

**Joint Inter -Agency
Profiling Service**

Why Ask for JIPS Assistance?

Benefits

1. JIPS is composed of a number of Profiling Advisers that are ready to provide guidance in profiling related matters.
2. JIPS support could be provided:
 - (i) remotely**, by assisting in the selection of the methodology, developing/reviewing forms, questionnaires, data management system, and reporting plan.
 - (ii) through deployment of Profiling Adviser** for a short period of time (2-3 weeks) to assist in any phase of the profiling exercise, including the evaluation of the need for profiling, methodology and tools design phase, signing agreement with and training of the implementing staff or implementing partners, data collection phase, data analysis phase.
 - (iii) by referring** the operation to a number of demographers, profiling experts and relevant institutions that could be contracted to fulfill the requirements of the operation for a longer period of time, throughout the whole exercise.
3. JIPS has compiled a number of documents and tools that could be used a base or starting point for the profiling exercise in your operations. The compiled documents include: (i) administrative and programme documents required for the exercise (ii) different methodologies used in different contexts, as well as (iii) questionnaires, guidance forms and reporting plans.
4. JIPS is ready to provide trainings related to profiling at country, implementation, cluster, regional and global level. Trainings will be designed according to the specific needs and target audience.

Limitations

1. JIPS cannot conduct the whole exercise on your behalf.
2. JIPS cannot fund your operation but it can provide its expertise, assistance, deployment of experts for short period on its own or shared cost basis.
3. In addition to JIPS assistance and advisors, the operation should hire / appoint staff to conduct the profiling, including, inter alia, profiling expert / demographer, data collection staff, data manager and data entry staff.
4. You will need to coordinate the information flow within your cluster and to organize your standard operating procedures to support the system.
5. You will need to agree on who will carry the exercise and who will own the data within your cluster. JIPS can facilitate this process.
6. Your operation will need the capacity to operate and maintain a database.