



QUARTERLY UPDATE

April-June 2005

Introduction

This edition of the **Quarterly Update** covers the Global IDP Project's activities between 1 April and 30 June 2005. It is also available electronically at www.idpproject.org.

The **Quarterly Update** should be read along with the 2005 Annual Appeal, which outlines the main objectives, activities and financial needs for the year.



"NYARAZIBONEYE Laheri; Widow in the Province Ruhengeri, Rwanda Photo: Arild Birkenes May 2005 Global IDP Project. Here her testimony: "I have 400 square meter arable land to cater for myself and my 5 children. Only 1 of them attend school, due to too high costs. I was forced to move into this government created settlement site in 2000. I am afraid to reclaim my original home which I was forced to abandon in 1997"

IDPs high on the agenda

IDP side event at Human Rights Commission

On 7 April, the Project organised and chaired a side event during the Commission on Human

Rights to discuss recent trends in the worldwide internal displacement situation, and highlight the responsibility of states towards IDPs and the role of civil society and the international community in promoting state responses in line with international standards. The main speakers included Walter Kälin, the UN Representative on IDPs, Elisabeth Rasmusson, head of the Global IDP Project, Andrés Sánchez from the Colombian Commission of Jurists, and Björn Pettersson from the UN Internal Displacement Division.

Position paper on international IDP response

In June, the Global IDP Project circulated a position paper on the future of the Collaborative Response among its donors and partner organisations. The paper, which supports the Collaborative Response but recommends a number of improvements, is to be circulated among other NGOs with the aim of developing a common NGO position on the issue. The paper was welcomed by a number of donors. During the second quarter, the Project has been consulted by a number of donor governments for advice on IDP policy matters.

Donor meeting on IDD

The future of the Collaborative Approach was also discussed at a working meeting hosted by Canada on 27 June to review the work of the Internal Displacement Division (IDD) one year after it was strengthened by the Emergency Relief Coordinator. The IDD presented a proposal aimed at introducing sectoral responsibility in a number of areas so far neglected by the international community. The IASC Working Group had agreed in principle to explore the proposed sectoral approach in a meeting held the previous week. The Global IDP Project welcomed the proposal as a step in the right direction as it would strengthen accountability in the IDP response system, in line with a key recommendation made

in the Project's position paper. The meeting also brought attention to the responsibility donor governments have in making the Collaborative Response work, in particular by developing a consistent position vis-à-vis operational agencies and providing sufficient financial support.

Focus on displaced children

As a member of the Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, the NRC – through the Global IDP Project – has been promoting the adoption of a Security Council resolution establishing an effective mechanism for monitoring and reporting on serious human rights violations against children in conflict settings. Many of these children are internally displaced, and they receive little protection from their own government or from the international community. So far, the Security Council has failed to adopt a resolution, due lack of consensus.

Seminar on IDP protection

The Global IDP Project participated in an International Seminar organised by Peace Brigades International on “Protecting the Human Rights of IDPs and Promoting their Organisational Processes” on 27-29 June 2005. Community leaders from various countries affected by internal displacement and IDP organisations participated and exchanged experiences. One of their recommendations was a request directed to the Global IDP Project to take the lead in facilitating an IDP community network and to set up a web page for disseminating lessons learned, exchange of experiences and best practices.

Monitoring & Advocacy

Fact-finding missions

In the second quarter of 2005, the Global IDP Project conducted fact-finding missions to three countries affected by internal displacement: Serbia (including Kosovo), Uganda and Rwanda. The missions will be followed by the publication in July of in-depth reports including recommendations to the respective governments and international actors. The findings of the mission to Serbia and Kosovo were also communicated to the Representative of the Secretary-General on

the Human Rights of IDPs, Walter Kälin, in preparation of his visit to the region shortly afterwards. The findings of the mission to Rwanda were presented at the monthly NGO-IASC meeting in Geneva on 8 June 2005.

Country profile updates

Moreover, the Project released 16 country profile updates between April and June 2005.

Myanmar (Burma)	27 June 2005
Mexico	20 June 2005
Eritrea	17 June 2005
Pakistan	10 June 2005
Israel	2 June 2005
Colombia	27 May 2005
Indonesia	26 May 2005
Central African Republic	26 May 2005
India	13 May 2005
Ethiopia	13 May 2005
Côte d'Ivoire	10 May 2005
Cyprus	28 April 2005
Liberia	15 April 2005
Syria	14 April 2005
Georgia	12 April 2005
Republic of Congo	8 April 2005

All updates are available from the online IDP database at www.idpproject.org.

Focus on gender issues in Turkey training

In May 2005, a representative of the Monitoring and Advocacy Department participated in the Project's training workshop for government officials in Ankara, Turkey (see under Training below). As part of the Project's increased focus on gender issues, a training module on the particular problems of displaced women was presented, as well as practical suggestions for national authorities to ensure a gender sensitive approach to a displacement situation. The Project also attended a presentation made by Hacettepe University which outlined progress made by the institution on the national survey on IDPs it is undertaking in Turkey.

Staff changes

In June, Cathy Benetti left the Project after three years working for the database team. The Project

has hired two new Country Analysts to strengthen the database team, Aninia Nadig and Jesse Bernstein.

Interactive map on internal displacement

Based on data provided by the Global IDP Project und UNHCR, Maplecroft released an interactive web-based map on internal displacement. The map is designed as an innovative awareness-raising and management tool for business. In particular, it examines the role of business and the manner in which proactive companies are engaging through partnerships to support the protection and enhancement of displaced people's rights. The map can be viewed at <http://maps.maplecroft.com>



Appalling conditions in Gisenyi settlement sites established by the Rwandan government. Photo: Arild Birkenes, Global IDP Project

Protection & Training

Workshop in Turkey for government officials

On 5-6 May, the Global IDP Project conducted a training on the Guiding Principles for Turkish government officials, upon the request of the government. The objective was to strengthen the capacity of national authorities at the central and provincial levels to better respond to the internal displacement situation in southeastern Turkey. Participants included in particular deputy governors from southeastern provinces affected by internal displacement. The Representative of the UN Secretary General on the Human Rights of IDPs, Professor Walter Kälin, participated in several sessions of the workshop, which was sched-

uled to coincide with his working visit to Turkey. The Representative answered questions from the participants, in particular in relation to the policy of the Turkish government with regard to the issue of internal displacement.

Workshop in Uganda for NRC

Later in May, the Project's trainer facilitated a workshop on the Guiding Principles and the protection of IDPs for NRC's staff members in Uganda. The workshop was part of training project developed by NRC Uganda to empower the displaced communities through training based on the Guiding Principles, NRC's Camp Management Toolkit and the Sphere standards. In addition to the four local trainers in charge of this project, about 20 other staff members from other NRC programmes in northern Uganda attended the workshop, as well as a London-based representative of UK donor agency, DFID. Following the workshop, the Project and NRC trainers discussed adult learning styles and training techniques, and drafted a model session plan on the Guiding Principles.

Workshop in Indonesia for the National Human Rights Commission

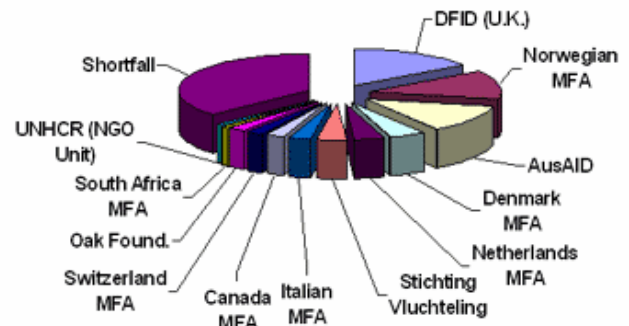


Workshop for the National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia, June 2005: Panelists representing state institutions, UN organisations and civil society inform participants about their mandate, capacity and experience in addressing the needs of IDPs in Indonesia. Photo: C. Beau, Global IDP Project.

The training department continued its capacity-building project for national human rights institutions in the Asia-Pacific region, by organising and delivering a training on the Guiding Principles to the National Human Rights Commission

of Indonesia (Komnas Ham). About 30 participants, including commissioners and staff members from the Commission's headquarters and provincial offices, attended the workshop which was facilitated jointly by Komnas Ham, the Norwegian Human Rights Centre and the Global IDP Project. During the workshop, the participants expressed their willingness to see Komnas Ham more actively engaged in the protection of the people displaced within Indonesia, for example through advocacy towards the authorities, training activities targeting local actors, and monitoring. It was decided that a detailed action plan with regard to the role of Komnas Ham in the protection of IDPs would be prepared by an ad-hoc working group under the leadership of the Commissioner in charge of the protection of special groups.

Contributions received/pledged for the year 2005
[as of June 30th, 2005]



During the first half of 2005, the Global IDP Project has been able to cover 78 per cent of its budget with pledged and received contributions. The chart above indicates the Project's current donors which include nine governments, two private foundations, and UNHCR (NGO Unit).

The Global IDP Project still needs financial contributions in order to be able to materialise all activities planned as outlined in the Appeal 2005. We count on you for further support. All contributions are welcome!

Three workshops – three voices

Workshop in Turkey, May 2005

"During the training course, the participants were able to define IDPs in accordance with the terminology used by international organisations. In particular, the examples presented and the form of the workshop helped us to think about IDP situations. I believe that everyone who joined the course will approach the subject with greater capacity."

Bekir Sitki Dag, Ministry of Interior, Turkey

Workshop in Uganda, May 2005

"I enjoyed the workshop very much and appreciated the mix of theoretical principles and practical applications."

Jeremy Stickings, DFID

Workshop with the Indonesian Human Rights Commission.

"The workshop is in great assistance toward the work of Komnas HAM, especially on IDPs issues. The participants got new knowledge on IDPs from many perspectives. The recommendations from the workshop are very useful for Komnas HAM to develop its program in the area of internal displacement. We are grateful to have good cooperation with the Norwegian Refugee Council and the Norwegian Human Rights Centre who shared their knowledge and experience in this workshop."

Dr. Koesparmono Irsan (National Human Rights Commissioner, Subcommission of Special Group Protection)



Cemetery in IDP camp in Lira District, Uganda. 18 people were killed here by LRA rebels in one night in 2003. Photo: Arild Birkenes, Global IDP Project

Financial Situation

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