Information about child migration: IDAC work

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A question of protecting children

Millions on the move

35.5 million **international migrant children** (as of Dec. 2020)

36.5 million children **displaced by conflict and violence** (as of Dec. 2021)

25.5 children **internally displaced** (as of Dec. 2021)

2 of 3 Ukrainian children have been displaced since Feb. 2022

1 in 3 of the world's stateless people are children

1 in 2 of the world's children live in 33 countries classified as high risk of climate change impacts
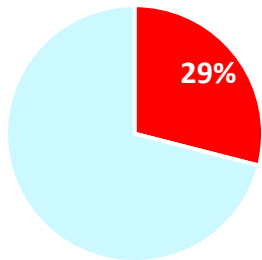
Protective frameworks

- ✓ Convention on the Rights of the Child
- ✓ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with specific targets related to children
- ✓ The Global Compact for Migration
- ✓ The Global Compact on Refugees
- ✓ United Nations Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement
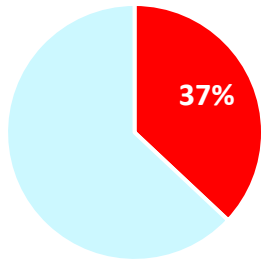
WHAT Data Gaps and Challenges?

Data gaps on children living in migration or
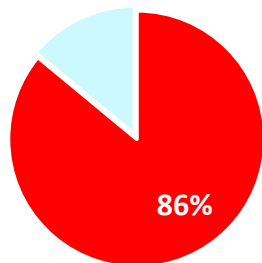forced displacement are hampering our response

Global

29%

About 3 in 10 countries and territories (29%) do not have age-disaggregated migrant stock data
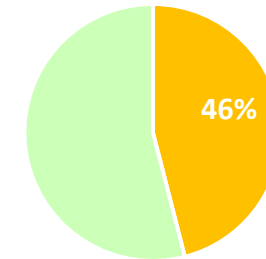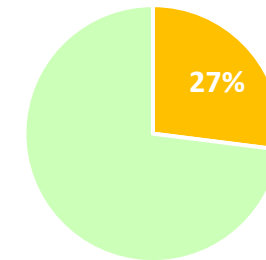
37%

Almost 2 in 5 countries with data on refugees do not provide reliable data on age

86%

More than 4 in 5 countries and territories with conflict-related internally displaced persons do not disaggregate the data by age

LAC

27%
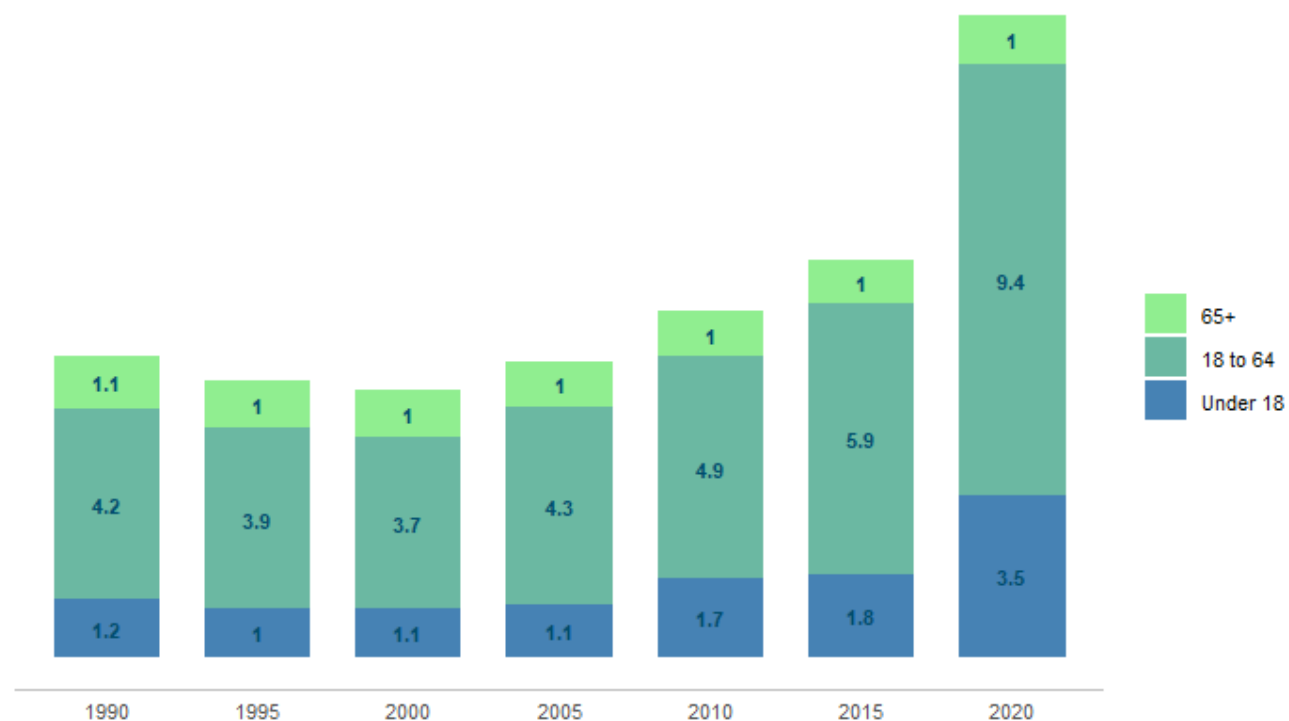
46%

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Children outside of their home countries: 3.5 million in LAC countries

In 2020, the number of foreign-born persons in LAC countries reached 14 million – Almost 3.5 million of them were children

Number of international migrants by age, 1990 to 2020 (in millions)

Legend:
- 65+
- 18 to 64
- Under 18

Data by year:

Year	Under 18	18 to 64	65+
1990	1.2	4.2	1.1
1995	1	3.9	1
2000	1.1	3.7	1
2005	1.1	4.3	1
2010	1.7	4.9	1
2015	1.8	5.9	1
2020	3.5	9.4	1

Source: UNICEF analysis based on United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, Trends in International Migrant Stock: The 2020 Revision Migrants by Age and Sex. United Nations, New York, 2021.

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Forcibly displaced children: too many

As of 2021, **3.2 million children** in LAC countries had been **displaced as a result of conflict and violence**

110 thousand
Children displaced as consequence of natural disasters

1.2 million
Refugee children

157 thousand
asylum seekers

1.8 million
IDP children

1 in 59

children in LAC countries were living in forced displacement, as of 2021

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Disasters are a major cause of new displacements in the LACRO region – but conflict and violence lead to large numbers of children in protracted displacement

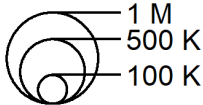New child internal displacements by cause of displacement
In 2021

Child internal displacements by cause of displacement
End of 2021

1 M
500 K
100 K

Disaster related   Conflict related

Disaster related   Conflict related

How do we address the data challenges?

Political

- Child sensitivity: many policies and programs designed without a child lens

- Competing political priorities

- Lack of political will

- Migration and displacement can be contentious

- Lack of effective messaging around importance of data for informing policies and programmes

Technical & substantive

- Differences in definitions, standards and methodologies

- Lack of age-disaggregated data

- Difficulty capturing data on vulnerable groups

- Poor coordination among stakeholders (i.e., national statistical authorities and line ministries)

Systemic & structural

- Key stakeholders often have competing priorities and mandates

- Lack of capacity – both human and financial

- Ministries, other bodies producing data on children on the move and policymakers often operate in silos.

- Lack of cross-country data sharing and use

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About the IDAC

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

✓ Strategic **cooperation** with key actors and relevant stakeholders

✓ **Working Groups** to co-create solutions

✓ Link with **regional** and **global** processes

IDAC ACTION PLAN

Objective 1. Strengthen national data systems and capacities to protect migrant and forcibly displaced children, through the provision of sustainable capacity-building support

Objective 2. Promote and establish collaborative, innovative methods for child-specific data work (e.g., the annual conference, collaborative events, thematic reports, working groups)

Objective 3. Improve data visibility, availability, accessibility and usability by developing a global database and dashboard on children on the move, as well as a dedicated online IDAC hub

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES AND MEMBERSHIP

Member States

- Europe (9): Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

- Latin America and the Caribbean (3): Colombia, Mexico, Peru

- Middle East and North Africa (3): Egypt, Jordon, Morocco

- Southeast Asia (2); Nepal, Thailand

- Sub-Saharan Africa (3): Cameroon, South Africa, Nigeria

UN and other international organizations

- UNICEF
- IOM
- UNHCR
- UNSD
- UNPD
- UNESCAP
- UNFPA
- UNDP
- UNESCO
- WHO
- African Union Commission
- OECD
- Eurostat

NGO's, think tanks, academia

- AidData
- Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)
- International Security and Development Centre
- IMPACT – REACH initiative
- **Joint IP Profiling Service (JIPS)**
- **Mixed Migration Centre**
- **Save the Children**
- Migration Policy Institute (MPI)
- Joint Research Centre - Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography
- **WorldPop**

Secretariat

- UNICEF (chair)
- IOM
- UNHCR
- OECD
- Eurostat

Advisory board

- African Union Commission
- Department of Statistics in Jordan
- Statistics Netherland
- Statistics Norway
- Statistics South Africa
- UNESCAP
- UN Population Division
- UN Statistics Division

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IDAC RESPONSE: STRATEGIC COOPERATION, SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

IDAC is addressing the data challenges by:

➡ Providing a **platform** for key stakeholders to convene and co-create solutions

➡ Bringing together, sharing and disseminating disparate **data sources** on children on the move, while spotlighting ongoing data gaps

➡ Raising the need to include children's voices and needs at key **global forums**

➡ Advocating for better data for children during **crises and emergencies**

IDAC: Quick Facts & Highlights (2020–2022)

In just three years, IDAC has…

→ **ORGANIZED** **9** Events and webinars on improving data for children on the move

→ **PUBLISHED** **9** Reports, briefs, blog posts, newsletters and data updates

→ **SPOTLIGHTED CHILDREN AT** **7** Global and regional forums, calling attention to children's needs in the migration and displacement agenda

IDAC WORKING GROUPS

WG1

Goal: To strengthen the capacity of national statistical systems to produce data on children on the move
Output: Manual on child-specific data capacity-building

WG2

Goal: To develop child-specific indicators and metadata most relevant to children on the move to help achieve the SDGs, GCM and GCR
Output: Guidelines on key child-specific indicators

WG3

Goal: To improve the availability of data on internally displaced children

Outputs: Blog posts on education needs of internally displaced children; publication on costing education for internally displaced children

WG4

Goal: To promote collaboration around innovative methods and solutions for child-specific data

Output: Proposal for pilot project on data disaggregation for migrant and displaced children

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IDAC RECENT INITIATIVES

Working Group products

1 **Manual on child-specific data capacity strengthening on children on the move**

- ✓ Helps countries' national statistical systems develop their **capacity** to produce data on children on the move
- ✓ Provides guidance on child-specific principles and protections necessary to produce and process data

2 **Guidelines on child-specific indicators**

- ✓ Recommends key **indicators** for countries to prioritize to help them monitor the rights and wellbeing of migrant and displaced children
- ✓ Includes **10 priority indicators** across Health, Education, Child Protection and Poverty, and 17 additional indicators

Other publications

3 **Children on the move: key terms, definitions and concepts**

- ✓ Provides a **conceptual framework** for understanding the multiple, overlapping categories of children on the move
- ✓ Unpacks key migration and displacement **terms** as they relate to children

Getting to Know
Children on the Move:
A brief produced by the International Data Alliance for Children on the Move (IDAC)
December 2022

4 **Data and statistics for Children on the Move: key sources and good practices**

- ✓ Explores the **landscape of data sources** on migrant and displaced children
- ✓ Identifies specific challenges and opportunities related to improving the availability of data

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From Promises to Action: Towards Better Data for Migrant and Displaced Children

✓ Builds on IDAC's five key **action points**

✓ Launched in partnership with the **Migration Youth and Children Platform** (MYCP)

✓ Sets forth **specific activities** and solutions for policy and programme intervention

Better Data for Children on the Move: 5 Strategic Action Points

1. Disaggregate data by age, sex and migratory status

2. Collect data on key issues related to children on the move

3. Make better use of existing data, and share it

4. Coodinate data collection efforts within countries and across borders

5. Make special efforts to collect and analyse data on children

Example of concrete pledge: Join the IDAC to improve data on children on the move!

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A tool to support the Global Pledge:
Integrated Data Ecosystem Assessment and Strengthening (IDEAS)

Objectives of **IDEAS**
- Comprehensively map existing data
- Identify gaps and good practices in national data system and capacities
- Provide recommendations on how to sustainably enhance the collection, analysis and use of high-quality, timely and disaggregated data on children on the move at the country level

Modules
- General module (legal and political settings, national migration data strategy, basic migration statistics and disaggregation, interagency coordination, data sharing)

- Topic specific module (child protection, education, child asylum seekers, detention, statelessness)

IDEAS pilot projects in Thailand (2019) and Jordan (2020)

How can we work together?

Advocacy

- Join the alliance!
- Sign the Global Pledge and commit to take concrete actions.
- Refer IDAC's work to relevant processes at the regional level

Technical work

- Contribute to IDAC publications
- Share relevant data and information from the ground, including good practices and lessons learned

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