Call for Requests for JIPS Support in Profiling Displacement Situations

INTRODUCTION
The Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS) welcomes requests for support in preparing for, implementing or reporting on collaborative displacement profiling processes. In line with the UN Human Rights Council Resolution on the human rights of IDPs (June 2012), requests are encouraged from Governments, as well as humanitarian and development actors in a collaborative fashion.

Requests for JIPS support are encouraged throughout the year, with two deadlines indicating the initiation of the prioritisation process. ‘Fast track’ applications will also be considered outside of the twice-yearly deadlines according to specific needs of the request. JIPS is now calling for support requests specifically in consideration of the upcoming 23 January 2015 deadline.

Please read the information below about the services JIPS can offer and the criteria with which requests will be assessed before filling in the support request form so that JIPS can best determine how to work with and support you and your partners.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY JIPS
The Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS) is an interagency service that supports operations undertaking profiling exercises of displacement situations. Established in 2009, JIPS is overseen by an Executive Committee comprising of DRC, IDMC, IRC, NRC, UNHCR and the Special Rapporteur for the Human Rights of IDPs.

The service provides both on-site and remote assistance to all stages of the profiling process and has a particular interest in profiling exercises undertaken in protracted displacement situations and in urban settings in collaboration with Governments, humanitarian and development actors. Due to limited resources, JIPS will often need to prioritize some of the received requests.

JIPS’ support can be provided for a scoping mission to help identify the need, relevance and/or feasibility for profiling in a particular context and to support planning. This is often relevant in operations where there is a lack of reliable and/or agreed upon displacement data. Alternatively, JIPS support can be requested for already planned/funded profiling exercises. This support can include a combination of the following services:

• Support to identifying profiling objectives, including support to identifying the need, relevance and feasibility of profiling and support to initial planning;
• Support to advocacy and consolidating stakeholder engagement, including support to establishing a coordination platform for the exercise and delivery of advocacy workshops for relevant in-country stakeholders;
• Support to methodology and tools development, including support to developing questionnaires, guides, tabulation plans and data management systems;
• Support to field organisation and data collection, including developing a comprehensive operational plan and training of staff;
• Support to data processing, analysis and reporting, and dissemination of findings.
REQUEST PROCESS
Please go to www.jips.org to download the support request form, fill it in and send it to info@jips.org, or to apply directly through an online request form.

The next deadline for applications is 23 January 2015. We are happy to discuss your request before sending it our way (info@jips.org / +41 22 552 22 81). Please make sure you fill in the requested fields with as much information as you can.

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA
JIPS uses a set of general criteria outlined below to guide the process of reviewing received requests. Alongside these general criteria, JIPS also assesses requests based on its strategic directions. Our support often focuses on profiling in IDP situations, as well as profiling in protracted displacement contexts and in urban settings. JIPS also takes its existing resources into consideration when prioritising requests. The overall criteria include the following:

1. Multi-stakeholder interest and support
Profiling displacement situations is by definition a multi-stakeholder task. As collaboration is crucial to ensure mobilization of institutional and political back up, to secure adequate resources and ensure findings will be broadly accepted and used for planning and responses to displacement challenges, the request should demonstrate:
   • Broad multi-stakeholder interest and buy-in;
   • Commitment from various stakeholders to contribute resources and expertise.

2. Expected impact (anticipated use of data)
Profiling is a comprehensive and substantial undertaking. It is therefore important that the findings are used to have a real impact on programming, advocacy and assistance for as many actors as possible, including the government. Therefore, requests should demonstrate:
   • Suitable timing so that the results may inform interagency planning and/or national strategies;
   • Willingness and mechanisms to share findings and data sets from the exercise;
   • Intention to collect relevant data determined by the given context.

3. Availability of resources
Many profiling processes fail due to the lack of financial and human resources dedicated to the exercise, so it is important that resources and staff are clearly assigned to the process. The request should therefore demonstrate:
   • Adequate human resources have been or can be mobilized for all stages of the profiling process. Ideally, a profiling exercise would be managed by a dedicated coordinator who can also act as the main focal point for JIPS support;
   • Adequate financial resources have been or can be mobilized for all stages of the exercise. Costs of profiling include: transport, salaries, computers and data analysis software, communication equipment, training, etc.
• Costs of JIPS support can be covered. These costs include mission costs (travel, accommodation and logistics) and salary costs of the JIPS expert. In some cases JIPS will be able to contribute, but on principle technical support for profiling should be included in budgeting for the exercise.

4. Feasibility of profiling

JIPS’ aim is to promote profiling in displacement situations where results can enhance prospects of sustainable solutions. The service specializes in providing support when comprehensive primary data collection is not only needed, but also possible. The request should therefore demonstrate:

• The need for a comprehensive population profile;
• The need for primary data collection (i.e. where existing secondary data is not adequate);
• Primary data collection is possible and there is sufficient access to the affected population.