Key achievements and recommendations from the Expert Group on Refugee and IDP statistics EGRIS
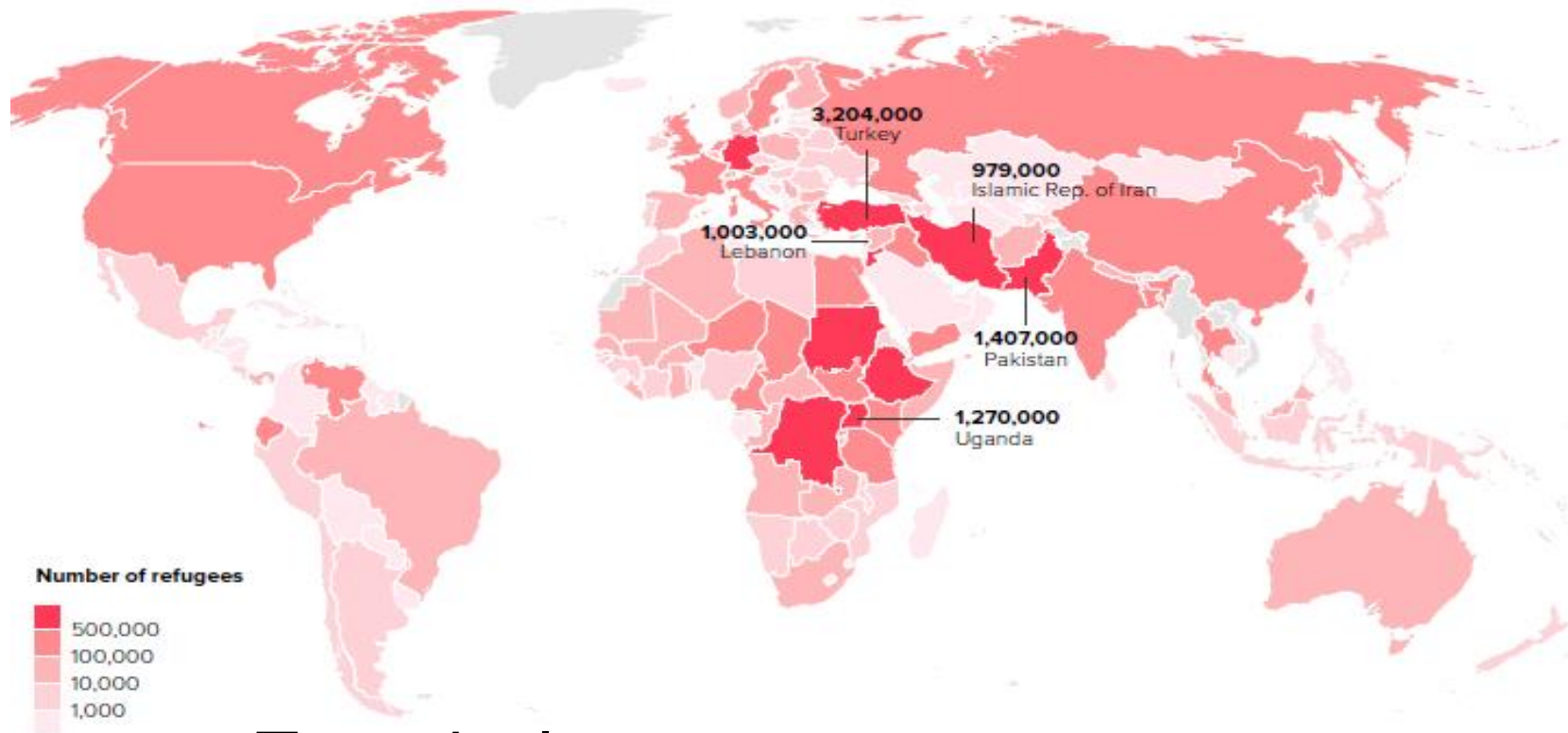
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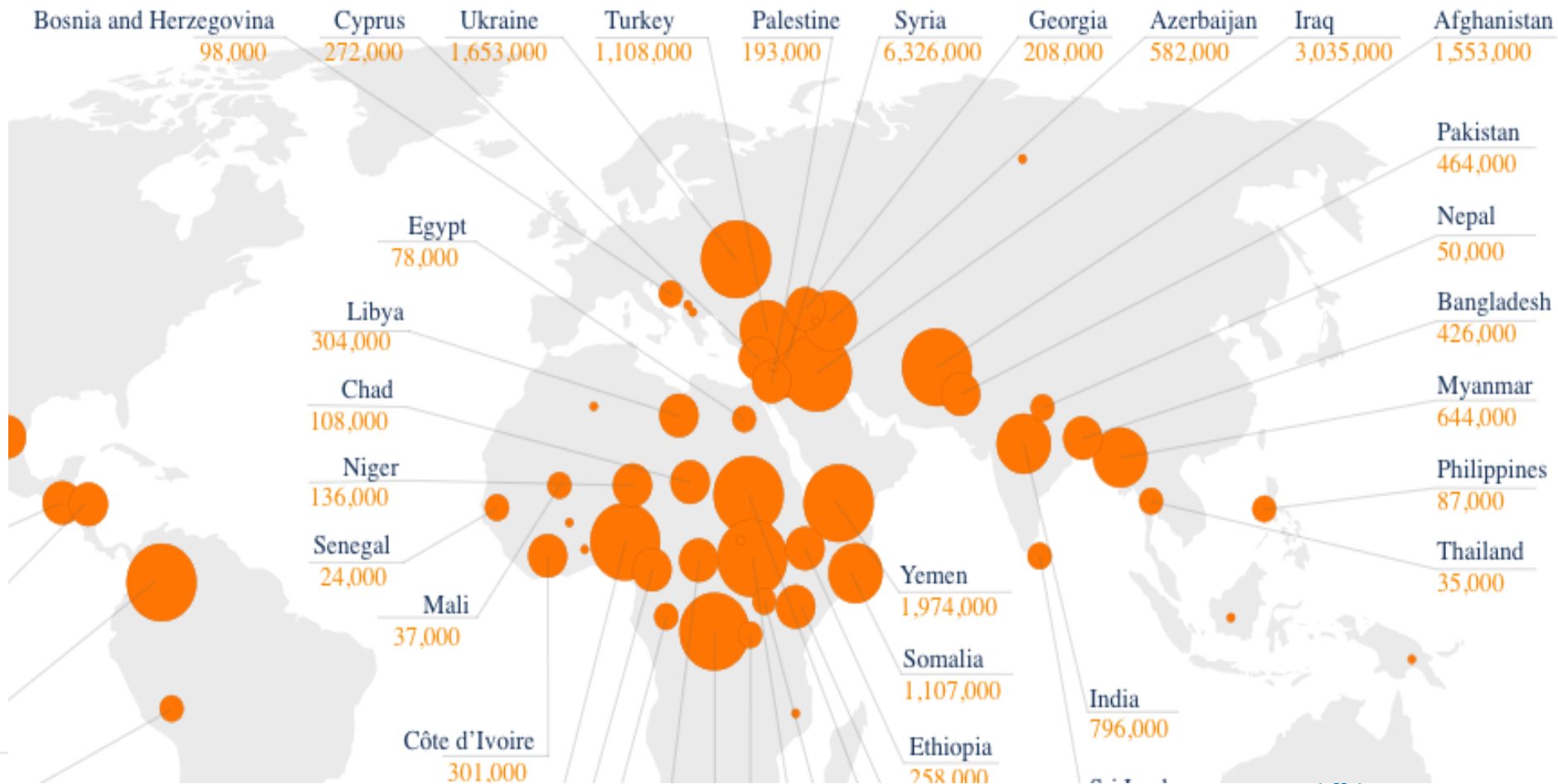Ankara, 1-2 May, 2018

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Outline of presentation

– Current state of refugee and IDP statistics

– Establishment of EGRIS

– Key achievement and recommendations

– Way forward

Map 1 Refugees, including persons in a refugee-like situation | mid-2017

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

3,204,000 Turkey

979,000 Islamic Rep. of Iran

1,003,000 Lebanon

1,407,000 Pakistan

1,270,000 Uganda

Number of refugees
500,000
100,000
10,000
1,000

Tentatively:
25.4 million refugees at end-2017

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Bosnia and Herzegovina	Cyprus	Ukraine	Turkey	Palestine	Syria	Georgia	Azerbaijan	Iraq	Afghanistan
98,000	272,000	1,653,000	1,108,000	193,000	6,326,000	208,000	582,000	3,035,000	1,553,000

Pakistan
464,000

Nepal
50,000

Bangladesh
426,000

Egypt
78,000

Libya
304,000

Myanmar
644,000

Chad
108,000

Philippines
87,000

Niger
136,000

Thailand
35,000

Senegal
24,000

Yemen
1,974,000

Mali
37,000

Somalia
1,107,000

India
796,000

Côte d'Ivoire
301,000

Ethiopia
258,000

http://www.internal-displacement.org/global-report/grid2017/

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Establishment of EGRIS (1)

- First time refugee on statistics discussed was in 2015 at 46th session

- October 2015: conference held in Antalya, Turkey

- Report of conference presented to Commission in 2016.

- Proposal from TurkStat, Statistics Norway, UNHCR and Eurostat, to establish an Expert Group on Refugee Statistics
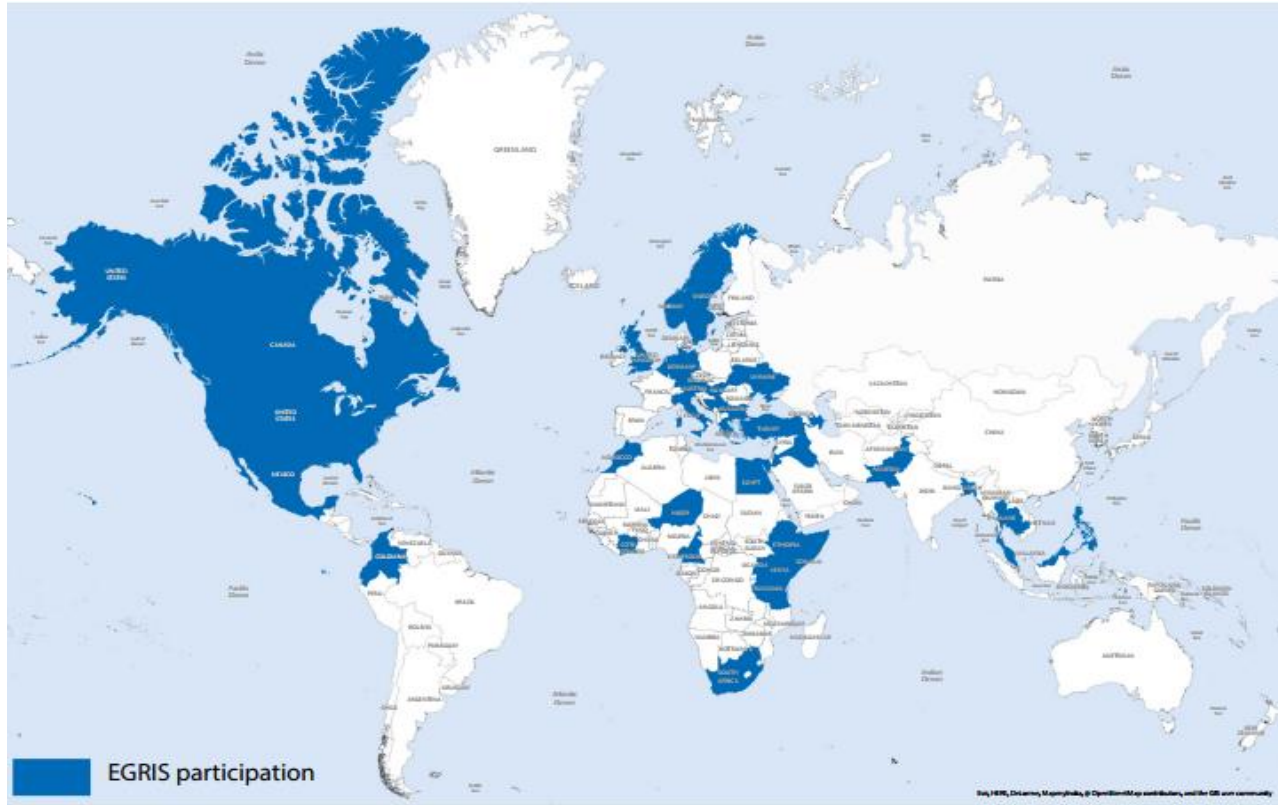
Establishment of EGRIS (2)

March 2016 the group was mandated by the UN Statistical Commission to develop:

- International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics
- Technical Report on IDP Statistics Report national statistical authorities and 15+ regional/ international organizations

EGRIS member countries

EGRIS participation

SESRIC countries in EGRIS

- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Cameroon
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Egypt
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Lebanon

- Malaysia
- Morocco
- Niger
- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Somalia
- Turkey (steering committe)
- Uganda

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International and regional organisations

- European Commission (DG Home and DG Employment)
- EASO
- EFTA Statistical Office
- ESCWA
- Eurostat
- IDMC
- IOM
- JIPS

- OECD
- MED-HIMS/Medstat
- UNFPA
- UNHCR
- UNICEF
- UNRWA
- UN special rapporteur (HR/IDP)
- UNSD
- WB
- WFP

IRRS and the technical report on IDP statistics come up with specific recommendations to tackle challenges and gaps from the statistical view point
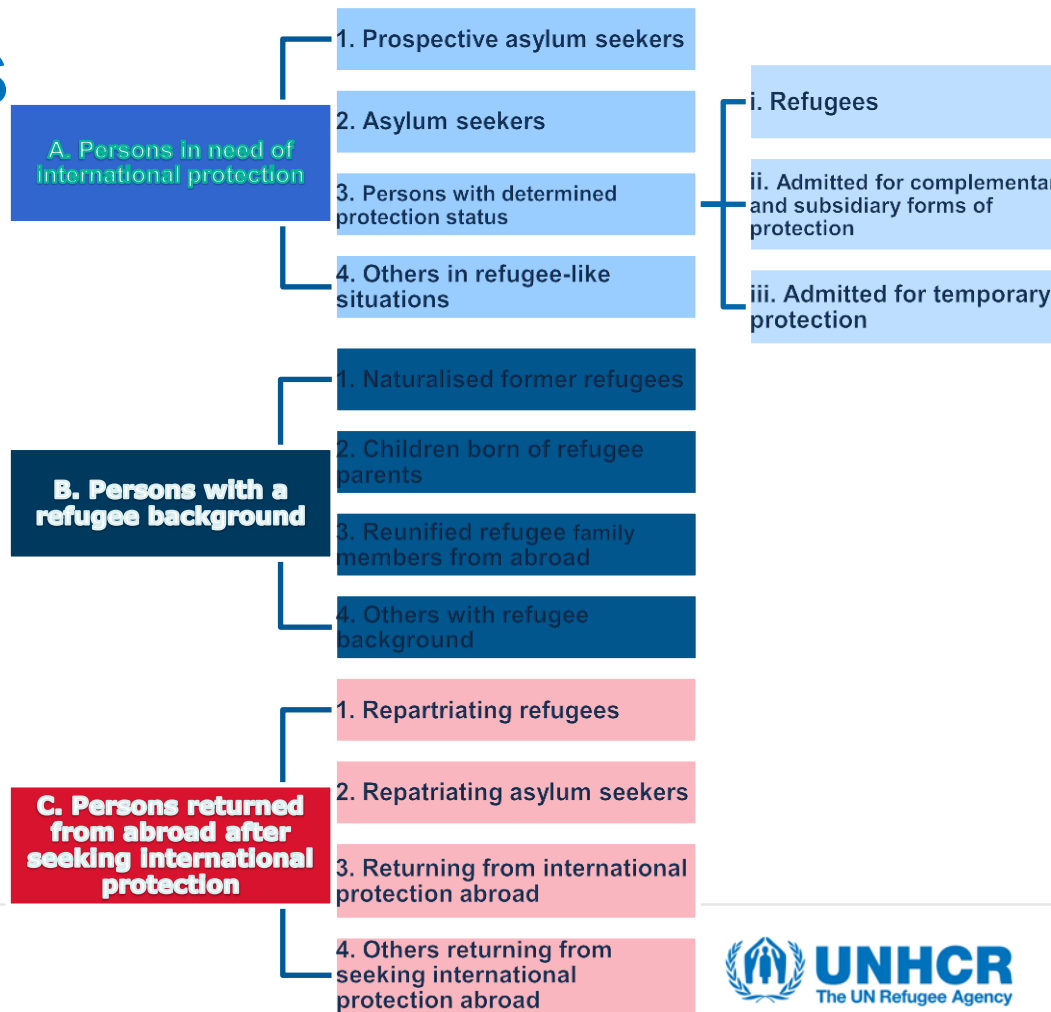

Pilot on household survey on displacement in North Darfur, December 2017

Key achievements of IRRS (1)

- Creation of a **statistical framework** standardising relevant **terminology**, concepts, definitions and classifications

A. Persons in need of international protection
1. Prospective asylum seekers
2. Asylum seekers
3. Persons with determined protection status
4. Others in refugee-like situations

i. Refugees
ii. Admitted for complementa and subsidiary forms of protection
iii. Admitted for temporary protection

B. Persons with a refugee background
1. Naturalised former refugees
2. Children born of refugee parents
3. Reunified refugee family members from abroad
4. Others with refugee background

C. Persons returned from abroad after seeking international protection
1. Repartriating refugees
2. Repatriating asylum seekers
3. Returning from international protection abroad
4. Others returning from seeking international protection abroad

Key achievements of IRRS (2)

- List of basic **data tabulations** and **indicators**

- Assessment of **data sources** and **methods** for producing refugee data as well as recommendations for their improvements

- Identification of **socioeconomic indicators** of refugee integration

- Recommendations how to improve

    - **coordination** at national/regional/international level

    - **data quality**, **legal frameworks** and **capacity building**

Towards a statistical framework on internal displacement

- Legal framework

- Statistical categories

- Different data sources (censuses, surveys, registers and civil registration) to find the number of IDPs and describe them

- Data protection and data confidentiality

- IDP data in line with other official statistics and SDGs

- Coordination within NSS and with other actors

- Dissemination of statistics
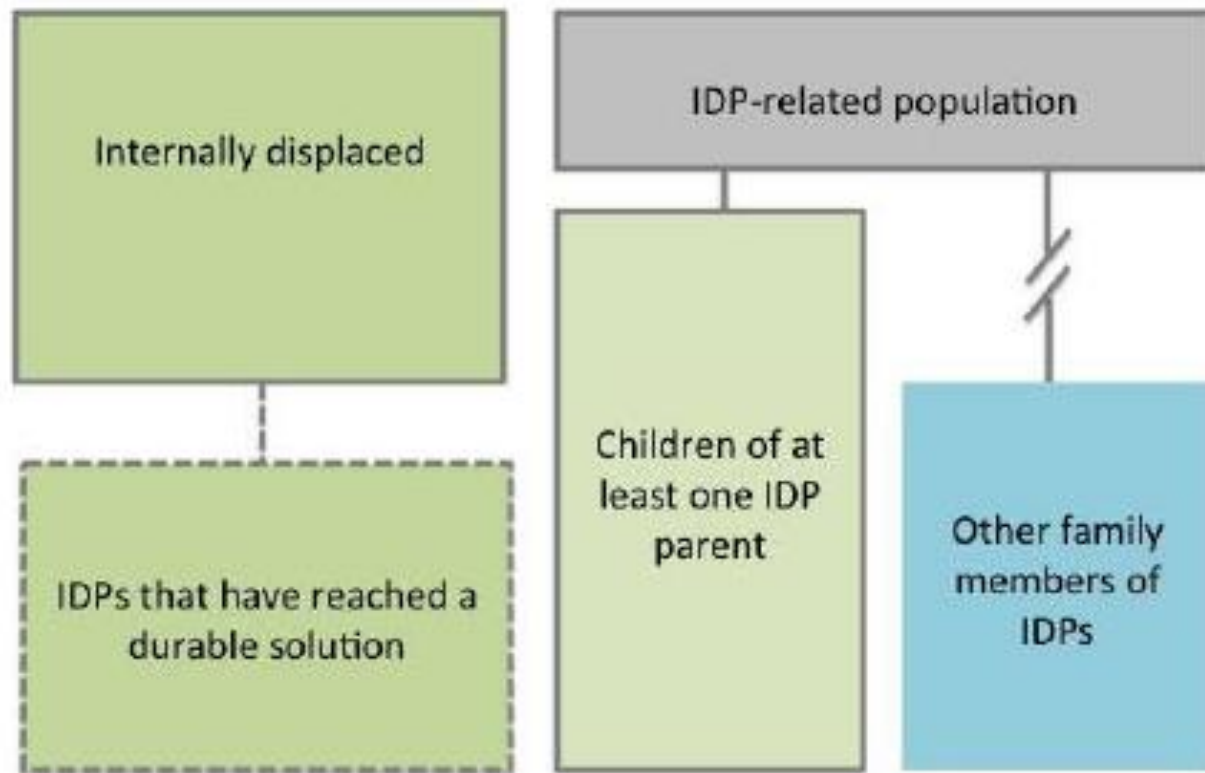
Clarifying definitions

Figure 7.2 Statistical categories to be included in official IDP statistics

Why is the work important?

- Huge potential: Data for improved policy and practice, visibility of vulnerable groups in development planning and SDGs, enhanced comparison of data
- Country-led and experience-informed process to develop solid report with realistic and tangible recommendations

The UN Statistical Commission:

"Welcomed the report of the Expert Group on Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics,

Appreciated that the Expert Group conducted global consultation involving all national statistical offices before the finalization of the documents and endorsed them and

Supported the development of a compiler's manual to provide hands-on guidance to collect statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons……...Expressed the need for national statistical capacity-building to support Member States in improving the quality and availability of statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons…."

(UNSC, New York 5 March 2018)

Next phase: Initiating cooperation to…

- Refine recommendations for IDP statistics

- Develop a compiler's manual

- Measure durable solutions and end of displacement

- Develop a training strategy and related implementation plan

- Continue working more with National Statistical Offices

Hargeisa, Somalia. IDP settlement. 2014.

THANK YOU!

IRRS:
https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/49th-session/documents/BG-Item3m-RefugeeStat-E.pdf

IDP report:
https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/49th-session/documents/BG-Item3m-IDPStat-E.pdf

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