



## Methodological Workshop on Measuring Impacts of Refugees and IDPs on Host Countries and Host Communities

November 20-21, 2015, World Bank Main Complex (Room MC 5-100), Washington, DC **Concept Note and Draft Agenda** 

### **Background**

Nearly 60 million persons were forcibly displaced worldwide due to conflict and persecution at the end of 2014 - the highest number since World War II. Forced displacement is not only a humanitarian issue, but also has important economic, social, political, and environmental impacts on the places of origin and destination. The development impacts of forced displacement, however, remain poorly understood. There is very limited work to date on the socio-economic impact of refugees on host and/or regional economies. Social scientists have largely neglected these important policy and conceptual challenges, in contrast to the countless qualitative studies on refugee livelihoods. As the number of protracted displacement situations is increasing, the lack of rigorous assessments is a major gap that needs to be filled. Recently, a number of call for proposals on the topic have been issued and case studies have been undertaken by The World Bank, UNHCR, and other actors. Efforts have also been made to develop a coherent methodology on how to measure the impacts of forced displacement.

#### **Objectives**

The workshop aims to bring together leading researchers in this field with the objective of starting a conversation on identifying a set of methods to assess impacts and increase the rigor of the assessments being conducted. A focus will be on quantitative methods and on socio-economic impacts of refugees in protracted situations on host communities (like employment, trade and entrepreneurship, prices, social infrastructure, services and safety nets, public expenditure, welfare and poverty).

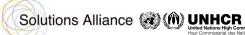
#### **Key Questions**

- What are the important questions from a development policy perspective?
- What are the key methodological difficulties when measuring impacts on host communities?
- Which methods are successful in which settings?
- How could comparative research frameworks be conceived?
- How can we increase the number of rigorous assessments? How can we increase the number of more comprehensive assessments, covering on a wider array of impact areas?











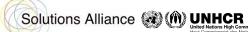
# **Format**

- Workshop with presentations (in a standardized way) and discussions
- In advance of the workshop, the participants will be requested to describe the related work they are doing, filling in a template provided











# Draft agenda

Friday, November 20, 2015		
8.30	Registration and Breakfast	
9.00	Welcoming Remarks and Introduction (workshop objectives and agenda)	
	Dilip Ratha, Lead Economist, DECIG World Bank and Head of KNOMAD	
	Xavier Devictor, Advisor, FCVCCSA World Bank and Co-Chair of KNOMAD TWG on Forced	
	Migration and Development	
	Paul Spiegel, Deputy Director of the Division of Program Support and Management, UNHCR	
	Tour de Table: What are the most important issues to address regarding measuring socio-	
	economic impacts on host communities?	
10.00	1a. Data collection methods: Surveys	
	Questions: Which survey methods for which research questions/designs? What are useful	
	sampling sizes and methods in different scenarios (camp/settlement/cohabitation; urban	
	vs. rural settings)? For which subgroups should the data be representative? What are the	
	time and costs involved? How can longitudinal surveys be conceived?	
	Refugee economies in Uganda – Naohiko Omata, Oxford University	
	Sudanese refugees in Cairo – Karen Jacobsen, Tufts University	
	Profiling urban displacement situations – Natalia Baal, Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS)	
10.45	Coffee break	
11.00	1b. Data collection methods: Surveys (continued)	
	Household survey using mobile phones in Mali – Alvin Etang Ndip, World Bank	
	Economic and social impact assessment in Turkey – Anna I. Gueorguieva, World Bank	
	Economic and social impact assessment in Lebanon, Jordan and KRG-Iraq – Tara	
	Vishwanath, World Bank	
12.00	2. Data collection methods: Qualitative methods	
	Questions: What are the challenges when working with qualitative methods? How can	
	qualitative and quantitative methods complement each other?	
	Displacement economies – Amanda Hammar, Copenhagen University	
12.45	Lunch	
14.15	3. Data collection methods: Secondary data; Survey data vs. Registry data	
	Questions: How can survey data help to improve registry data? What are challenges when working with secondary data (like access, reliability, identification of refugees/IDPs)? What further existing sources of secondary data could be exploited?	









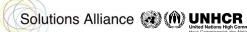


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	Welfare assessment of Syrians living in Lebanon and Jordan (using UNHCR and WFP data) –
45.45	Paolo Verme, World Bank
15.15	Coffee break
15.30	4. Methods for data analysis: Impacts on labor markets
	Questions: How to separate the impacts of the refugee/IDP influx from other factors? How to establish a counterfactual? What to do if the increase in refugees/IDPs is not exogenous? What are differences between analyzing impacts of refugees and IDPs?
	Labor market impacts of refugees in Tanzania – Carlos Vargas-Silva, Oxford University Labor market impacts of Syrian refugees in Turkey – Mathis Wagner, Boston College
	Discussant: Florence Kondylis, World Bank
16.30	5. Methods for data analysis: Impacts on prices
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	Questions: How to separate the impacts of the refugee/IDP influx from other factors? How to establish a counterfactual? What to do if the increase in refugees/IDPs is not exogenous? What are differences between analyzing impacts of refugees and IDPs?
	Impacts of IDPs on host communities in Colombia – Rafael Jose Santos Villagran, Universidad de los Andes
	Impacts of IDPs in Darfur – Anne Bartlett, University of New South Wales Australia
	Discussant: Paolo Pinotti, Bocconi University
17.30-	Conclusion of first day
18.00	Paul Spiegel, Deputy Director of the Division of Program Support and Management, UNHCR
19.00	Dinner at Kellari Taverna (1700 K St NW, Washington, DC)
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8.30	Breakfast Walson and Breakfast days
9.00	Welcome and Recall of first day
0.45	Alex Aleinikoff, Chair of KNOMAD TWG on Forced Migration and Development
9.15	6. Methods for data analysis: Impacts on welfare, infrastructure, health and education
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	Welfare impacts of hosting refugees in Tanzania – Jean-Francois Maystadt, Lancaster
	University
	Impacts of hosting IDPs on educational attainment in Colombia – Valentina Calderón, UN
	Social and Economic Commission for Western Asia
	Discussant: Çağlar Özden, World Bank
10.15	Coffee break











10.30	7. Discussion: What can we learn from migration research?
	Questions: From a methodological point of view: In how far do labor migration and forced displacement differ? And in how far does measuring impacts on host countries in the South and North differ? Which methods from migration research can be adapted to assess the impacts of forced displacement on host countries (which are mainly in the South)?
	Uri Dadush, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
11.15	8. Methods for data analysis: Comprehensive assessments of impacts
	Questions: How to measure and aggregate overall impacts?
	Economic and social impact assessment of the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya – Apurva Sanghi, World Bank
	Economic and social impact assessment of the Syrian conflict and ISIS on KRG-Iraq – Sibel Kulaksiz, World Bank
	Discussant: Roger Zetter, Oxford University
12.30	Conclusions and recommendations for next steps
	Tour de Table Alex Aleinikoff, Chair of KNOMAD TWG on Forced Migration and Development
	Kirsten Schuettler, Focal Point of KNOMAD TWG on Forced Migration and Development
13.00	Lunch