

A YEAR IN REVIEW



FOR BETTER LIVES FOR CHILDREN ON THE MOVE

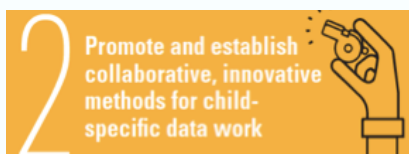
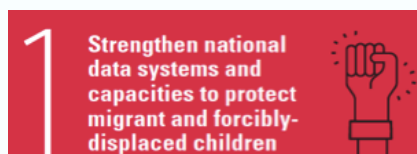


Around the globe, migrant and displaced children continued to face enormous challenges throughout 2021.

Many of them saw their basic rights to food, shelter, safety and an education violated. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continued to exacerbate these unacceptable deprivations. But because data reflecting the lives of children on the move remain scarce, there is much we still do not know about them. And policies and programmes designed to uphold the rights of these intensely vulnerable children continue to fall short.

The International Data Alliance for Children on the Move (IDAC) took important steps to protect migrant and displaced children this year, deepening efforts to close the data gaps that put these girls and boys in harm's way. This end-of-year update on IDAC work shows all that we have achieved – and sets the course for another impactful year ahead. We look forward to more milestones and progress in 2022.

IDAC MISSION

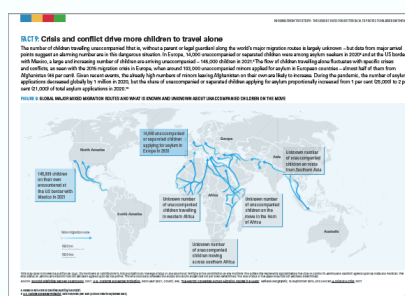
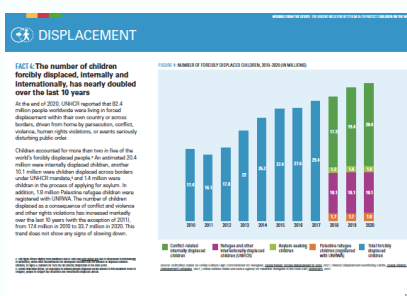
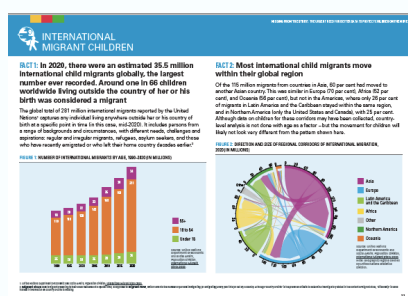


The International Data Alliance for Children on the Move (IDAC) is a cross-sectoral, global coalition created to generate better data and statistics on migrant and displaced children. IDAC's work ensures children on the move remain at the centre of the international community's efforts to leverage the power of data for children's protection and sustainable development.

Missing from the Story: The urgent need for better data to protect children on the move



IDAC's inaugural [Data InSIGHT](#) was released in November. It presented 9 key facts about children on the move to spur the international community to take urgent action to improve data systems on migrant and displaced children. It also took an in-depth look at how and why data gaps on these vulnerable children exist and showcased some good practices and innovative solutions from IDAC members in filling those data gaps.



A Web of Insecurity: Gendered risks and vulnerabilities for children on the move during the COVID-19 pandemic



IDAC examined how the Covid-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected migrant girls and boys in [Issue Brief #1](#), which was published in April. The brief highlighted children's deprivations through a gender lens and urged for gender-sensitive and targeted solutions to their protection and development needs, including a call for better gender statistics.

These publications offered practical and synergistic solutions by pooling the resources and technical knowhow of IDAC's diverse members – Member States, international organizations, think tanks, academics, NGOs and civil society – and provided an authoritative and comprehensive platform from which to strengthen the data ecosystem of children on the move.

IDAC organized a series of events to highlight the urgent need to close the data gaps on children on the move and generate awareness about the Alliance and its key role in addressing these data concerns.



High-level dialogue and publication launch

Closing data gaps on children on the move: A shared responsibility

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Closing Data Gaps on Children on the Move: A shared responsibility

IDAC closed a busy year with November's important [High-Level Dialogue](#), led by the UN Special Rapporteurs on the human rights of migrants and internally displaced persons, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Muzoon Almellehan, the African Union Commission, Colombia and the United Kingdom. The multi-stakeholder panel appealed to the international community to commit the political, technical and financial resources needed to improve data and evidence to protect migrant and displaced children.

A Gendered Journey: Driving an evidence-based, gender-responsive approach to upholding the rights of people on the move

IDAC joined UN Women, UNICEF and IOM-GMDAC to host a webinar in November that introduced new guidance materials for gender-sensitive migration data. The Hellenic Statistics Authority, Chair of IDAC Working Group 1, shared the country perspective on how to use this guidance to improve data on women and children on the move.



Migrant and Displaced Children: Deep in the shadow of COVID-19

An [IDAC webinar](#) in May underscored the devastating effects of Covid-19 on children on the move through the reflections of IDAC member countries and organizations working on the ground.

Consultation Meeting

IDAC held a consultation meeting in May to exchange ideas and seek feedback from Member States on the vision, strategy and work plan of IDAC from 2021 to 2023.



Throughout 2021, IDAC participated in events such as the World Data Forum and those led by IDAC members and external partners (e.g., the African Union Commission, the Expert Group on Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics (EGRIS), the Joint Data Strategy) to boost global awareness of IDAC and its mission.



IDAC WORKING GROUPS

Working Group 1	Working Group 2	Working Group 3	Working Group 4
Child-Specific Data Capacity Strengthening on Children on the Move	Child-Specific Indicators Development and Data on Children on the Move	Improving Availability of Data on Internally Displaced Children	Promoting Collaboration on Innovative Methods on Child-Specific Data Work

IDAC's four working groups were established in early 2021 and are now co-creating solutions to 1) strengthen data capacities, 2) improve child-specific indicators and data, 3) enhance data availability on internally displaced children, and 4) identify innovative approaches to child-specific data collection. Respectively led by the Hellenic Statistics Authority, South Africa Statistics, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre and Save the Children, these collaborative working groups are developing concrete tools and guidance materials for data producers and data users.

IDAC ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH



Member States



International Organizations



NGOs, Think Tanks, Academia

IDAC continued to grow in scope, scale and impact. Membership grew from 36 to 44 – and now includes 19 Member States who have committed to IDAC's goals. A full-time coordinator was hired to oversee the Alliance's daily operations and work with members to advance the IDAC agenda. The IDAC Secretariat was strengthened by the addition of a new member in May, with Eurostat joining IOM, OECD, UNHCR and UNICEF (Chair). IDAC Secretariat members' steadfast support throughout the year – political, technical and financial – was a crucial ingredient to this organizational growth.

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The UN Refugee Agency

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IDAC will ensure the voices of children on the move are heard at key data-related events of the year, such as the 53rd session of the UN Statistical Commission, the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), the 2022 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and the fourth International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS).

IDAC will work resolutely with partners to close the data gaps on children on the move and guide impactful policymaking and programming. The Alliance will pay particular attention to pressing and emerging issues such as sustainable recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, the impact of climate change on human safety and movement, protracted conflicts, and increasing pushback against migration in many countries. More thematic and data-driven publications will be produced and more online engagements will be organized in 2022. A first annual conference will take stock of IDAC's collective achievements and report on working groups' progress and outcomes.

There's much work to be done to improve the data on migrant and displaced children. If we pool our resources and work together, nothing is impossible. Let us end this year remembering the promise we have made to the millions of children on the move around the world – that we will do our utmost to ensure they are no longer being left behind.

GET INVOLVED

IDAC PLEDGES TO...



STRENGTHEN

data systems and capacities



PROMOTE

and establish collaboration and innovation



IMPROVE data visibility, availability, accessibility and usability

Become an advocate for children on the move!

Write us at IDAC@unicef.org to find out how you can support our work.

We look forward to greater collaboration and more milestones in 2022!

