN LIAISON WORKING GROUP

IDMC director, Alexandra Bilak, participated in a panel discussion by the Humanitarian Liaison Working Group and chaired by the EU on 17 April in Geneva, titled 'Understanding internal displacement situations: why does data matter?'. IDMC's contribution focussed on the most critical internal displacement data gaps and challenges, and the need for comprehensive responses that take into account development as well as humanitarian concerns.

— DISASTER DISPLACEMENT DATA WORKSHOP

IDMC, IOM and the Platform on Disaster Displacement convened a workshop on disaster displacement data on 25-26 April. It was hosted at IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre in Berlin and opened by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Participants included representatives from government, UN agencies, academia and civil society. They considered:

- | what data is needed to comprehensively report on disaster displacement and disaster displacement risk
- | the main sources and types of data currently available
- | the main gaps and challenges
- | best practices, approaches and methodologies for collecting and analysing disaster displacement data.

The workshop outcome and findings will contribute to IDMC's forthcoming stocktaking report on disaster displacement data.

— INVISIBLE MAJORITY THEMATIC SERIES: MISSIONS TO SWEDEN AND JORDAN

IDMC launched a research series at the end of 2017 on the relationship between internal displacement and movements of refugees and migrants across borders. As part of this work, our Junior Fellow, Chloe Sydney, interviewed Iraqi refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants in [Sweden in April](#) and [Jordan the following month](#), about their journeys of internal displacement and what made them decide to cross borders and seek refuge elsewhere.

— DIGITAL DISPLACEMENT ART (DDART) CHALLENGE



IDMC teamed up with the UN innovation platform, [Unite Ideas](#), in January to launch a challenge to develop a form of digital art to illustrate the issue of internal displacement. The competition deadline has been extended to 31 July. The winner will receive a paid one-month residency with IDMC in August and the winning entry will be presented at our 20th birthday event in October.

— STAFF SURVEY

NRC ran a global staff survey from mid-March to mid-April, to measure employees' opinions and attitudes and give them an opportunity to voice their views. The results were broadly positive but with clear identification of some areas in which improvements could be made. Senior management and staff representatives will take the findings forward over the coming weeks and months.

| MAY:

— TASK FORCE ON DISPLACEMENT: UNFCCC WARSAW MECHANISMS ON LOSS AND DAMAGE

Bina Desai participated in the 48th Session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 8 May in Bonn, Germany. She presented findings from an IDMC-led assessment of the state of knowledge on displacement in slow-onset contexts to the Executive Committee of the Warsaw Mechanism on Loss and Damages as part of the work of the Task Force on Displacement.

Findings from this work and an assessment of data availability, scale and patterns of disaster displacement and future displacement risk were further presented in the stakeholder consultation meeting outside of Geneva, co-organised by IOM and the Platform for Disaster Displacement on 14-15 May. Bina Desai participated in the two day consultations as a member of the Task Force on Displacement.

— INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (ICT4D) CONFERENCE

Senior Data Scientist, Leonardo Milano, promoted IDMC's innovation at the ICT4D conference in Lukasa, Zambia, from 8-11 May. Leonardo showed how IDMC is using innovative tools and analysis to fill internal displacement data gaps. For example, we use the IDETECT tool to identify more small-scale displacement events and increase the number of sources of analysis. We are also using a [global disaster displacement risk model](#) to better understand the expected risk of displacement in the countries we monitor.

— UNDERSTANDING RISK CONFERENCE (UR2018) IN MEXICO CITY

Our Head of Data and Analysis, Justin Ginnetti, attended the [UR2018 conference](#) in Mexico City during the week beginning 14 May. He presented IDMC's [global disaster displacement risk model](#) at two side events, one co-organised with the [Risk Nexus Initiative](#) and the other with the UN office for disaster risk reduction (UNISDR) and NGO partners.

In addition to participating in the UR2018 events, Justin visited an IDP camp, formed after the 2017 Central Mexico earthquake, and met with representatives from the governments

of Mexico, Tanzania and Kenya to discuss IDMC's work on disaster displacement risk modeling. He also met with an NGO working to increase transparency about how the Mexican government spends money for disaster relief, and took part in a workshop with three universities about data on displacement caused by organised crime in Mexico.

— LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE



Alongside the launch of GRID 2018, we also rolled out a new version of our website on 16 May. It contains several new features, including a dedicated GRID landing page. On the [homepage](#), you will also find an interactive map containing near real-time information and updates on new and ongoing situations of internal displacement. Clicking on the coloured bubbles on the map brings up snapshots - including the exact location, the number of people displaced, the cause of their displacement and the source of the information - of displacement events occurring in conflict, disaster, or due to development projects.

— GEORGETOWN SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

Alexandra attended the [Georgetown symposium on internal displacement](#) at Georgetown University, Washington DC, co-organised with the World Refugee Council (WRC), on 22 May. The objective was to assess the current challenges facing IDPs and offer policy recommendations for the WRC to take forward.

— EUROPEAN COMMISSION CONSULTATIONS ON FORCED DISPLACEMENT

Bina Desai attended consultations on integrated approaches to forced displacement jointly organised by the Directorate-Generals for humanitarian assistance and development (DG ECHO and DEVCO). The two-day event was an opportunity to share our 2017 figures on internal displacement and latest research findings, and highlight key challenges and opportunities for bridging the humanitarian-development divide by proactively addressing displacement risk.

— WORLD BANK LECTURE SERIES

While in Washington DC, Alexandra joined a panel discussion organised by the World Bank's Social, Urban and Rural Development and Resilience Global Practice (GPSURR). The special rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs, Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, drew on her recent field visits to El Salvador, Niger and Libya to give an overview of the situations IDPs face across the globe today and proposed specific areas of action.



GPSURR's Senior Director, Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez interviewed Alexandra about the issue of internal displacement and our latest Global Report. GPSURR posted a [video](#) of the interview on World Refugee Day.

— PLANETARY HEALTH ANNUAL MEETING

Christelle Cazabat attended the Planetary Health annual meeting in Edinburgh on 30 May to highlight IDMC's expertise on displacement caused by disasters and climate change. We organised a side event with SOS Children's Village on the impacts of displacement on health.

| JUNE:

— INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT DATA ROUNDTABLE

IDMC convened a roundtable about internal displacement data at the Centre for Humanitarian Data, The Hague Humanity Hub, from 6-7 June. Its purpose was to take stock of who is collecting internal displacement data, identify gaps and prioritise work to address them. Participants included: IOM, UNHCR, OCHA, the World Bank, the World Food Programme (WFP), the Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS), the Dutch foreign ministry, REACH and Devco. The event was productive and work is ongoing to consolidate and take forward its outcomes. Another roundtable is planned for November 2018.



— VALIDATION WORKSHOP: AFRICA'S MONITORING AND REPORTING SYSTEM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)

IDMC Senior Monitoring Coordinator, Sylvain Ponserre, attended a workshop to review the draft Monitoring and Reporting System of the Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 5-7 June. He presented our experiences of monitoring and reporting on DRR in Africa and reiterated the importance of including forced displacement in regional and national DRR policies.

— WFP INNOVATION AND GOOGLE BOOT CAMP

Leonardo Milano, IDMC's Senior Data Scientist, attended an innovation boot camp organised by WFP Innovation and Google to find ways of using new technologies to automatically identify buildings and infrastructure destroyed by disasters, on 7 June in Munich. Many organisations tag this information manually but automating the process will make it faster and scalable. Leonardo mentored a team working on automatic damage assessment from satellite and drone imagery analysis.

— GLOBAL CONFLICT RISK MODELING

Justin Ginnetti participated in the EU's workshop in Brussels on the Global Conflict Risk Index on 13 June. Justin presented the Index's findings as well as the latest developments regarding its statistical assessment of conflict-related displacement risk and the development indicators most closely correlated with internal displacement caused by conflict. After the meeting, Justin met in Uppsala, Sweden, with researchers from [Uppsala's Conflict Data Program](#) to discuss the development of a joint Uppsala-IDMC conflict displacement risk model.

— UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC) SIDE EVENT

As part of the ECOSOC humanitarian affairs segment, IDMC and partners OCHA, IOM and the government of Ethiopia convened a side event in New York on 19 June: 'Reducing displacement risk and resolving complex displacement crises'. The event provided a much-needed forum for reflecting on ways to strengthen the evidence base on internal displacement, highlighting the importance of state-led responses and exploring how UN agencies and donors can best support national efforts to address protracted displacement.

— SIXTH REGIONAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN THE AMERICAS

Our Monitoring Expert, Andres Lizcano, attended this session in Cartagena, Colombia, from 20-22 June. Andres delivered a statement on the importance of addressing displacement in national and local DRR strategies and how improved data collection on disaster displacement is required to better understand responses.

— TECH4DEV CONFERENCE

Leonardo Milano also took part in the Tech4Dev 2018 international conference on 27 June in Lausanne, Switzerland. He presented IDMC's efforts to complement data collected by partners in the field with new tools, including Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning.

— LANDAC CONFERENCE: EXPLORING THE NEXUS BETWEEN LAND ACQUISITION, DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION

Christelle Cazabat travelled to Utrecht, the Netherlands, on 28 June to participate in a panel discussion jointly hosted by IDMC and Oxfam International on displacement risk due to development projects. IDMC presented first estimates of the risk of displacement caused by development projects funded by the World Bank, while a World Bank representative presented the reformed policy on resettlement with comments from Oxfam international.

— UNHCR ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH NGOS

IDMC, alongside JIPS and UNHCR, organised a panel discussion on 29 June about strengthening the evidence base on internal displacement, with a focus on the essential role of local NGOs in data collection and analysis. We heard from three different local and national NGOs who have strong links to displaced populations and host communities in their respective regions: [Noah Bullock](#), Executive Director of [Cris-tosal](#) (El Salvador), Iryna Aleksieieva, Project Manager at [Right to Protection](#) (Ukraine) and Oscar Paz, Urban Programming Coordinator at [World Vision](#) (Honduras).

— CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: URBAN DISPLACEMENT

For next year's GRID 2019, IDMC will present new analysis of drivers, patterns and impacts of urban internal displacement. We put out a call for papers in early June, soliciting external contributions to complement IDMC's in-house data analysis and research by soliciting new thinking, analysis and case studies on the issue. Successful papers will be peer reviewed and published online as background papers to the main report.

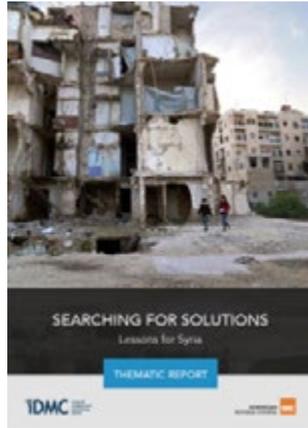
— FORCED MIGRATION: TRENDS, CONCEPTS AND PATTERNS

Justin Ginnetti participated in the second International Research and Policy Workshop on Migration and Development, hosted by the German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), in Bonn, on 26 June. He presented IDMC's research agenda on cross-border displacement and tools for monitoring and analysing displacement data and trends.

PUBLICATIONS

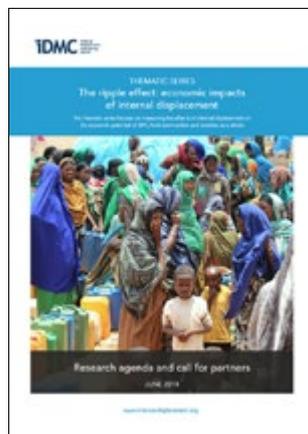
| SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS: LESSONS FOR SYRIA

In order to facilitate progress towards durable solutions for displaced populations in Syria, this [review](#) identifies lessons learned from other complex crises to inform future programming. The literature review examined pathways towards durable solutions for IDPs in Iraq, Colombia, Sri Lanka, Bosnia and Kosovo to draw relevant parallels and lessons learned for Syria, with recommendations for operational actors working with displacement-affected communities.



| THE RIPPLE EFFECT: ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

As part of our new research project on the economic impacts of internal displacement, we released [three publications](#) in June: the research agenda and call for partners, conceptual framework on how to assess the economic impacts of internal displacement and a case study on estimating lost productivity due to internal displacement in the context of the [2015 Nepal earthquake](#).



EXPERT OPINION

The IDMC blog is a space to engage in the global debate on internal displacement. In the last quarter we published the following posts:

| 2018: TIME TO REFRAME POLICY AND PRACTICE ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

This 20th anniversary year of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement presents us with a unique opportunity to reflect on what has, and has not, worked in addressing this global phenomenon. Alexandra Bilak argues that the Guiding Principles have been only partially successful for three main reasons. Read the full post here →

| GUATEMALA: STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE DRIVING DISPLACEMENT AND DISRUPTING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

When examining displacement in Guatemala, and specifically how it is driven by the violence endured by indigenous women,

we must redefine 'violence' to include not only physical attacks, but also violence in the form of hardship induced by the forced loss of a home and ancestral land used to grow food. Read the full post here →

| DROUGHT-STRICKEN COMMUNITIES HIT BY DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

After two years of severe drought and several poor rainy seasons, long-awaited rains arrived in April 2018. But for communities in Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya they brought not relief but more hardship in the form of historic floods. Read the full post here →

| COMPLEX JOURNEYS

In our [Invisible Majority thematic series](#), we set out to better understand the relationship between internal displacement and cross-border movements. Preliminary fieldwork among Iraqis in Sweden shines light on this relationship, putting into sharp focus the complex journeys of those in search of safety. Read the full post here →

| BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

The second blog from our [Invisible Majority thematic series](#) looks further into the experiences of Iraqis, this time in Jordan. Preliminary findings show that high numbers of refugees have previously experienced internal displacement, and that difficult conditions in host countries may be forcing some refugees to return prematurely to their country of origin, despite the risk of further displacement. Read the full post here →

| CAN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TURN THE TIDE ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT?

Efforts to protect and assist IDPs through emergency intervention have not been sufficient to present them with durable solutions to end their displacement. One way to turn the tide may be to consider internal displacement from a human development perspective. Read the full post here →

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

IDMC was mentioned 675 times in the media during the second quarter of 2018. More than 470 of these mentions were within two weeks of the GRID 2018 launch.

| MEDIA COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- | Le Monde, [Catastrophes et conflits ont fait plus de 30 millions de déplacés dans le monde en 2017](#)
- | AFP, [Conflict flight highest in a decade](#)
- | Arabian Radio Network, [Drive Live – Talks Internal Displacement](#)
- | Radio France International, [Alexandra Bilak, directrice de l'IDMC: «Le déplacement interne a un impact humain»](#)
- | Devex, [More than 30 million people were internally displaced in 2017, report shows](#)
- | Economist, [Weather and violence displace millions inside borders every year](#)
- | Channel Africa, [Millions displaced due to conflict, disasters](#)

- | International Crisis Group: [Misery as Strategy: The Human Cost of Conflict](#)
- | Reuters: [Strict warming curbs key to survival of world's most vulnerable](#)
- | Relief Web: [World Wakes up to Climate Migration](#)
- | New Statesman: [Syria's 6.7 million invisible refugees: "I left the home I had lived in for 32 years"](#)

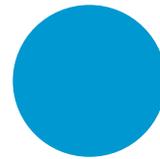
IDMC'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

Financial Situation as of 30 June 2018

Funds received: 2,056,587.54
 Expenditure: 2,056,587.54
 Actual expenditure against received funds: 100%

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GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE GLOBAL DISPLACEMENT CRISIS

Alexandra Bilak authored an op-ed on IDMC's latest conflict-displacement figures published by the Thomson Reuters Foundation. She argues that until we start to address the root causes of this phenomenon via peacebuilding, sustainable development and conflict resolution, these numbers will continue to rise.

WEBSITE FIGURES APRIL-JUNE 2018:

Total views: 76,647

Most visited pages:

- | GRID: 7,822
- | Homepage: 6,650

GRID 2018 downloads: 5,200

IDMC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Facebook community attracted 668 new followers during this period, and our page had nearly 11,800 likes as of the end of June. We also gained 649 new followers on Twitter, with the total number more than 8,600 by the end of the quarter. Our @IDMC_Geneva profile received 11,145 visits during this time, our account was mentioned 836 times and our tweets garnered 277,8000 impressions.



The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) is the world's authoritative source of data and analysis on internal displacement. Since our establishment in 1998, as part of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), we have been committed to offering a rigorous, transparent and independent service to the international community and to informing policy and operational decisions that can improve the lives of the millions of people living in internal displacement, or at risk of becoming displaced in the future.

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