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A snapshot of updates and activities carried out in line with the [Plan of Action for Prevention, Protection and Solutions for Internally Displaced People 2018-2020](#) to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (GP20)

Guiding Principle on Internal Displacement - Principle 19(1)

All wounded and sick internally displaced persons as well as those with disabilities shall receive to the fullest extent practicable with and with the least possible delay, the medical care and attention they require, without distinctions on any other grounds than medical ones. When necessary, internally displaced persons shall have access to psychological and social services.



17 July 2020, Ukraine. UNHCR/Anastasia Vlasova. Tetiana Barantsova, IDP and activist for persons with disabilities, won the Nansen Refugee Award prize for Europe in September 2020.

COMING SOON! On **Monday 23 November**, GP20 will be launching a compilation of national practices on preventing, addressing and resolving internal displacement. Contact gp20@unhcr.org for more details.

Save the date!



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

AFRICA

Burkina Faso records one million IDPs, highest ever



More than [a million people have been internally displaced](#) by violence in Burkina Faso, according to the country's National Council for Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation (CONASUR). This represents a 100 per cent increase compared to early 2020, when Burkina Faso counted some 450,000 IDPs. IDPs who fled their homes under the threat of armed attacks are often destitute. According to CONASUR, their priority needs include shelter, food, health, cash for immediate needs, and work. Read more [here](#).

Chad: Internal displacement caused by conflict, disasters and related instability and poor conditions



IOM estimates that 363,807 persons are currently displaced in parts of Chad bordering Cameroon, Nigeria and Niger due to instability caused by the protracted insurgency and rapidly degrading climate and environmental conditions. See the [latest](#) data and read the full article [here](#). In parallel, nearly 120,000 people were displaced by flash floods caused by heavy rains across Chad in October. At least [32,000](#) of the affected persons are in N'Djamena, the country's capital city. Many displaced have been welcomed by family members and

friends in less affected parts of the city. Nonetheless, many whose houses have been destroyed remain in need of shelter and emergency assistance. Read full article [here](#).

Democratic Republic of Congo: Peacekeeping and human rights monitoring protect IDPs



Massive numbers of people have been displaced by widespread attacks against civilians in a context of inter-ethnic tensions between Lendu and Hema communities in particular since December 2017 on the territory of Djugu in Ituri Province. Serious human rights violations were committed during these attacks. In line with the UN Stabilization Mission in the DRC's Protection of Civilian's mandate, peacekeepers regularly patrol around IDP camps to provide physical protection. IDPs have been protected from several attacks by armed groups from August to October 2020 by peacekeepers. Human rights monitoring also contributes to threat assessments and the protection of the IDPs.

Ethiopia: Increasing violence amidst efforts on durable solutions



Ethiopia witnessed increasing intercommunal violence and attacks targeting civilians in November, to which the

UN Secretary-General [appealed](#) for an inclusive and peaceful dialogue. Prior to this, on September 9, 2020 the Ministry of Finance and UN Resident Coordinator signed the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2020-2025). It describes the collective response of the UN system in Ethiopia to national development priorities. Durable solutions are mainstreamed through the document, which presents an opportunity to engage more meaningfully with development partners in the search for solutions. Areas of collaboration include addressing housing, land and property issues, supporting conflict resolution and peacebuilding initiatives, enabling economic and livelihood opportunities as well as access to basic social services and protection.

Niger: Training sessions for Niamey Protection Cluster



The rains in Niger have been particularly violent in 2020 displacing more than 400,000 persons. The Niamey Protection Cluster is implementing a series of training sessions for all sectors involved in the response to integrate protection principles into interventions in affected areas. These trainings took place in Niamey and Maradi over October 2020 and will continue.

Somalia: New health clinic for IDPs



A new maternal and child health care clinic for internally displaced expectant and nursing mothers and children opened in Doolow, Somalia, by IOM in partnership with the Ministry of Health. It was set up to provide free health care to over 5,800 families living in Kabasa, one of the

most impoverished communities of IDPs in the country. Read more [here](#).

South Sudan: Protection of Civilian sites re-designated as IDP camps



The UN Peacekeeping Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has announced the withdrawal of troops from Protection of Civilian sites, re-designating the sites to IDP camps and transferring the control to the Government of South Sudan. The Protection Cluster has ensured the transitioning process is done in transparent manner, protection risks are assessed and considered. The Cluster is conducting a Protection Risk Assessment to identify the main protection considerations for the transition and released a note which includes recommendations for UNMISS, the Humanitarian Country Team, the government and protection organizations to ensure the protection of the IDPs. The note is available [here](#).

South Sudan: Protecting IDPs during the COVID-19 pandemic



The Protection Cluster, in partnership with OHCHR, UNHCR and the national NGO Humanitarian Development Consortium, produced [a series of cartoons](#) on protection and human rights considerations in the context of COVID-19 to help ensure protection of IDPs and others. The cartoons are available in English, Arabic, and Bari (a local language) and illustrate do's and don'ts. Protection organizations have used the cartoons for awareness raising in several IDP camps, as well as for training staff and community mobilizers.

South Sudan: IDPs and other community members learn new skills to earn an income



In a joint UNMISS and UNHCR project, 40 IDPs and members of the host community benefited from vocational skills trainings focused on soap making and sandal production in Malakal, Upper Nile State. Participants manufactured 100 pairs of sandals by repurposing old tires and produced soap that will be distributed to vulnerable people, with special attention to elderly and persons with disabilities. The trainees received start-up kits to help them continue to practice these new skills and earn an income.

El Salvador: Training of authorities on forced displacement



In October 2020, local authorities in 11 municipalities were trained on the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the Special Law for the Attention and Protection of IDPs in El Salvador. This paves the way for the design of local assistance for IDPs. Furthermore, UNHCR and the Central American University began a course on forced displacement aimed at authorities including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Local Development and Municipalities. Forty-five persons are participating and 40 received partial scholarships.

NEW VIDEOS:

Women, COVID-19 and peace in Somalia watch [here](#).



The storyteller: In Ethiopia, families displaced by communal violence rebuild their lives, one step at a time.

See more [here](#).



AMERICAS

Honduras: Draft IDP law reaches the Congress



After a long and comprehensive process since 2013 to build a legal framework for IDPs in Honduras, the draft Law for the Prevention and Protection of Displaced People was formally presented to the National Congress on 14 October 2020, thanks to the advocacy strategy led by Jóvenes Contra la Violencia, a civil society organization that took the initiative to bring Congress on board and galvanize commitment for its review. This is a fundamental step in the protection of an estimated 247,000 IDPs in the country.

Honduras: Municipality pilots emergency humanitarian assistance programme for IDPs



The municipality of San Pedro Sula, a city with one of the highest records of forced displacement, with the support and technical assurance of UNHCR, is piloting the Municipal Mechanism of Humanitarian Assistance that aims to provide emergency humanitarian assistance and protection to IDPs and those at risk of displacement. Assistance is provided in kind and on a case-by-case basis within the first 72 hours of displacement and for a period of 90 days. This pilot will allow the consolidation of the institutional response at the local level to protect displaced people or those at risk of displacement.

Honduras: Protecting internally displaced children



Honduras is one of the pilot countries for the global initiative “Blueprint”. This initiative implemented jointly by UNHCR and UNICEF through an 18-month action plan aims to improve coordination and response to the protection needs of internally displaced children in the areas of child protection, gender-based violence, water, sanitation and hygiene and education. Upcoming activities will focus on advocacy and mainstreaming protection.

Mexico: National draft IDP law approved by Chamber of Deputies



On September 29, 2020 the national-level Chamber of Deputies [unanimously approved the draft Law](#) (la Ley General para Prevenir, Atender y Reparar Integralmente el Desplazamiento Forzado Interno) on prevention and response to internal forced displacement with no negative votes or abstentions. The Bill will now be referred to the Senate for their analysis, discussion and approval. This follows submission of comments on the draft law by multiple UN agencies (OHCHR, OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, UNDP, IOM, UN Habitat and UNODC) in an open parliament session in March 2020, at the request of the Chamber of Deputies. Efforts are still required in the Senate to align the law with international standards and to ensure the participation of civil society and IDPs.

Mexico: Building National Capacity for Improved Displacement Data



A [new profiling exercise was launched in Chihuahua State](#) to complement existing data to foster an enhanced understanding of the scope, dynamics, causes, and impacts of internal displacement, as well as the profiles, main protection concerns and vulnerabilities of IDPs. The exercise is a multi-stakeholder effort involving State and Federal Government actors as well as civil society, UNHCR and JIPS.

ASIA

Philippines: IDP Protection Monitoring in Tacloban City



Amidst the pandemic, the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines, through its partnership with UNHCR, monitored the situation of IDPs in New Hope Village, Barangay Sta. Elena, Tacloban City in August 2020. The activity was conducted in coordination with local government agencies. New Hope Village is one of the government housing projects for families displaced by Typhoon Yolanda in 2013. The monitoring uncovered shelter issues such as deterioration of housing units, and lack of water and electricity connection in some houses. These concerns were referred to the City Government for their action.

EUROPE

Georgia: Facilitating IDP participation and access to government services



A network of 20 IDP volunteers from across Georgia was established in 2019. This network aims to improve two-

way communication between the government and IDPs. It also aims to foster durable solutions by strengthening the system of IDP referral to government services and supporting participation of IDPs in decisions affecting their lives. In September 2020, UNHCR organized the third meeting with the IDP volunteers together with representatives from central government and local municipalities. Participants emphasized the importance of IDPs' access to information and taking IDPs' needs and views fully into account.

Kosovo: Multi-Partner Trust Fund improving the lives of IDPs and others



The “Multi-Partner Trust Fund” initiative led by IOM, UN Women, UNHCR and coordinated by the UN Development Coordination Office has reshaped and strengthened cooperation of international stakeholders with governmental officials to ensure appropriate support for disadvantaged communities, including IDPs. New partnerships have been established with business associations and the private sector, and some of those who benefited from vocational trainings have been employed. IDPs are also supported on protection concerns, gender-based violence and access health care services. An internally displaced nurse and UNHCR conducted medical check-ups in five collective centres on 1 October to mark the International Day of Older Persons.

Ukraine: Compensation for property destroyed as a result of conflict

On September 5, 2020, the Government of Ukraine adopted Decree #947 providing an administrative mechanism for the compensation of property destroyed as a result of the conflict. This followed advocacy by UNHCR, OHCHR, IOM and NGOs (Right to Protection [R2P], DRC, Donbas SOS and NRC). Inspection of the level of destruction will be conducted locally, while consideration of individual cases and decision on compensation will be implemented regionally. In 2020, UAH 20 million have been budgeted for compensation of destroyed housing. The maximum amount to be compensated is 300 thousand UAH per household (approximately USD 10,700 under the current exchange rate). Regulations have been released and the process is being rolled out.

REGIONAL ACTION

AFRICA

Escalating conflict and displacement in the Central Sahel require concerted action



UN partners and the international community called for concerted action to resolve the multi-layered crisis affecting more than 13 million people at the Ministerial Round Table for the Central Sahel in October 2020. Conflict and violence in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger have uprooted over 1.5 million people mostly in 2020 – according to data from national authorities, IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix and partner agencies. Read more [here](#).

ICRC Ministerial Roundtable on the Central Sahel

An October 2020 side event leading up to the Ministerial Roundtable on the Central Sahel discussed the intersection between climate change and internal displacement. Chaired by the Danish Red Cross

(DRC), key recommendations included the importance of maintaining a safe humanitarian space, the need for the humanitarian sector and other sectors to strengthen climate action during armed conflict and ensure that people already suffering the consequences of war are not left out, and finally the need to work with communities in order to build their resilience and help them prepare for possible future climate-related or other shocks.

AMERICAS

MIRPS group on internal displacement discusses durable solutions



The Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework for the Americas (known by the acronym MIRPS) working group on internal displacement aims to help states develop stronger protection systems for IDPs. Their latest meeting in October 2020 focused on durable solutions. The group identified key factors for success such as the creation of strategies customized to the context, national and local leadership and ownership, planning on collective results, inclusion and participation, and flexibility in financing.

GLOBAL ACTION

First global training in Spanish on internal displacement

Between October 26, 2020 and November 19, 2020, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo is holding the first online course on Internal Displacement in Spanish. The course will focus on Mexico and Northern Central America. This course is supported by UNHCR as part of the MIRPS/CRRF process. Participants include mostly government representatives but also national human rights institutions, civil society and academia from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico.

JIPS-EGRIS Conference 2020: Building Capacity to Improve Statistics on Forced Displacement



Bringing attention to the newly adopted International Recommendations on IDP and Refugee Statistics, the Joint IDP Profiling Service and the Steering Committee of the Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics jointly organized a virtual conference. It highlighted the critical need for improved statistics on IDPs and other forcibly displaced persons to ensure that their needs and rights are fulfilled following global commitments. It also showcased concrete efforts already made and provided input for the wider community moving forward.

Ukraine: IDP and human rights activist is named European Nansen Refugee Award Winner



An IDP from Luhansk, Tetiana Barantsova, won the regional Nansen Award in the European region. Together with her team of the Luhansk non-governmental organization “AMI-Skhid”, Tetiana Barantsova has been helping IDPs with disabilities to find shelter, food, financial and psychological support. See the full story [here](#).

Interseasonal seminar of the Human Rights Council on the GP20 Plan of Action (HRC Resolution 41/15)



On October 29, 2020 the UN Human Rights Council convened an inter-sessional seminar, organized by OHCHR and moderated by the Special Rapporteur, on the GP20 Plan of Action on Advancing Prevention, Protection and Solutions for IDPs (2018-2020). IDPs from the Philippines, Ukraine and Nigeria emphasized numerous issues, including the importance of regaining access to political rights, socio-economic inclusion and their participation in decision-making. Despite the progress achieved under the GP20 Plan of Action, challenges on internal displacement are increasing and a human rights-based approach provides promise. All event documents are [here](#) and an event summary will be disseminated by OHCHR.

Launch of the Action Network for The Forcibly Displaced – Women as Agents of Change



On October 26 and 27, The German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) launched online [the Action Network on Forced Displacement – Women as Agents of Change](#). The network is composed of women in the frontlines advocating for the rights of displaced populations and IDP participation. The Special Rapporteur, as a member of the network, emphasized the importance of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the substantive principles of IDP participation.

NEW RESOURCES



New tool to measure progress on internal displacement?

[Internal Displacement Index 2020 Report](#). IDMC, 17 September 2020.



Patterns and impacts of displacement associated with the bushfire season

[The 2019-2020 Australian bushfires report: from Temporary Evacuation to Longer-Term Displacement](#). IDMC, 29 September 2020.



Forced Displacement in Mexico

[Episodes of massive forced internal displacement in Mexico](#). CMDPDH, August 2020



IDPs in Ethiopia

[Ethiopia Records More Than 1.8 Million Internally Displaced in 2020](#). IOM, September 2020

Drought and population movement in Afghanistan

Reports: [Research: The challenge of Return and Reintegration in Afghanistan](#). UNDP, October 2020.



[Building Back Better: Making sense of Drought and Resilience in Afghanistan](#).

UNDP, October 2020



IDMC mid-year update

[Internal displacement 2020: a mid-year report](#).

IDMC, 23 September 2020



GP20 reflections and good practices

[FMR 65 – GP20 Special Feature: lessons and good practice](#). *Forced Migration Review*, November 2020



[GP20 Webinar Peacebuilding and internal forced displacement- victim reparation and inclusion in the context of Colombia's peace process](#) October 6, 2020



First estimates of the number of IDP youth

[Becoming an Adult in Internal Displacement- Key Figures, Challenges and Opportunities for Internally Displaced Youth](#). IDMC 24 September 2020.



Climate change as a driver of internal displacement

[Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons Report](#). UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs, October 2020.

Read more and watch the 20 October event [here](#).



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[Integrated approaches to preventing and addressing internal displacement](#) September 30, 2020

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