



## Virtual Session on Statistical Inclusion of Refugees, Asylum-Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons, Returnees with Protection Needs, and Stateless Persons



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9:00 - 11:00 am, Central America Time

### Concept Note

The inclusion of displaced persons in national censuses and surveys is a fundamental condition for generating reliable, comparable, and disaggregated socio-economic data. This information is key for the design, implementation, and monitoring of public policies and programs that promote the well-being, inclusion, and protection of these populations.

In the context of the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), Member States have made concrete commitments related to the collection and use of displacement data, as part of efforts to strengthen national protection systems and advance durable solutions. In this context, learning among relevant stakeholders is important to address current challenges in terms of technical capacities, methodological harmonization, access to statistical tools, and inter-institutional coordination.

Furthermore, MIRPS countries made a regional pledge at the Second Global Refugee Forum in support of the [Multilateral Commitment on the Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced Persons and Stateless Persons in Statistical Systems and National Surveys](#). In this pledge, [MIRPS States](#) committed to promoting the systematic inclusion of these populations in data collection efforts, including through identification questions and solution-related indicators in national population censuses and household surveys, as appropriate, to enable data disaggregation and reporting on refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless persons, persons with international protection needs, and internally displaced persons, as applicable, with the support and assistance of the members of the MIRPS Support Platform, the MIRPS Technical Secretariat, composed of UNHCR and the OAS through its Department of Access to Rights, and other partners.

In this context, the MIRPS 2025 Regional Action Plan, led by Costa Rica in its capacity as Pro-Tempore Presidency, incorporated in its Outcome 2 the strengthening of data and evidence systems in Member States, through the organization of a training workshop on the use of data for the planning of policies and public services aimed at displaced persons.

Similarly, the MIRPS Regional Technical Team on Internal Displacement, under the leadership of the Government of Honduras, included in its 2025 roadmap a session dedicated to this topic, which will extend to all Member States of the mechanism, including the entities responsible for the statistical inclusion of these populations.

### **Objective of the session**

This virtual session aims to strengthen the technical capacities of MIRPS countries to advance the statistical inclusion of refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons, through the exchange of experiences, tools, and good practices, to improve the quality and availability of data to monitor progress in the implementation of the commitments made by States in MIRPS.

### **Expected results**

- Identify experiences, practices, and lessons learned from countries that have made progress in including these populations in censuses, surveys, and administrative records.
- Promote coordination between national statistics offices and entities responsible for the protection and assistance of displaced populations.
- Contribute to identifying technical assistance needs and cooperation among MIRPS countries to strengthen statistical capacities.

### **Participants**

- National Technical Teams of MIRPS countries
- National Statistics Offices of MIRPS countries
- Technical experts, including members of the MIRPS Support Platform

### **Proposed methodology**

A two-hour virtual session combining brief technical presentations, exchange of experiences between countries, and space for questions and discussion. Reference materials useful for follow-up consultation will also be shared.