Defining refugees and refugee-related population for statistical purposes

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What’s covered in the chapter

• A statistical framework for measuring refugees and refugee-related population
  • Population in scope – who is covered under the statistical framework
  • How is this framework related to international standards on statistics of international migration
  • Components of the statistical framework
  • Measuring flows and stocks of refugees and refugee-related population
  • Statistics and indicators related to stocks/flows of refugees and refugee-related population
Population in scope

• Refugees and refugee-related population
  a. Persons in need of international protection, including refugees whose status are determined in light of international instruments
  b. Persons with a refugee background
  c. Persons returned from abroad after seeking international protection

• Only for those who flee from persecution, disturbed public order, war or violence, NOT due to economic deprivation, climate change or other man-made disasters
a. Persons in need of international protection

1. Prospective asylum seekers
2. Asylum seekers
3. Persons with determined protection status
   i. Refugees
   ii. Admitted for complementary and subsidiary forms of protection
   iii. Admitted for temporary protection
4. Others in refugee-like situations
a. Persons in need of international protection

• **Prospective asylum seekers**: Persons with the intention of filing an application for asylum, but who have not yet done so.

• **Asylum seekers**: Persons who have filed an application for asylum in a country other than their own and whose claims have not yet been determined

• Persons with determined protection status:
  • **Refugees**: 1951 convention; 1967 protocol; UNHCR mandate; UNRWA; others under national legal systems
  • **Admitted for complementary and subsidiary forms of protection**: Persons with one of a number of designations granted by host countries
  • **Admitted for temporary protection**: Persons who are granted temporary legal status in the host country because their lives would be in danger if they were to return to their home countries.

• **Others in refugee-like situations**: Persons who are not admitted to the host country as asylum seekers, but have nonetheless fled persecution, disturbed public order, war, violence, etc. in their country of origin or habitual residence
b. Persons with a refugee background

- 1. Naturalized former refugees
- 2. Children born of refugee parents
- 3. Reunified refugee family members from abroad
- 4. Others with refugee background
b. Persons with a refugee background

• Naturalised former refugees: no longer with refugee status
• Children and descendants of refugees, with citizenship of the host country
• Family member reunification, jointed the refugees through family reunification
• Others with a refugee background, not currently refugees
c. Persons returned from abroad after seeking international protection

1. Repatriating refugees
2. Repatriating asylum seekers
3. Returning from international protection abroad
4. Others returning from seeking international protection abroad
c. Persons returned from abroad after seeking international protection

- **Repatriating refugees**: Persons, likely to be citizens, who have returned to their home country after having enjoyed asylum abroad.

- **Repatriating asylum seekers**: Persons returning after having attempted to seek asylum abroad.

- **Returning after having received international protection other than refugee status abroad**: This category covers persons who received temporary protection or were granted stay for other international protection reasons abroad and who have since returned to their home country.

- **Others returning from seeking international protection abroad**: persons returned after leaving the country to seek international protection abroad but were not covered by the other three categories above.
Flows of refugees and refugee-related population

Country of concern

Change of status, including ending or cessation.

IN
1st time asylum applicant
Refugee - primia facies group
Reunified Family
Returned from Protection abroad
Resettled

OUT
Seeking protection abroad
Resettled in 3rd country
Repatriating refugees
Returning from Protection abroad
Repatriated asylum seeker

Outside country of concern

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Statistics and indicators related to refugees and refugee-related population

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Statistics and indicators related to refugees and refugee-related population

- Extensive list but not exhaustive
- Need to be adapted and prioritized, per
  - Relevance
  - Statistical capacity (available data sources etc)
- Further disaggregation needed to respond to policy needs
  - Age, sex, country of birth, country of citizenship, date of arrival in the country, reason for migration, country of previous residence, parents’ refugee status, whether an accompanied child, legal protection status