

# 2019: IDMC at a glance

## Strengthening our base

- The largest ever number of both disaster-related and conflict-related displacement events ever monitored and reported on (2000 in all - up from 600 in 2016).
- Data training workshops held in CAR, DRC, Ethiopia, Niger, Somalia, South Sudan
- 2800 surveys, 200 in-depth interviews and 4 social cartographies in 15 countries, 40 research and analysis pieces
- A new External Relations division created, combining communications and fundraising - USD 5.3m raised (2018: USD 4.5m)
- A newly established IDMC Advisory Group, which met in October.

## Further raising our profile

- May: *The Global Report on Internal Displacement* GRID launch drew wide media coverage (615 mentions up from 470 in 2018; 258,000 Twitter impressions up from 130,000; the focus of an *Inside Story* debate on Al Jazeera. 'Firsts': thematic research on urban internal displacement; translation into Arabic, French and Spanish; regional launches in the Middle East (Doha) and Latin America (Mexico City).
- October: The second Annual Conference focused on finding 'Solutions' both to prevent and to respond to internal displacement.
- December: IDMC Director Alexandra Bilak was invited by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to join the Expert Advisory Group for the UN High Level Panel on Internal Displacement.

## **New and ongoing data approaches and research, partners and donors**

IDMC developed:

- new thinking and methodology on the durability of IDP returns in conflict situations, and kickstarted conversations on 'partial' or 'unverified' solutions
- new drought displacement methodology (published in English and in French)
- new analysis on monitoring the relationship between cross-border and internal displacement

IDMC carried out thematic research in new areas:

- the economic costs and impacts of internal displacement
- the social costs of internal displacement, especially its impact on children
- ways for governments to monitor their own progress – and risk levels – in the face of internal displacement (46 countries were examined under the evolving Internal Development Index, and several nationally adapted country dashboards were developed)

IDMC launched new partnerships:

- Data: Institute for Scientific Interchange (ISI) Foundation, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zürich), MeteoSwiss
- Policy and research: UNICEF, UNESCO, UN Habitat
- Media: Al Jazeera
- Civil society: Qatar Charity

IDMC received continued and new donor funding, including from:

- Australia – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- European Union – a new grant from the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (EU/DEVCO) for improved displacement data analysis and capacity-building in the Pacific, with IDMC leading a consortium including the IOM and the Platform on Disaster Displacement. Other EU funding from Horizon 2020 (DG Research)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Germany – Federal Foreign Office (FFO)
- Liechtenstein – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Norway – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Sweden – International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- Switzerland – Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- USA – Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA); Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM)

### **Pointing the way to our future – country-level support**

- Four 'Displacement Dialogues' held in 2019 for a network of 20 countries in Geneva
- New and continuing dialogues at ambassadorial level in Geneva and New York with countries hosting IDPs (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Chad, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Fiji, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia, Sudan), Global South leaders (Algeria, Djibouti, Morocco), and other key stakeholders (the African Union, the ASEAN, Belgium, Germany, France, the European Union, Japan, Kuwait, Qatar, South Korea, and Switzerland)
- Ongoing dialogue with Governments seeking advice and practical help: Ethiopia, Mali, Mexico, and Nigeria.