

# How to read our data

## INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS

### Internal displacements (“flows”)

An “internal displacement” refers to each new forced movement of person within the borders of their country recorded during the year.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPs

### Total number of IDPs (“stocks”)

The “total number of IDPs” is a snapshot of all the people living in internal displacement at the end of the year.

### What is repeated displacement?

Repeated displacement is when someone is forced to move more than once. Some people become displaced a number of times before finding a solution to their displacement.

|  x1 |  x2 |  x3 |
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| 100 people were displaced for the first time                                           | 100 people displaced twice is counted as 200                                           | 100 people displaced three times is counted as 300                                     |

A mother and daughter are forced to flee their city in country X when fighting between rival gangs breaks out, resulting in two internal displacements



There were already eight people living in internal displacement as a result of previous conflicts. Two more are added to the total number of IDPs.



Heightened insecurity in the host community sheltering the mother and daughter forces them to flee to a displacement camp.



This counts as a further two internal displacements, but the number of people living in internal displacement stays the same.



An attack on the camp forces the mother and daughter and two other IDPs to flee again in search of safety, in other words triggering four more internal displacements.



Meanwhile two of the 10 people living in internal displacement are able to return home.



We count eight internal displacements triggered by conflict in country X at the end of the year.



$$2+2+4=8$$

We count a total of eight people as living in internal displacement at the end of the year.



$$8+2-2=8$$

### Why is the total number of IDPs sometimes higher than the number of internal displacements?

Because the total number of IDPs includes people displaced in previous years and still living in internal displacement.

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| Previous year | + | Current year | = | Total number of IDPs |
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