IDMC GRID 2017 Conflict Dataset Codebook

Introduction

This codebook describes IDMC's Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID) 2017 Conflict Dataset.

The data collection process, decision rules and analytical methodology are discussed in more detail in the Methodological Annex (p. 98) of IDMC's *Global Report on Internal Displacement 2017*, available from www.internal-displacement.org.

Definition of IDP

We define internally displaced persons ("IDPs"), in accordance with the 1998 *UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement* as:

"Persons or groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized state border."

We interpret IDPs to include asylums seekers, refugees, stateless people, pastoralists and others who have been displaced within the boundaries of their own countries. For a comprehensive definition, please refer to the methodological annex of the GRID 2016.

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Feedback and Contact

Our data is subject to revision and updating based on ongoing monitoring, research and feedback. The production of global estimates for the current year is ongoing. Your feedback is welcome and requests for guidance in the use and interpretation of the data are encouraged. Please contact us at data@idmc.ch.

Limitations

As with most analysis that relies on secondary information, we are aware that our methodology and data may be subject to different types of reporting bias. For instance, some of our limitations include an unequal dissemination of the data related to conflict-induced displacement, the 'invisibility' of certain categories of IDPs, and the variability in the quality of resources available. For more detail please consult IDMC's Methodology annex to the *Global Report on Internal Displacement 2016* (www.internal-displacement.org).

Description of data fields

ISO3
Country or territory identifier based on ISO 3166 alpha-3 codes. Territories of concern that do not have an official ISO such as the Abyei area and Kosovo have been assigned alpha-3 codes (respectively AB9 and XKX).
Data type: Text

Country or territory
Geo-political entity based on widely recognized international borders or demarcation lines, within which displacement is considered to be internal.
Data type: Text

Source
Original source of displacement figures. This may include international organizations, such as OCHA, UNHCR, IOM, UNRWA, national governments, news media outlets, non-governmental organizations as well as academic and research institutions.
Data type: Text

Total number of IDPs as of 31 December 2016
The total number of IDPs estimated to be in the country as of 31 December 2016. Various methods are used to estimate this number. In some instances, this estimate is based on a full assessment of the displaced population near the end of the year. Another estimation method takes into account the stock of IDPs as of the end of 2015 and, when available, adds to or subtracts from this number the reported flow of IDPs during the course of the year according to the following equation:

Total number of IDPs$_{\text{Dec 2016}}$ = Total number of IDPs$_{\text{Dec 2015}}$ + [Births$_{2016}$ + new displacement$_{2016}$]
– [Returns$_{2016}$ + settlement elsewhere$_{2016}$ + local integration$_{2016}$+ cross-border flight$_{2016}$ + deaths$_{2016}$]

It is important to note that up-to-date IDP flow data is often not available so the total number of IDPs could be under- or over-estimated and/or outdated.
Data type: Numeric

New displacements in 2016
Total number of people who became internally displaced between 1 January and 31 December 2016. Given the dynamic nature of displacement, in a few cases, this estimate may include persons who were repeatedly displaced during the course of the year.
Data type: Numeric

Returns *
Total number of IDPs that are reported to have returned to their place of residence between 1 January and 31 December 2016. These returnees may include both persons displaced during the course of 2016 as well as persons displaced in prior years. This figure does not, in any way, indicate that these people successfully achieved durable solutions (as specifically defined by the *IASC Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons*).
Data type: Numeric

Local integration *

Total number of reported IDPs who have locally integrated in areas where they have taken refuge between 1 January and 31 December 2016. Returnees may include both persons displaced during the course of 2016 as well as persons displaced in prior years.
Data type: Numeric

Settlement elsewhere *

Total number of reported IDPs who have been resettled elsewhere within the same country between 1 January and 31 December 2016. This figure does not, in any way, indicate that these people successfully achieved durable solutions (as specifically defined by the *IASC Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons*).
 Data type: Numeric

Cross-border flight *

Total number of reported displaced persons who have crossed internationally recognised borders between 1 January and 31 December 2016 and hence are no longer considered IDPs.
 Data type: Numeric

Children born to IDPs *

Total number of children born into situations of internal displacement between the 1 January and 31 December 2016.
Data type: Numeric

IDP Deaths *

Total number of people who died while in displacement between 1 January and 31 December 2016.
Data type: Numeric

* Caveat: Data on these fields are generally scarce and should be used with caution.