



GATHERING EVIDENCE

IASC Guidance: IDPs must have access to **effective mechanisms** that monitor the process and the conditions on the ground; They **actively participate** in the planning and management of the durable solution so that their rights and needs are considered in recovery and development strategies.

Overarching Questions Does the Protection Cluster promote a coherent and coordinated primary and secondary **data collection system** to inform response and durable solutions?
Does protection data and analysis **contribute to inform policy-making** and solutions planning?
Does protection data contribute to assessing IDP’s access to their rights and the protection obstacles to their durable solutions?

By systematically collecting, analysing, and disseminating agreed upon and coherent protection information, the cluster can influence policy decisions, guide strategic planning, and highlight the risks and resulting needs of displaced populations.

MENU OF OPTIONS

- Ensure protection data is **operationally relevant** by integrating findings from **protection risk assessments, intention, other relevant surveys and** research and multi-sector needs assessment (consolidated under the Protection Analytical Framework) to support crucial evidence-based advocacy, identification of critical protection risks, related vulnerabilities, and barriers to durable solutions. (See previous sections on building clear solutions pathways).
- Contribute, when needed or requested, to the **mapping existing data on solutions** and the identification of gaps in the type of data needed to inform solutions planning and processes¹.
- Advocate for improved displacement data collection, leveraging existing national systems, to include displacement in national statistics using the **International Recommendations on IDPs Statistic (IRIS)**², in support of the work of the RC/RC, UNCT and HCT.
- Advocate for or support requests for external resources such as **JIPS for IDP/durable solutions** profiling to push the IDP agenda and/or inform policy and planning for solutions.
- Actively promote the continuous engagement of IDPs in reflection, interpretation and definition of results from protection data collection and analysis, establishing, when possible, common entry points for consultation for multiple data collection mechanisms.
- Assist in ensuring data protection and **ethical standards** are in place for handling sensitive protection information³ and promote adherence to:
 - International data protection principles.
 - Do No Harm and informed consent approaches in protection data collection and use.

1. [The Data for Solutions to Internal Displacement \(DSID\) Taskforce has developed a diagnostic tool](#) allows UNCTs and associated coordination fora to map existing data on solutions and identify gaps in the type of data needed to inform solutions planning and processes.

2. <https://egrisstats.org/recommendations/international-recommendations-on-idp-statistics-iris/>

3. See Chapter 7 Professional Standards for Protection Work 2024: Fourth edition for more information: <https://www.icrc.org/en/article/professional-standards-protection-work-fourth-edition>

