



# Quarterly Update

July–September 2006

## Introduction

This edition of the **Quarterly Update** covers the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre's activities between 1 July and 30 September 2006. It is also available electronically at [www.internal-displacement.org](http://www.internal-displacement.org).

The **Quarterly Update** should be read along with the 2006 Annual Appeal, which outlines the main objectives, activities and financial needs for the year.

## IDPs high on the agenda

### *Missions*

IDMC undertook several missions to Côte d'Ivoire over the summer in order to raise awareness on the IDP situation amongst humanitarian and political actors in the country, and to contribute to the setting up of an NRC office in the country.

As part of the ongoing Humanitarian Reform Process, the Resident Representative participated in an IASC Mission to Colombia in September, as NGO representative. The main objectives of the Mission were to brief the IASC Country Team on the humanitarian reform process, to identify how the humanitarian response in Colombia could be strengthened and whether implementation of the Cluster Approach would be helpful in the country. After visiting Chocho, Antioquia, Narino and Suacha the Mission recommended that a Humanitarian Country Team should be established and should work through 3 thematic groups (Clusters) including one on Protection headed by UNHCR.

### *IDP session at UNHCR Annual Consultations*

On 28 September, the IDMC chaired this year's IDP session at the Annual Consultations with

NGOs preceding the yearly meeting of UNHCR's Executive Committee. The IDP session this year focused on the implementation of the cluster approach in situations of internal displacement, using Uganda as an example.



*IDP Session at UNHCR Annual Consultations, chaired by IDMC. (Photo: Anne-Sophie Lois/IDMC)*

Speakers included Cindy Burns, UNHCR Representative in Uganda, Musa Echweru, Uganda Minister of State for Relief and Disaster Preparedness, Lucy Hovil, Refugee Law Project Kampala, and Jamie McGoldrick, OCHA Humanitarian Reform Support Unit. It was concluded that cluster implementation has progressed in Uganda, but that a number of significant challenges still need to be addressed.

## Monitoring & Advocacy

### *New report on internal displacement in Turkey*

On 10 July 2006, the IDMC together with the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) held a public panel discussion in Ankara on the progress made in addressing Turkey's internal displacement situation. The event took place to launch "*Overcoming a Legacy of Mistrust: Towards Reconciliation between the State*

*and the Displaced*”, a report which takes stock of the progress made on implementing the recommendations made by the UN Representative on IDPs following his visit to Turkey in 2002.

The report was prepared by the IDMC in partnership with, and based on field research by, TESEV. It is part of a series of reports launched by the IDMC in order to support the implementation of recommendations issued by the Representative. Among the key speakers who opened the panel were Ambassador Hansjörg Kretschmer, Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey, and Joost Lagendijk, Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee. The launch was widely attended by civil society organisations, government and UN representatives, as well as the media.

### ***Report on internal displacement caused by West Bank Wall***

Thousands of Palestinians have been forced to leave their homes as a direct result of the Wall built by Israel in the occupied West Bank, according to a study presented on 26 September by the IDMC and BADIL Resource Centre for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights on the margins of the Human Rights Council meeting. In East Jerusalem alone, tens of thousands of people have been forced to change their place of residence as a direct result of the construction of the Wall, concludes the study which for the first time comprehensively documents displacement caused by the West Bank Wall in the Jerusalem area.

“The ongoing forced displacement of Palestinian communities is alarming not only because of the suffering of those directly affected, but also because of its longer-term effects on the fabric of Palestinian society”, said Jens Mjauedal, Director of the International Department of the Norwegian Refugee Council, at the launch of the report.

“Given Israel’s unwillingness to reverse the disastrous effects of building the wall, the international community must finally act, and it should recognise the problem of internal displacement in the Palestinian territories. This would be an important step towards providing better assistance and protection to the displaced”, added Karine McAllister of BADIL, one of the authors of the report. The IDMC also published two articles on

internal displacement in the Palestinian Territories in *Forced Migration Review* 26 published in August 2006.

### ***Research project on urban displacement***

The IDMC reached agreement in September with the Feinstein International Centre at Tufts University to go ahead with a research project on IDPs in urban environments. The primary objective of this project is to gather reliable data on urban IDP populations in three separate locations in order to find out more about their degree of social and economic integration and their assistance and protection needs.

The research project will generate conclusions and recommendations which will feed into a broader effort to engage humanitarian actors in improving operational activities targeting IDPs in urban environments. A first case study will be launched during fall 2006 and two further studies will follow during spring 2007, provided the availability of funding.

### ***IDMC secondment to Lebanon***

The IDMC seconded its Middle East Country Analyst to Lebanon to support the NRC country team as Protection & Policy Adviser during July and August when thousands of Lebanese fled their homes as a result of Israeli military operations. In this function the Country Analyst contributed to an assessment of the IDP situation, participated in Protection Cluster meetings and further developed NRC’s protection work with the displaced during the period of displacement and on during return. Throughout the war, IDMC constantly updated its website with accurate information on the daily situation in Lebanon.

### ***IDP profiling guidelines***

Consultations continued on the draft inter-agency guidelines on profiling IDP populations. At a meeting of the steering group that oversees the process of preparing the guidelines it was agreed to finalise the draft in early 2007, taking into account comments from agencies and feedback from the field. The guidelines, initiated by the IDMC and the OCHA Internal Displacement Division, are currently being field-tested in Somalia.

### *Contributions to development of IDP manual for legislators*

In September the NRC presented a study on documentation and provided comments on a study on basic services and social security at a meeting on developing an IDP manual for legislators. The meeting was organised by the Brookings Institution-University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, with the participation of Walter Kälin, UN Representative on the Human Rights of IDPs. The objective of the meeting was to review and discuss thematic studies in the presence of the authors, and IDP experts from various organisations and governments. The studies will be published in 2007 and will be used as a basis to draft the IDP legislation and policy manual.

### *Input for handbook on property restitution*

In July, the IDMC prepared a third round of comments to the handbook on property restitution aiming at implementing the so-called Pinheiro Principles on property restitution which were endorsed by the Sub-Commission in August 2005. The project is lead by the OCHA Internal Displacement Division. The main partners and contributors to this initiative have been UN Habitat, UNHCR, OHCHR, and NRC IDMC.

### *Fact-finding mission to Colombia*

The IDMC, together with NRC Colombia, visited Chocó in northwestern Colombia from 8 to 14 September to collect first-hand information on the situation in return areas, identify protection concerns and formulate recommendations. The region has been the scene of violent clashes between security forces and illegal armed groups, and is a major transit zone for Colombians fleeing to Panama as well as a major drug-trafficking zone.

### *Submissions to the Human Rights Committee*

In July 2006, the IDMC prepared two submissions for the Human Rights Committee. One submission related to the examinations of the report for Bosnia and Herzegovina and was prepared in collaboration with the Minority Rights Group, the International Committee for Human Rights and the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law.

The IDMC also made a submission in relation to the report submitted by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo. Both submissions are available on the website of the OHCHR.

### *Country profile updates*

In the third quarter of 2006, the IDMC published 9 Country Profile updates:

Algeria	4 July 2006
Indonesia	19 July 2006
Liberia	3 August 2006
Sudan	17 August 2006
Lebanon	30 August 2006
Israel	30 August 2006
Georgia	1 September 2006
Nigeria	21 September 2006
Senegal	25 September 2006

All updates are available from the online IDP database at [www.internal-displacement.org](http://www.internal-displacement.org).

### *Staff Updates*

Nadine Walicki joined the IDMC in July 2006 as Country Analyst covering internal displacement in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Greta Zeender, Senior Country Analyst and focal point on issues relating to women and children, has been elected, for 2007, the vice-chair of the Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, a network of international NGOs working to end violations against children in armed conflict.

## **Training & Protection**

### *Côte d'Ivoire*

In July, IDMC held meetings with UN (OCHA and UNHCR) and Ivorian government partners in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire to prepare for a series of three workshops on the protection of internally displaced persons scheduled for December 2006. The principal workshop will bring together authorities from the whole country to examine and look at the practical application of international protection standards and responsibilities. Two other workshops will target key government and civil society actors and their respective roles in the protection of internally displaced persons.

## Turkey

The training team implemented the second phase of the training project for civil society actors in Turkey, sponsored by UNDP Turkey. The objective of this phase was to ensure that NGOs have the capacity to organise and deliver training on the protection of IDPs for NGOs and other actors. For doing so, the IDMC developed a series of modules, containing all the guidance and materials necessary to enable trainers to facilitate a one to one-and-a-half day workshop. The modules provide guidance for trainers on how to conduct sessions on key aspects of IDP protection, including 1) the IDP definition, 2) the legal framework, 3) protection from displacement, 4) protection during displacement, 5) durable solution and 6) working with authorities.



*IDMC consultant Christophe Lanord gives much appreciated feedback to the participants. Van, Turkey, (Picture: C. Beau/IDMC)*

The modules were translated into Turkish and presented to 25 members of Turkish NGOs during a training-of-trainers (ToT) workshop held in Van, southeastern Turkey, in September. The participants were selected based on an assessment of their capacity and interest in developing training projects in the future. During the workshop, participants were trained on key aspects of adult learning and training. In small groups, participants also prepared and conducted sessions based on the modules, and were given feedback on the training technique and style. At the end of the ToT workshop, participants confirmed their will to use the modules and the experience during the workshop to train colleagues within their own organisations, and other actors.

The modules will be posted on the UNDP and IDMC websites to be used by any other NGOs or other actors interested in organising training workshops.

### ***Feedback from the participants to the ToT workshop in Van, Turkey***

*"I liked the training materials and the documents prepared. I have never seen such systematic work before."*

*"The style of the training was modern, democratic and human oriented. Personalities were given importance."*

*"I liked the organisation, the training methodology, the techniques used and the scientific approach employed."*

*"I believe it will be very worthy when I share the things I learned with my organisation."*

## India

In September, IDMC facilitated a workshop hosted by Panos South Asia on the protection of internally displaced persons. Panos works with the media and aims to put critical debates into the public domain. This workshop brought together civil society organisations, journalists and researchers from the north-eastern states of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh, as well as West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh.

This workshop gave participants exposure to international protection standards as they apply in the Indian context and fit into Panos' aim to increase the analysis and coverage of internal displacement in the local and national media in Northeast India. IDMC is exploring ways of continuing to work with civil society actors in north-east India.

## Colombia

Following a training workshop on the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement held in Colombia in fall 2005 a request was made to the IDMC for further training on dissemination methods on how to better reach out with messages to different public actors (authorities, IDPs, etc) and to work with their problems in the light of the Guiding Principles. In 2006, IDMC and NRC Colombia started to discuss ways on how to fill these needs in the most creative and effective way. It was decided to develop a ToT with focus



on drama and forum play. The first of a series of four ToT workshops was held in Fusuasaiga, Colombia between 28 August and 1 September 2006 for 15 participants from NRC, NGOs and universities working on education and legal aid programmes for IDPs.

## Civil Society Project

### Life Story Project

The project has collected life stories of over fifty individuals directly affected by displacement in Colombia. Two workshops were held in July and September with Colombian NGOs and IDPs involved in the collection of testimonies in order to share experiences so far and to provide on-going support and advice. This included sessions on psycho-social support provided by the participating psychologists. Other activities included interviewers undertaking thematic analysis of their own interviews, discussions and planning around dissemination, and also learning about the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement by relating the issues and stories from their own interviews to these principles.

At present a team of four is reading and reviewing the testimonies with a view to making a selection of life stories and extracts for publication.

#### Comment from a participant in Colombia

*"It's a great effort to give voices to those who have been silenced and crushed as effects of the armed conflict, and it's extremely positive to create motivated groups to work on this."*



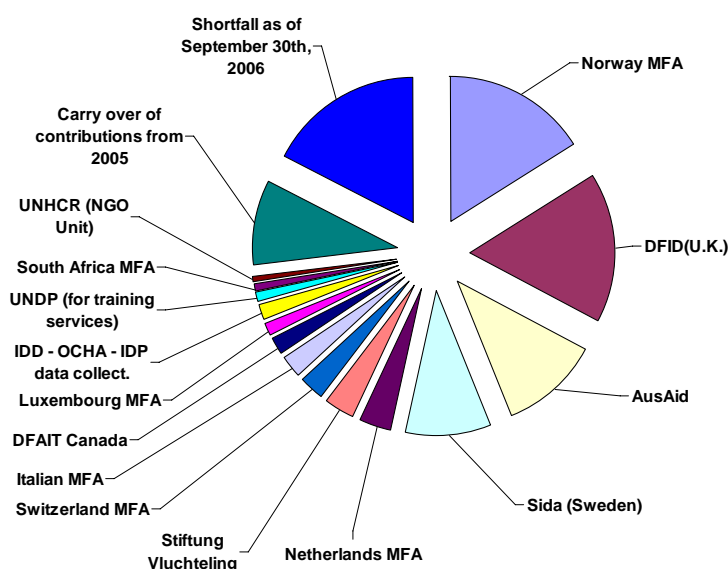
Participant in the Life Story Project, Colombia. (Photo: Anne-Sophie Lois/IDMC)

## Financial Situation

IDMC carried out a mid-year budget revision and increased its budget by 10.5%. The present budget amounts to 2,017,000 USD. This financial change and increase in our activities reflects the high demand for the Centre's services. The IDMC is expecting further contributions from some of its donors and is encouraging others to support the Centre's endeavours to better protect and assist IDPs around the world.

Thank you for supporting the IDMC!

#### Contributions received/pledged for the year 2006 (as of 30 September 2006)



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