

Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre
Global harmonized data on internal displacement to
inform prevention, response and solutions
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1. KEY PROJECT FEATURES

Project Title	Global harmonized data on internal displacement to inform prevention, response and solutions
Organization Name	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)/Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)
Organization Website	https://www.internal-displacement.org/
Reporting Duration	26 July – 21 December 2024
Grant Size (\$)	\$1,500,000
Implementing Partners	N/A
Report Submission Date (DD/MMM/YYYY)	04/Apr/ 2025
Geographic Scope of the Project	Global
MPTF Office Project Reference Number	MPTF_00249_00020

2. SURVEY

A. Project implementation

#	Question	Assessment [1 = Not at all; 5 = To a very great extent]	Context [Max. 30 words each]
1	Has your project been achieving the proposed objectives in a timely manner?	4	The project has been achieving all the objectives in a timely manner: improving data processing and information sharing, enhancing historical data records and strengthening our internal displacement monitoring capacity.
2	Has your project been delivering the planned outputs ?	4	The project has been delivering the planned outputs, with notable progress on the following: development and pilot-testing of NLP tool, historical data review, and recruiting and training a monitoring roster.
3	Have the pre identified risks been impacting the project delivery?	3	Unanticipated co-funding losses have resulted in negative impacts on infrastructure, data integration, and partner engagement. Despite setbacks, the system remains functional, with mitigation strategies ensuring continuity and delivery.
4	If relevant, have your risk mitigation strategies been effectively helping manage and address risks?	3	Budget constraints hinder infrastructure, data integration, partner engagement. Staff cuts reduce monitoring capacity, but mitigation strategies maintain project delivery which include cuts in core infrastructure, downscaling monitoring coverage and capacity.

B. Impact on better crisis action

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5	Have the data/insights from this project been enabling ecosystem partners to allocate resources in a faster, more targeted, and more dignified way?	4	IDMC via HDX Signals and its IDU database helped CERF allocate \$17M for early action in South Sudan and Niger, showing how timely alerts enable faster, targeted resource allocation.
6	Have the data/insights from this project been helping ecosystem partners reach people earlier, faster, and in a more targeted and dignified way?	4	IDMC's API usage surged more than 200% since August 2024, supporting early warning, crisis monitoring, resource allocation, advocacy, and data integration for humanitarian operations.
7	Have the data/insights from this project been helping partners analyze and address the gendered impacts of crises?	4	IDMC publishes SADD data, estimating displacement's impact on women and children using demographic data. In 2024, we began comparing observational data with proxy estimates to enhance displacement analysis accuracy.
8	To what extent have the data/insights from this project been enabling or strengthening anticipatory action and early warning/early action capabilities of ecosystem partners?	4	UN-OCHA, FCDO-HSOT, SIDA, CERF, UNICEF, IFRC, DRC and EU-ECHO rely on IDMC data for anticipatory action or situational awareness, supporting timely, targeted early action or responses to humanitarian crises.

C. CRAF'd Impact on your organization

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9	Has the CRAF'd funding been enabling your organization to break into new areas of work?	4	This project strengthened monitoring, quality control, and data automation, including AI-powered analysis of unstructured data in 42+ languages, expanding data processing capabilities and humanitarian response through automation and monitoring support.
10	Has the CRAF'd funding been helping improve the quality of your organization's work?	4	CRAF'd improved IDMC's data quality through automated checks, reducing manual errors in cleaning and entry. API enhancements and better documentation further increased data reliability, accessibility, and usability for end users.
11	Has the CRAF'd funding been contributing to improving your organization's data and analysis capabilities or systems?	4	CRAF'd improved data processing, quality control, and entry speed, enhancing data accuracy. The Monitoring Roster accelerated data updates, while backend enhancements increased the performance of internal platforms and APIs.
12	Has the CRAF'd funding been helping reduce transaction costs and enhance the efficiency of grant management?	NA	IDMC still maintains its relationships with other donors beyond CRAF'd therefore transaction costs linked with grant management have not been reduced. In the current aid funding context, the multilateral funding provided by CRAF'd was helpful, efficient, accountable and reliable. This funding provides technical core funding, which is key to enabling IDMC to maintain and continue improving its systems. In a context where sustaining essential data for internal displacement is more than ever at risk, this support is essential and indispensable. It is worth noting that considering the activities covered as part of this project, this funding is also sustainable by design.
13	Has the CRAF'd funding been supporting the development of a sustainable core funding model for your organization/project?	NA	CRAF'd funding helps IDMC access funding it could not otherwise access. This helps to ensure we maintain our critical dataset on internal displacement.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS

A. Summary of key achievements

Provide the **top three major milestones** achieved so far. Explain why each was significant and how it contributed to the project's objective. These achievements will be highlighted on your project page in our upcoming **CRAF'd Annual Report** (see pages 40–50 for reference).

Milestone [Max. 30 words each]	Significance [Max. 30 words each]	Links/materials
<p>IDMC has developed and pilot-tested a unique natural language processing tool that helps detect internal displacement events from unstructured sources in 42+ languages, achieving 94% classification accuracy for conflict/disaster displacement.</p>	<p>The tool broadens displacement monitoring coverage and pioneers new methods for processing internal displacement data from unstructured sources, reducing the manual workload and enabling more timely and disaggregated insights.</p>	<p>Displacement Documents Classification.docx</p>
<p>IDMC has automated data entry into the backend of its Global Internal Displacement Database, reducing the time and efficiency in data entry by 80% or more, depending on the source.</p>	<p>Internal tools to automate data uploads from trusted sources for 10 countries, cutting manual tasks and enabling faster, more accurate data handling. The 10 countries automated were selected based on the frequency of data updates and workload of the IDMC analysts (Monitoring team) . The countries that we automated are: CAR, Colombia, Honduras, Iraq, Lebanon, Mali, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Yemen.</p>	<p>As this component has an impact on production data the code developed is accessible to some internal IDMC users only</p>
<p>IDMC has enhanced historical datasets on internal displacement and improved newly identified displacement events.</p>	<p>IDMC analysed over 100,000 relevant articles, expanding conflict/disaster displacement coverage significantly, revealing thousands of new displacement events, and improving IDMC's figures on internal displacement.</p>	<p>The results of this milestone aren't public yet as we finalize validation, analysis, and integration. The first batch is being processed, with more results expected in the second trimester of 2025 and final release in 2026.</p>
<p>Expanding end-user access to GIDD and IDU data for enhanced humanitarian response, research, and internal displacement analysis</p>	<p>GIDD and IDU downloads on HDX rose 237% in 2024. GIDD downloads on IDMC's site grew 29.1%. API calls by end users increased 245% in 2024</p>	<p>https://data.humdata.org/organization/international-displacement-monitoring-centre-idmc</p> <p>https://www.internal-displacement.org/database/displacement-data/</p>

B. Link to decision-making

Highlight at least three use cases, i.e., specific, compelling examples, of how ecosystem partners have leveraged the project’s data and insights for decision-making to:

- Anticipate, prevent, and respond to fragile and crisis-affected settings.
- Facilitate the allocation of funding to fragile and crisis-affected settings within your organization, ecosystem partners, and other stakeholders.
- Reach people in fragile and crisis-affected settings earlier, faster, and in a more targeted and dignified way.

Organization [Max. one per line]	Use case [Max. 30 words]	Outcome [Max. 30 words]	Links/materials
Humanitarian Data Centre	Inclusion of IDMC’s IDU data into OCHA’s HDX signals, contributing to 77 automated updates covering 46 countries.	IDMC data facilitated proactive humanitarian decisions, supporting CERF to allocate \$17M to South Sudan and Niger, exemplifying how timely IDU insights can support resource allocation in fragile contexts.	https://data.humdata.org/visualization/signals/
UNHCR refugee data finder	UNHCR uses IDMC data to compile total number of forcibly displaced people and republish it in the Refugee Data Finder (https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics). SADD also is used to calculate the number and proportion of forcibly displaced children globally.	IDMC’s data is the source of Internal Displacement data for UNHCR’s data finder. IDMC data served as a foundational input for at least four major UNHCR products in 2024, including global dashboards, analytical reports, forecasting models, and country-level factsheets. Since 2008, UNHCR has used IDMC data as a primary source for its Data Finder dashboard, which features key global statistics on internally displaced populations. IDMC data is a core input for UNHCR’s Global Trends report, including the 2023 edition, which provides comprehensive analysis of internal displacement globally. The CLIFDEW-GRID early warning model, which supports UNHCR’s digital transformation strategy, relies on IDMC data to forecast displacement risks driven by conflict, political instability, and economic shocks. IDMC data was also used in the UNHCR Mexico IDPs Fact Sheet published in August 2024.	https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/download

<p>IOM's report on Who Are Climate Migrants? A Global Analysis of the Profiles of Communities Affected by Weather-related Internal Displacements</p>	<p>Enhanced demographic and socioeconomic profiling of populations impacted by weather-related displacement worldwide.</p>	<p>Bridges a critical knowledge gap by integrating IDMC's 14,000 geolocated displacement records with high-resolution global demographic, socioeconomic, and land-use data.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>DRC Foresight model</p>	<p>DRC uses IDMC's annual displacement data for forecasting and incorporates displacement updates to provide qualitative insights on key incidents in their reports.</p>	<p>The Foresight model improves displacement forecasts up to three years ahead, enabling earlier planning, more accurate humanitarian responses, and more effective resource mobilization across 27 countries using IDMC data.</p> <p>The 2025 IDP forecast relies on UNHCR and IDMC data. DRC's analysis warns that losing USAID funding could leave 57 million people without critical humanitarian assistance this year.</p>	<p>https://reliefweb.int/report/sudan/global-displacement-forecast-report-2025</p> <p>https://drc.ngo/what-we-do/innovation/digital-innovation/foresight-displacement-forecasts/</p>
<p>UNICEF estimating the number of internally displaced children in a changing climate</p>	<p>UNICEF analyzed early GIDD data to estimate countries' IDP children percentages using national displacement figures and assess disaster impacts on child displacement.</p>	<p>Children Displaced in a Changing Climate" warns of rising climate-linked child displacement, urging protection of services, climate-resilient skills, child-sensitive policies, and increased climate finance.</p>	<p>https://data.unicef.org/topic/child-migration-and-displacement/displacement/</p>
<p>IFRC</p>	<p>IDMC data has been used by IFRC to inform country plans in El Salvador, Senegal, and Syria.</p> <p>The IFRC Climate Centre incorporated IDMC data into climate fact sheets for the Central African Republic, Yemen, and Azerbaijan.</p> <p>IDMC data also contributed to IFRC's global report on Disaster Risk Governance Guidelines, which supports laws, policies, and plans for disaster risk management.</p>	<p>IDMC datasets are helping develop effective and robust plans and materials for enhanced decision making in Humanitarian, peace and Development sectors.</p>	<p>NA</p>

<p>IDMC is one of the data sources integrated into IFRC's Global Crisis Data Bank (Monty), which is featured on the Go platform.</p>		
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C. Ecosystem impact

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14	Has the project been strengthening data/insights-sharing and collaboration among ecosystem partners?	4	Through sustained monitoring, we aligned IOM and UNHCR data for annual displacement statistics, will publish SADD comparisons between observational data and demographic proxies, and collaborated with JRC to refine geotagging.
15	Has the project been building and maintaining partnerships with organizations in fragile and crisis-affected settings ?	4	IDMC actively engages with governments, UN bodies, and civil society in crisis-affected settings to collect data, strengthen capacity, and enhance methodologies, including in Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Haiti, and Colombia.
16	Have the local and national actors been involved in the design, collection, and validation of the data/insights from this project?	5	National actors like UARIV (Colombia), INE (Guatemala), CMDPDH (Mexico), and SINAPROC (Panama) contribute to data design, collection, and validation. IDMC has regular engagements.
17	Has the project been building and maintaining partnerships with women-led and feminist organizations?	1	No, this project is not working or engaging with women-led and feminist organizations.

Please **provide at least three examples** of organizations in/from fragile and crisis-affected settings with which you have partnerships, the key outcomes achieved through these partnerships, and relevant supporting materials.

Organization [Max 1 per line]	Outcome / Difference your partnership made [Max. 50 words]	Links/materials
IOM Ukraine	Enhanced population survey design, integrating displacement data into broader humanitarian assessments. Contributed to refining methodologies and ensuring more comprehensive data on internal displacement.	Monitoring team engagement
UARIV (Colombia)	Improved national displacement estimates through end-of-year data validation and capacity strengthening. Enabled better tracking of internal displacement trends and integration into national reporting frameworks.	Monitoring team engagement. The UARIV contributed to GRID24 https://www.internal-displacement.org/publications/2024-global-report-on-internal-displacement-grid/
State Committee for Refugees and IDPs (Azerbaijan)	Strengthened data collection on conflict displacement, ensuring more accurate tracking of IDP stocks and	Monitoring team engagement

	trends. Facilitated engagement with national authorities for data validation and improved reporting.	
UNDP	The IDMC dataset is one of the key datasets for the INFORM Warning Project	https://crafd.io/projects/inform-warning
UNHCR	The IDMC dataset is one of the core datasets for the UNHCR - CLIFDREW GRID Project	https://crafd.io/projects/clifdrewgrid
International Crisis Group (ICG)	The IDMC dataset is one of the core datasets for ICG's EEARTH Project	https://crafd.io/projects/earth

D. Data quality

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18	Has the project been ensuring transparency and public accessibility of its data/insights and methodologies for public use?	4	The grant funded upgrades to IDMC's backend systems and APIs, improving geolocation capabilities. All APIs are publicly accessible. Explore them here: IDMC API Documentation
19	Has the project been using open-standards , machine-readable formats , and facilitating data interoperability (e.g., API integration)?	4	We have increased investments in open APIs and data interoperability by enhancing geotagging, refining naming conventions, and adding metadata and documentation on IDMC data products, their limitations, and sources.
20	Has the project been ensuring the accuracy, completeness, and reliability of the data/insights through validation and peer review processes?	5	In 2024, we successfully QA'd all published data for the first time, strengthened peer review with UNHCR and IOM global teams, and improved automation of data quality assurance through the project.
21	Has the project been implementing measures to ensure data responsibility , including for example informed consent, privacy, confidentiality, fairness, and risk mitigation?	4	No personally identifiable information is stored, no primary data is collected from displaced people, data storage is minimized, and system security and monitoring have been enhanced.
22	Has gender expertise been incorporated into the design, collection, or validation of the data/insights?	1	No gender expertise has informed the data, however, IDMC uses its primary data collection combined with proxies to better understand the differentiated impacts of displacement on different population groups.

4. PROJECT VISIBILITY

Please **provide at least three major media mentions**, articles (including peer-reviewed), events, or other platforms where the project's work has been or will be featured, including reference links. Please provide credits to photos and videos wherever due.

Type [Max one per line]	Title & description [Max. 30 words]	Indicator	Link
Event	HDX Dataset Deep Dive with the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre	More than 734 views of the recording.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmFdAxle_sk&t=242s
Event	Participated in the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week in 2024, featuring IDMC's work supported by this project.	Over 100 in-person and online participants	NA
Citation of IDMC's data in 89 external reports	In 2024, IDMC data was cited in 89 external reports, influencing global policy, strategic planning, and operational guidance across UN agencies and governments, reinforcing its role as a high-impact data provider.	IDMC data cited in 89 external reports	The list of external reports citing IDMC's data can be found here: https://matemies.github.io/
Adoption by Global Institution	UNHCR Global Trends & No Escape Reports – Used IDMC data to analyze displacement and gaps in climate policy.	Use of IDMC data in UN flagship reports	https://www.unhcr.org/global-trends
Adoption by Global Institution	IOM Policy Publications – Cited IDMC data in six major reports, including tools for disaster planning and climate migration analysis.	Multi-sectoral use of IDMC data by IOM	https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/
Policy & Operational Planning	UK Asylum Policy Notes – IDMC data informed UK Government assessments on Afghanistan and OPT.	Policy influence on asylum and protection	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/country-policy-and-information-notes
Citations	IDMC was cited in approximately 700 publications, reports, and analyses across 380 organizations.	Cited in over 700 publications	https://matemies.github.io

A. Leadership testimonial

Please submit one quote (max. 20 words) from your organization's leadership that describes the project's achievements so far and CRAF'd support in helping achieve them.

Full Name	Title	Quote
Alexandra Bilak	Director of IDMC	"CRAF'd is helping IDMC service the international community with verified, disaggregated data on internal displacement that informs humanitarian decision-making and programming, something that has proven to be more critical now than ever before."

B. Partner testimonials

If possible, please share up to three quotes (max. 20 words) from partners and/or users of data/insights provided through this project so far. The quotes should describe who these organizations have contributed/ are contributing to the project and/or how they are using the data and insights for crisis anticipation, prevention, and response.

Full Name	Title	Quote
UNICEF Representative	NA	"IDMC data has been key in analyzing child displacements for UNICEF, helping to break down trends by hazard and country for advocacy and disaster risk reduction discussions."
Alexander Kjærum	Senior Analyst.	"We use IDMC annual data on displacement to produce our displacement forecasts and displacement updates to provide qualitative insights into specific incidents."
Leonardo Milano	Leads the Data Science team at the United Nations OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data	"The IDU is one of the key inputs to HDX Signals, and it is our main and only data source used for displacement given its global coverage, timely updates, and clear methodology."
Justin Ginnetti	Senior Officer, Information Management and Risk Analysis at IFRC	"IDMC data supports IFRC in optimizing resource allocation, funding, and program design, ensuring a targeted, data-driven humanitarian response as part of the broader data ecosystem."