Demographic and Socio-economic Profiles for 349 Million Internal Displacements Worldwide

Internal displacements due to conflict and disasters are a major driver of global human mobility. While the total numbers of internal displacements by cause and geographical region are increasingly well documented, a significant gap remains in the availability of disaggregated data on key variables, such as age, sex, education, livelihood for the populations impacted by these events. Data from localised case studies can provide this granularity; however, they are difficult to generalise to other displacement contexts. This lack of disaggregated profiles complicates the work of decision makers who need to allocate resources efficiently to address the diverse needs of impacted populations. Here we contribute to bridging this knowledge gap by providing harmonised global estimates of the age, sex, income, education, health, and land use of populations living in displacement sites. We derived these estimates by combining geolocated data covering ~27,000 internal displacement events between 2017 and 2024, representing a total of 349 million displacements, with gridded global maps of demographic, socio-economic, and land use variables. Our results provide a statistical baseline for the profiles of displacement-affected populations worldwide, highlighting the substantial diversity of groups impacted by different displacement causes and in different geographical regions.