
Profiling of Displaced Persons in Kosovo

Concept Paper

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PROFILING OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN KOSOVO*

Project Name	Profiling of Displaced Persons in Kosovo
Project Dates	October 2014 – October 2015
Project Location	Kosovo, 38 municipalities.
Target Population	Estimated 17,000 displaced persons in Kosovo.
Project Goal	As a result of a comprehensive profiling exercise, the displaced population within Kosovo has access to sustainable and rights-based designed durable solutions.
Project Objectives	<p>a) To provide reliable and agreed upon disaggregated estimates of the displaced persons in Kosovo;</p> <p>b) To provide a comprehensive profile of the displaced persons, with regards to their level of social and economic integration, capacities, enjoyment of rights and displacement-related needs and vulnerabilities.</p> <p>c) To support the development of a legal instrument on displacement, and to provide an evidence base for the development of a durable solutions strategy;</p> <p>d) To enhance institutions' ability to advocate for and design joint programming to support durable solutions for displaced persons through the identification of priorities and enhanced coordination of humanitarian, protection and development analysis.</p>
Organisations involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Danish Refugee Council (DRC) ▪ Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS) ▪ Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) ▪ Ministry for Communities and Returns (MCR) ▪ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) ▪ International Organisation for Migration (IOM) ▪ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

* All reference to Kosovo should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244

Estimated Total Budget

Total: 379,880 €

Funded : 129,246 €

UNHCR = 62,046 €

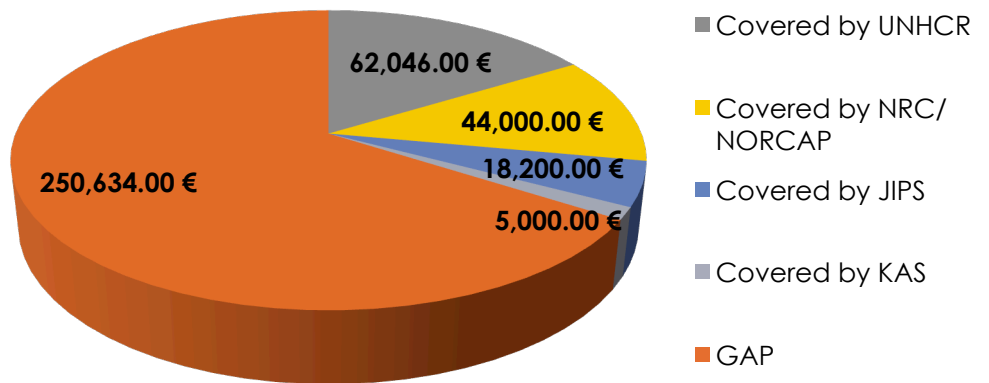
NRC/NORCAP = 44,000 €

JIPS = 18,200 €

KAS = 5,000 €

Non funded: 250,634 €

Profiling of displaced persons in Kosovo 2014-2015





Kosovo Albanian children displaced in Mitrovica/South

DEFINITION: INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDP) IN KOSOVO

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are persons or groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their places of permanent residence in Kosovo between January 1998 and the end of March 2004, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, the situation of general violence, violations of human rights, but remained within Kosovo.

*[Ministry for Communities and Returns
2014-2018 Strategy for Communities and Returns]*

BACKGROUND

WHY A PROFILING?

Persons displaced within Kosovo represent a protracted displacement situation in the heart of Europe.

Based on an informal survey conducted in 2010 by UNHCR, municipal authorities and the Serbian Red Cross, UNHCR estimates that there are 17,113¹ internally displaced persons in Kosovo living both in temporary collective shelters and in private accommodation.

In September 2012, the Kosovo Statistical Agency (KAS) published the population census of Kosovo. Although the census provided up-to-date data on socio-economic indicators, it did not cover the northern municipalities, where it is estimated that approximately half of the displaced persons reside.

¹ Estimated figures updated as of December 2014

Detailed information in terms of figures and needs are therefore available only for displaced persons living in 36 temporary collective shelters (591 individuals, 3% of total estimated displaced persons).

Accurate demographics on displaced persons, protection needs, vulnerabilities and durable solutions are not available for the remaining 97% of displaced persons, who live in private accommodations.

THE KEY STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED

Danish Refugee Council (DRC)

Kosovo Agency for Statistics (KAS)

Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS)

Ministry of Communities and Return (MCR)

UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)

UN Development Programme (UNDP)

UN Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

A JOINT EXERCISE

In light of the lack of reliable information on displaced persons in Kosovo, the 2014-2018 Strategy of the Ministry for Communities and Returns (MCR) clearly reads, as recommended measure, “to conduct survey [...] to identify the number of displaced persons in Kosovo”².

In order to support the Ministry in the profiling, the UNHCR Office in Kosovo and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) Office in Kosovo contacted the Joint IDP Profiling Service, JIPS (an inter-agency service based in Geneva).

During the last quarter of 2014, MCR, UNHCR, DRC, KAS and JIPS initiated the preparatory phase (including desk review, drafting of methodology, development of questionnaire and piloting) of the exercise through active engagement of the different stakeholders, such as the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia, OSCE, IOM and the UN Agencies.

² 2014-2018 Strategy for Communities and Returns, p.17.

General Goal of Profiling

To assess the level of integration of displaced persons in Kosovo and their eventual needs for durable solutions.

Specific Objectives

- a) To provide reliable and agreed upon disaggregated estimates of the displaced population within Kosovo;
- b) To provide a comprehensive profile of the displaced population, with regards to their level of social and economic integration, capacities, enjoyment of rights and displacement-related needs and vulnerabilities, and enable a comparison to their non-displaced neighbours;
- c) To support the development of a legal instrument on displacement, and to provide an evidence base for the development of a durable solutions strategy;
- d) To enhance institutions' ability to advocate and design joint programming to support durable solutions for displaced persons through the identification of priorities and enhanced coordination of humanitarian and development analysis.

Outputs

- A Final profiling report with clear recommendations for a durable solutions strategy and guidance on operational planning to resolve durable solutions needs;
- Accessible data base with profiling exercise findings for further information requests (taking into account the data confidentiality and anonymity considerations).

Expected Impact

Displaced persons in Kosovo have access to a needs-based durable solutions action plan, including a legal policy framework, able to address any unmet durable solutions need.

Methodology

A combination of qualitative and quantitative methodologies will be used, following a desk review of existing information on displaced persons. Due to the complex nature of durable solutions analysis, the mixed methods profiling will include:

- A mapping exercise and review of available data

- A household survey for a representative sample of the target groups
- A series of focus group discussions

The methodology will take as its starting point the criteria identified in the IASC Framework on Durable Solutions for displaced persons in order to take a comprehensive approach and be informed by international standards. The information gathered through the profiling exercise will cover the following:

- Number of displaced persons disaggregated by age, sex, location and diversity
- Causes of displacement
- Patterns of displacement
- Protection concerns (including capacities and coping mechanisms)
- Humanitarian and development needs
- Intentions for Durable Solutions

Timeline

PLANNING, METHDOLOGY and FUNDS SECURING											
		PREPARATION and TRAINING									
				DATA COLLECTION							
						DATA ENTRY					
							DATA PROCESSING and ANALYSIS				
										FINAL REPORT: dissemination and advocacy	
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2014				2015							

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