

-hoods, households and individuals – through a combination of structural interventions and tailored responses.

- **Coordinated action by States, donors, humanitarian organizations and development actors is needed** to meet IDPs' short- and long-term needs and enable them to achieve a durable solution. To this end, constructive engagement with States through facilitating forums for sharing of experiences and good practices, and through mobilization by sub-regional and regional bodies, is important.
- **National Societies, together with the ICRC and the IFRC, stand ready to support States** in scaling up initiatives to address internal displacement, in line with relevant national and international frameworks, based on respective mandates and in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of the Movement.

Further information

Visit the Statutory Meetings official website at www.rcrcconference.org to read the 2019 Council of Delegates resolution and sign up to the pledge for the 33rd International Conference.

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR NATIONAL SOCIETIES ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT FOR THE 2019 STATUTORY MEETINGS

Why is internal displacement a topic of discussion at the 2019 Statutory Meetings?



At the end of 2018, some 41.3 million people were internally displaced due to conflict and violence, and 17.2 million were newly displaced because of disasters (IDMC). These figures are a stark reminder of the failure to prevent, address and reduce displacement.

Internally displaced people (IDPs) often have specific assistance and protection needs related to their situation. Many have been uprooted for months or years, unable to rebuild their lives and achieve durable solutions. Internal displacement is one of today's most pressing global challenges.



The Movement has long been active in addressing internal-displacement in the context of armed conflict, disasters and other emergencies and linked to the effects of climate change. But it can and should do more. This can be done through stronger implementation of the existing Movement Policy on Internal Displacement adopted in 2009.

The 2019 Council of Delegates and the 33rd International Conference presents a timely opportunity for the Movement to come together around the topic of internal displacement, reaffirm our engagement and clarify our position and priorities through two streams:

- A **resolution** for the Council of Delegates: **'Strengthening Implementation of the Movement Policy on Internal Displacement: Ten Years On'**
- A **spotlight session** on "migration and displacement" at the 33rd International Conference and a **model pledge**

Resolution for the Council of Delegates (2019 CoD)
Strengthening Implementation of the Movement Policy on Internal Displacement: Ten Years On

The resolution focuses on the following critical areas of commitment:

- Better responding to urban internal displacement – significant numbers of IDPs live in urban environments, outside of camps, but the response to their needs and those of host communities remains inadequate;
- Enhancing efforts to prevent the conditions that lead to internal displacement - Including through respect for IHL in situations of armed conflict and disaster risk reduction and resilience initiatives in all situations and to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- Strengthening protection during displacement - including by taking measures to reduce the risks that IDPs may face in each phase of displacement and by effectively implementing the 'minimum protection approach' of the Protection within the Movement framework;
- Enhancing support for durable solutions, to enable safe, voluntary and dignified return, local integration in the current locations or resettlement in another part of the country according to IDPs' wishes and priorities.

Model pledge for the 33rd International Conference (33IC)
Strengthening the response to internal displacement

The objective of the model pledge is to enhance coordinated action of States and their National Societies by:

- Preventing the emergence of conditions leading to displacement;
- Strengthening the response to the short- and long-term needs of IDPs and host communities;
- Enabling more steady progress toward achieving durable solutions for IDPs.

Key action points for achieving these objectives include:

- Enact new, or amend existing, legislation and regulations related to displacement prevention and IDP protection and assistance.
- Facilitate access of IDPs to official documentation;
- Exchange with other States on good practices, lessons learnt and challenges in responding to the multiple needs of IDPs and host communities;
- Ensure participation of IDPs and host communities through active engagement and meaningful consultations in the planning and implementation of responses and durable solutions processes;
- Implement income-generating projects and other employment initiatives to enable IDPs to become self-sufficient and normalize their situations.

What can the National Societies offer at the 2019 Statutory Meetings?



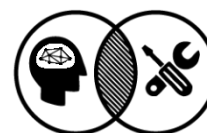
Catalyse support with sister National Societies for the CoD resolution to ensure its unanimous adoption at the 2019 CoD.



Promote knowledge and action to address internal displacement-related challenges through stronger advocacy with States and enhanced Movement-wide cooperation.



Co-sponsor and support the model pledge at the 33IC to pave the way towards a resolution on internal displacement at the 34th International Conference.



Actively implement the commitments and action points of the CoD resolution – including through support for strengthening internal capacities, leveraging existing tools and developing new ones, if necessary – and contribute to monitoring its implementation.

What do we want to ask of the States and what can we offer to them?
Key messages for advocacy

- Thanks to the momentum created by the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles last year and the 10th anniversary of the Kampala Convention this year, IDPs are again high on the policy agenda. Yet, the overall response needs significant improvements. **States, humanitarian and development organisations and other concerned actors need to do better in preventing the conditions that lead to internal displacement and enhancing protection, assistance and durable solutions for IDPs.**
- **We must work together to develop adequate responses in urban settings,** ensuring that no one falls through the cracks. To this effect, we must **approach emergency support and resilience building simultaneously** from the beginning of displacement and **engage at different levels – city, neighbour-**