

COVID-19 and Internal Displacement

Messages and Resources

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There is a wealth of useful information, guidance, news items and reports on COVID-19. The purpose of this document is to compile suggestions of resources that can be useful for stakeholders working on internal displacement. It is not a comprehensive collection, but rather a selection.

These messages and resources are compiled by GP20 partners for their and others' use in communications on the COVID-19 pandemic and internal displacement. All users of this document should feel free to strengthen, add and suggest revisions to these messages as the situation evolves.

Messages

- IDPs can be at heightened risk of contracting COVID-19 where they live in crowded conditions with limited access to water and where health care facilities are at low capacity
- Not all IDPs are vulnerable in the same way to COVID-19. They have different needs, live in a range of settlement types and face varying degrees of access to services
- COVID-19 may disproportionately and negatively affect IDPs economically if measures to fight the virus result in loss of income, restricted movement, reduced access to markets and land, and rise in prices
- IDPs should be included in national plans to combat COVID-19, including access to information, testing and treatment
- Governments should receive additional support to ensure IDPs are not left behind in preparedness and response to COVID-19 crisis
- Host countries and local communities need international support to strengthen health facilities and ensure the pandemic does not have disproportionate impacts on certain individuals or groups
- Some IDPs are experiencing increased sexual and domestic violence as a result of confinement, isolation and loss of income (this is from the UNHCR COVID protection messages, not sure what the data source is for this)
- Efforts are required to enhance community awareness and understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic so that IDPs are not marginalized, stigmatized or discriminated against
- Communication with and support for IDP networks should be increased and IDPs should participate in decision-making

Data, repositories and other assets

<https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/covid-19/>

[IOM border entry/exit requirements tracking tool](#)

<https://twitter.com/hashtag/refugee>

<https://www.icvanetwork.org/covid-19-resources>

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/covid-19-outbreak-readiness-and-response>

News, Advisories linking COVID-19 and internal displacement

<http://chr.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Human-Rights-Standards-on-the-Protection-of-Internally-Displaced-Persons-IDPs-during-the-COVID-19-Emergency-CHR-V-A2020-004.pdf>

https://www.care-international.org/files/files/Global_RGA_COVID_RDM_3_31_20_FINAL.pdf

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=25763&LangID=E>

<https://www.refugeesinternational.org/reports/2020/3/29/covid-19-and-the-displaced-addressing-the-threat-of-the-novel-coronavirus-in-humanitarian-emergencies>

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/myanmar-humanitarian-groups-urge-truce-amid-pandemic/1785673>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/worlds-70-million-displaced-people-face-a-coronavirus-disaster-report-says/2020/03/30/fdefc9ba-7220-11ea-85cb-8670579b863d_story.html

<https://www.internal-displacement.org/media-centres/coronavirus-and-the-vulnerability-of-internally-displaced-people>

<https://www.nrc.no/news/2020/march/10-things-you-should-know-about-coronavirus-and-refugees/>

<https://www.nrc.no/news/2020/march/coronavirus/>

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/newsevents/news/2020/covid-19-control-low-income-settings-and-displaced-populations-what-can>

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/global/sb4-covid-19-and-conflict-seven-trends-watch>

<https://www.rescue.org/article/coronavirus-update-who-will-be-hit-hardest-outbreak>