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**Internally Displaced Persons: Update on the Inter-Agency Internal Displacement  
Division (IDD)**

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The Internal Displacement Unit, established in January 2002, was restructured and renamed the Inter-Agency Internal Displacement Division (IDD) in July 2004. It is housed within the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva and includes staff members seconded from different UN agencies and other humanitarian partners.

The aim of the Division is to ensure and support the effective implementation of the collaborative response to situations of internal displacement, including through ensuring the application of the IASC policy package.

The Division has been requested by the ERC to focus on a limited number of selected countries (Burundi, Liberia, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Colombia and possibly DRC and Sri Lanka) where the collaborative response is considered inadequate for a variety of reasons and where there are gaps that need to be addressed. The Division has developed a series of criteria and indicators to determine the effectiveness of the collaborative response and to measure the impact of its efforts to improve it.

IDD interventions may include the deployment of IDP Advisors to provide strategic advice, in particular on protection issues, and coordination support to HCs/RCs and Country Teams; the deployment of missions to assist the HCs/RCs and Country Teams in developing and refining IDP strategies and ensuring their effective implementation, including appropriate division of labour; providing recommendations to the ERC for an improved international response to situations of internal displacement; training for the heads of OCHA offices on the content and implementation of the policy package; advocacy on specific issues and concerns; and efforts to raise awareness among and obtain increased engagement by donors.

These and other such efforts will be undertaken in full consultation with the HC/RC and Country Team.

In addition to its focus on selected countries, the Division will maintain a watching brief on other current and emerging situations of internal displacement. Ad hoc support may be provided, depending on resources and urgency, either directly by the Division or by OCHA and other partners engaged in the response to internal displacement.