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**Inter-agency project on measuring progress towards durable solutions for IDPs**

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1. **Background and project overview**

In the context of the upcoming study “Breaking the Impasse: Ending Protracted Internal Displacement Through Collective Outcomes”, commissioned by OCHA and written by Walter Kälin and Hannah Entwisle Chapuisat, it remains important to understand the connection between protracted displacement and durable solutions.

The [2010 IASC Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons](http://www.unhcr.org/50f94cd49.pdf) (hereinafter ‘IASC Framework’) provides a definition of what a durable solution is and establishes widely recognized criteria to determine the extent to which a durable solution has been achieved. Lessons learnt from the field in support to durable solutions highlighted that it is crucial for humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors to have a comprehensive and agreed-upon evidence-base for measuring progress towards durable solutions for internally displaced persons (IDPs). In this context, in 2015, an inter-agency process was set up to operationalize the IASC Framework. The Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS)[[1]](#footnote-1), with the guidance of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs and in collaboration with a broad group of development, humanitarian and peacebuilding actors[[2]](#footnote-2), has been working to develop tools, methodologies and guidance for shared and comprehensive yet practical approaches to durable solutions analysis in displacement situations.

1. **Objectives and expected outputs**

The project’s overall objective is to ensure that joint responses for seeking durable solutions are based on a comprehensive and agreed-upon evidence-base. To this end, the project will:

* Develop a library of tested indicators, tools and methodologies to measure progress towards durable solutions;
* Develop guidance and capacity-building material for governments, humanitarian and development actors to make use of project outputs.

The project will come up with the following outputs:

* Library of agreed-upon indicators based on the 2010 IASC Framework;
* Guidance and improved capacity to make use of the indicators in baseline studies and monitoring systems;
* Durable solutions evidence‐base from various pilot studies;
* Enhanced awareness and use of evidence for planning and implementing durable solutions.

Project outputs will seek to be endorsed by the IASC Principals upon request of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs.

1. **Progress overview**

In March 2016, the first phase of the project was completed. After a comprehensive desk review and wide consultations, JIPS compiled a draft indicator library constituting a comprehensive but manageable set of indicators in line with the IASC Framework, adaptable to different displacement contexts and useful for a comprehensive durable solutions analysis. The draft indicator library was further consolidated and adapted through a comprehensive feedback process with Technical Steering Committee.

The project is currently at the piloting stage[[3]](#footnote-3), and the indicator library will now be field tested to allow for the indicators to be further refined in advance of final endorsement, consolidation of lessons learned and development of guidance and capacity building material for the use to inform future use of the library. Overall, piloting the indicators is on-going in several contexts and it is envisioned that both the partners in the pilot contexts and the project will benefit from this phase. In addition to piloting the indicators in field contexts, the project is consolidating advice from thematic experts in order to ensure adequate approaches to measuring and analysing the different aspects of durable solutions. The indicator library will also be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goal indicators in order to enable for analysis to monitor the agenda of leaving no one behind.

1. **Way forward**

A global level workshop is expected to take place in June 2017, in Geneva, to consolidate the lessons learned. Following the workshop, the project will finalise the indicator library, develop guidance on selection and use and guidance analysis and interpretation.

The project is expected to wrap up its work by the end of December 2017 and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs will seek endorsement of the guidance and indicator library by the IASC Principals in 2018.

1. JIPS is an inter-agency service, which was set up in 2009. Based in Geneva, its mission is to support governments, humanitarian and development actors design and implement collaborative profiling exercises.

Working primarily in situations of internal displacement, the Service seeks to promote a culture of evidence-based decision making in displacement situations. Provided both on-site and remotely, JIPS tailors its support to the needs on the ground and enhances in country profiling capacity-building to generate locally owned, impactful and agreed-upon data.

To learn more about JIPS and its work, visit <http://www.jips.org/en/home> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Technical Steering Committee comprising a broad group of partners engaged in supporting durable solutions to displacement. Members include DRC, ICRC, IDMC, IOM, FIC/Tufts, NRC, UN Peacebuilding Fund, Solutions Alliance Research, Data and Performance Management group members, UNDP, UNHABITAT, OCHA, UNHCR, World Bank, Displacement Solutions Platform and ReDDs. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ongoing and upcoming piloting contexts include: Colombia, Georgia, Iraq, Kosovo, Myanmar, Ukraine and Sudan [↑](#footnote-ref-3)