



THE INTERNATIONAL DATA ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN ON THE MOVE

Leveraging data
to protect and
empower migrant
and displaced
children

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IDAC Mission and Objectives

MISSION: to improve data and statistics on migrant and displaced children in support of evidence-based policymaking and programming that can protect and empower them

Formally established in 2020



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IDAC Organizational Structure and Membership

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countries

Latin America (5): Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru

Asia (2): Nepal, Thailand

Sub-Saharan Africa (4): Cameroon, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda

MENA (4): Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco

Europe (10): Greece, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

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NGOs and Think
Tanks

Mixed Migration Centre, Migration Policy Institute, Save the Children, IDMC, IMPACT-REACH, EU – KCMD, Aid Data, JIPS, Australian National University, ISDC, Northwestern University, Georgetown University, University of Bristol, WorldPop

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International
Organizations

UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR, UNDP, UNSD, UNPD, ESCAP, UNFPA, UNESCO, WHO, African Union, OECD, Eurostat

Secretariat

- UNICEF
- IOM
- UNHCR
- OECD
- Eurostat

Advisory Board

- Statistics Norway
- South Africa Statistics
- Statistics Sweden
- Statistics Netherlands
- African Union
- Department of Statistics in Jordan
- UN Statistics Division
- UN Population Division
- UNESCAP

Working Group 1 Data capacity strengthening

Identify **gaps** in national data ecosystems; Provide **solutions** and strengthen general data systems

Working Group 2 Indicators and data

Identify and develop **indicators** linked to SDGs, GCM and GCR; Develop **guidance** to improve measurement for child-specific indicators and data

Working Group 3 Data availability on internally displaced children

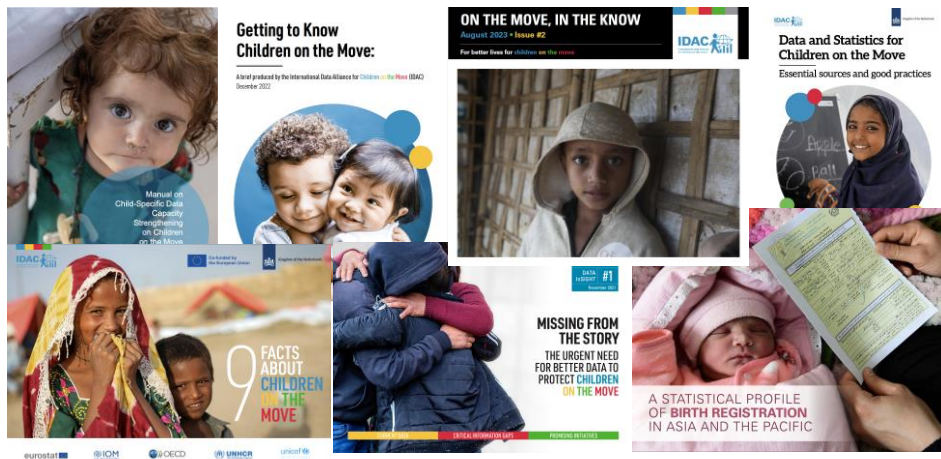
Disaggregate data on internally displaced children; Improve knowledge on the **impacts** of internal displacement on children on the move; Improve **availability** of info to prevent internal displacement

Working Group 4 Collaboration on innovative methods

Develop **innovative methods**; **collaborate** with organizations and partnerships on data, including with academics, to improve data analysis on children on the move

IDAC Activities

1 Publications



2 Events

- IDAC Annual Conference 2023
- Side-event at the 2023 World Data Forum
- Side-event at the 54th UNSC
- Parallel event at the 3rd IFMS

3 Global Advocacy and Policy Engagement

- Global Pledge for Better Data
- UNSC
- UNMN Indicators
- EGRIS
- EGMS

4 Regional Collaboration

- AU
- UN ESCAP
- IGAD

5 Youth Engagement

- Migration, Youth and Children Platform

IDAC: Quick Facts (since 2020)



In just three years, IDAC has...

→ **ORGANIZED**

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Events and webinars on improving data for children on the move

→ **PUBLISHED**

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Reports, briefs, blog posts, newsletters and data updates

→ **SPOTLIGHTED
CHILDREN AT**

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Global and regional forums, calling attention to children's needs in the migration and displacement agenda

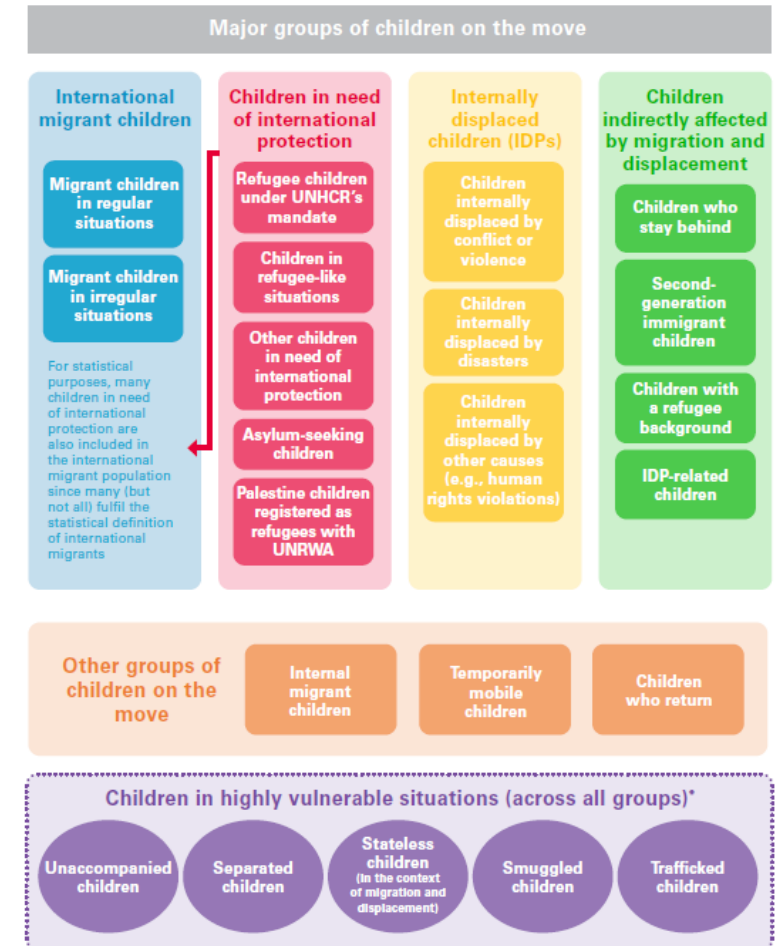
1 Brief on Terms, Definitions and Concepts

OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Serves as a **reference document**
- ✓ Promotes a conceptual framework of the term **children on the move**
- ✓ Unpacks key migration and displacement terms as they relate to children

KEY MESSAGES:

1. **Standardized definitions for all children on the move are essential** to improve the quality of data and research and to protect their rights
2. **Gaps in global, regional and national data persist** for many subgroups of children on the move



2 IDAC Brief on Data Sources and Good Practices

OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Provides a guide to **existing databases and resource hubs**
- ✓ Identifies specific challenges and opportunities related to improving the availability of data
- ✓ Showcases **country-level examples** of promising initiatives and best practices

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Challenges in coordination, sharing, standardization and dissemination prevent data from being fully and effectively utilized
2. Focusing on improvements to **administrative data** is a promising strategy
3. Exploring and leveraging **alternative data sources**, such as big data and operational or programmatic data, is another strategic opportunity

Global data* on children on the move

Latest available estimates by different groups of children on the move

Major group of children on the move (year data available)	Subgroup	Available number
International migrant children** (2020)	Migrant children in regular situations	
	Migrant children in irregular situations	
	Total	35.5 million
Children in need of international protection (2022)	Refugee children under UNHCR's mandate	14.2 million
	Children in refugee-like situations	
	Other children in need of international protection	
	Asylum-seeking children	1.5 million
	Palestine children registered as refugees with UNRWA	1.8 million
Total	17.5 million	
Internally displaced children (2022)	Children internally displaced by conflict and violence	25.8 million
	Children internally displaced by disasters	3.8 million
	Children internally displaced by other causes	
	Total	29.7 million

Children indirectly affected by migration and displacement	Children who stay behind	
	Second-generation children of immigrants	
	IDP-related children	
Other groups of children on the move	Children with a refugee background	
	Internal migrant children	
	Children who return	
	Temporarily mobile children	
Children in highly vulnerable situations (across all groups)	Children with the intention of seeking asylum	
	Trafficked children	
	Smuggled children	
	Unaccompanied children	
	Separated children	
	Stateless children (in the context of migration and displacement)	

3 Manual on Child-Specific Data Capacity Strengthening on Children on the Move

- ✓ Manual was conceptualized and developed by **IDAC Working Group 1** led by the **Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)**
- ✓ Reflects in a comprehensive and clear manner the **challenges and standard procedures** for developing, collecting, processing, and publishing reliable data on children on the move.
- ✓ Aims to **strengthen national statistical systems' ability** to safely collect, analyse, store and make available high-quality, disaggregated and reliable data on children on the move.

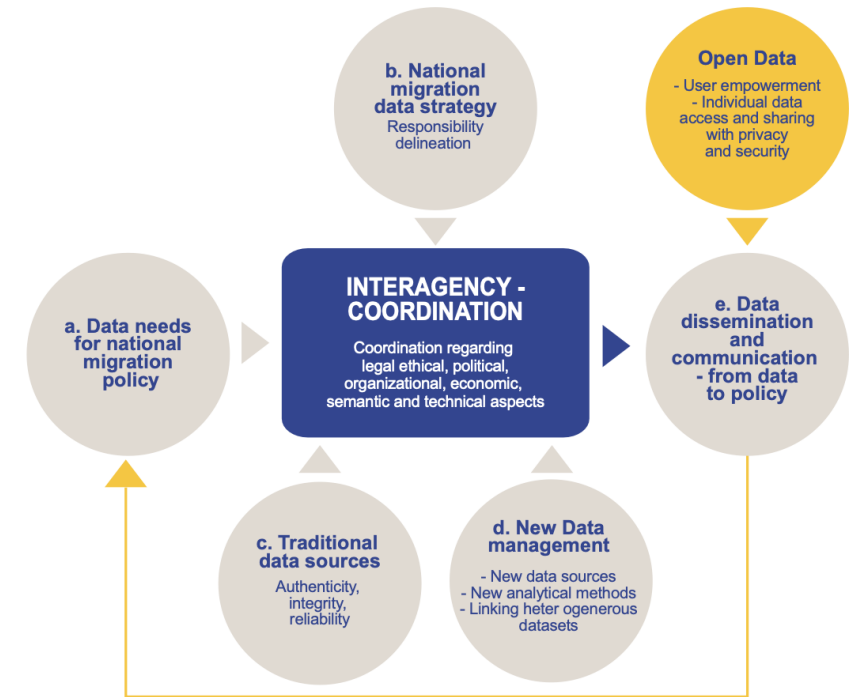


Figure 1. A comprehensive national migration data infrastructure³¹

Upcoming: IDAC Guidelines on Child-Specific Indicators

PROBLEM:

- A large gap on wellness data for children on the move
- Availability of age and sex and migrant disaggregated data is unbalanced
- Multiple indicator frameworks, with no focus on children

OBJECTIVES:

- Recommend stock and flow statistics for children
- Recommend child specific indicators for Health, Nutrition, Education, Child Protection and Poverty
- Discuss crucial disaggregation dimensions
- Provide examples on best practices and experiences



Health and nutrition

SDG 2.2.2
Wasting

SDG 3.7.2
Adolescent birth rate

SDG 3.8.1
Essential health services coverage



Education

SDG 4.1.1
Reading and math proficiency

SDG 4.1.2
Completion rate

SDG 8.6.1
Youth NEET



Child protection

SDG 16.9.1
Birth registration

UNICEF SP 3.a.7
Sustainable solution



Poverty

SDG 1.2.1
Under national poverty line

SDG 1.2.2
Multidimensional poverty



IDAC-EU Partnership 2024-26

- **3-year grant** from the EU Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG-INTPA)
- To **drive global, regional and country efforts** to improve the availability, analysis and distribution of child-specific data in the context of migration and forced displacement.
- By leveraging the **technical expertise and networks** of IDAC Secretariat and other IDAC members



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Objective 1 – National data systems and capacities to protect migrant and displaced children are strengthened.

- Guideline on child-specific indicators by WG2
- Joint IDAC-EGRISS-ESCAP workshop on CRVS with a focus on forced displacement, statelessness, and Children on the Move – March 2024
- Partnership with Migration, Youth and Children Platform (MYCP)

Objective 2 – Collaborative and innovative methods for child-specific data work are established and promoted.

- Enhancing the focus on children in IOM's Missing Migrant Project
- Webinars on innovative approaches and best practices on child-specific data in migration and displacement context

Objective 3 – Data visibility, availability, accessibility and usability related to children on the move are improved.

- IDAC Online Data Portal
- Dedicated reports on children based on UNHCR's Forced Displacement Survey
- Side events at the World Data Forum, UN Statistical Commission and International Forum on Migration and Statistics

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