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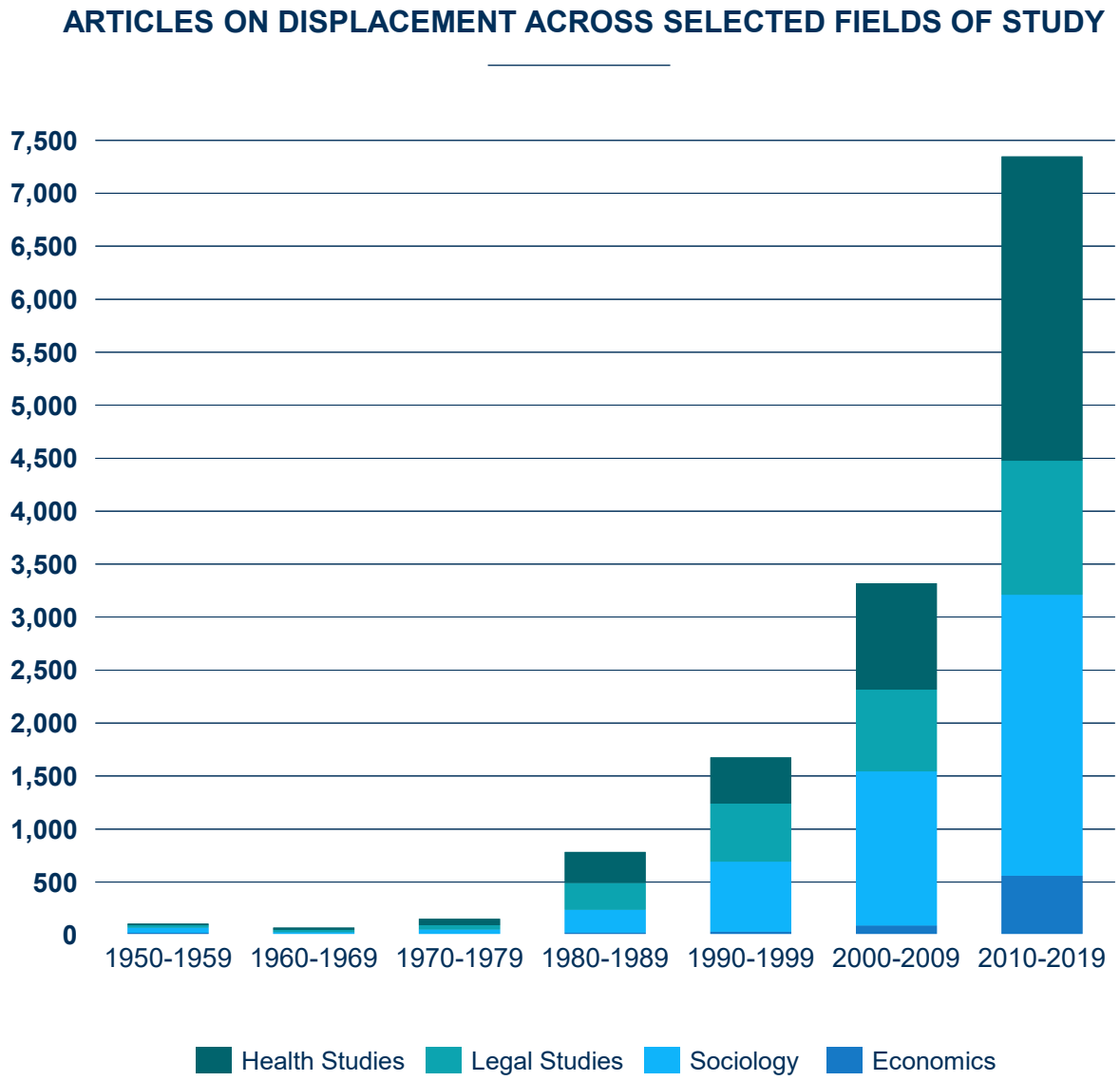
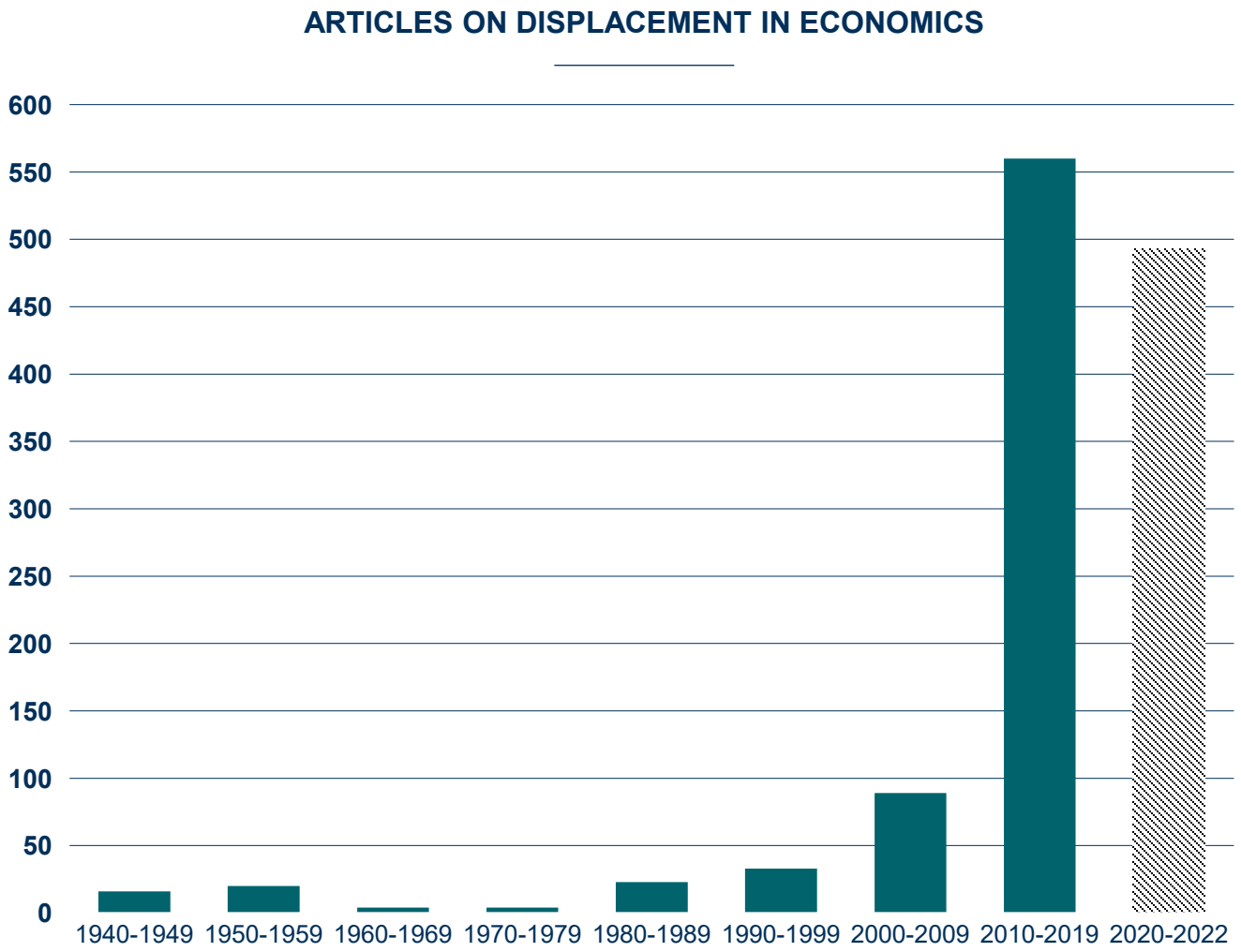
The amount of research on displacement has exploded in recent years across several fields of study…



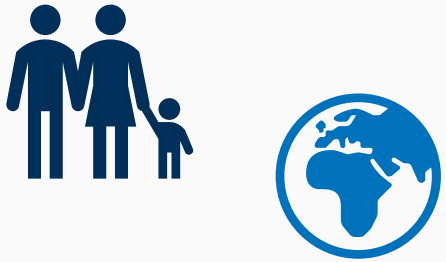


Research articles on displacement in economics have increased after 2010…

YET, TWO QUESTIONS ARISE…

1

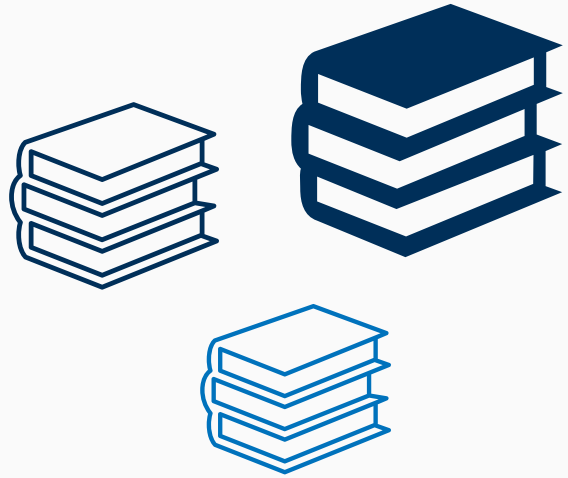
Evidence gaps persist, especially for certain populations (stateless people, children on the move), themes (welfare of returnees), and geographical areas (Sahel, Sudan and South Sudan)



→ How can we fill these gaps?

2

Research is often confined to academia



→ How can we make research operationally relevant?

JDC's KNOWLEDGE AGENDA: COMPONENTS

1

Mapping exercises of data and evidence

2

Developing a "marketplace" for researchers and practitioners

3

Knowledge dissemination papers

4

Developing training modules

THE KNOWLEDGE AGENDA AND THE JDC STRATEGY

The Knowledge Agenda contributes to the achievement of least three objectives described in the JDC Strategy

Key Objective	Pillars
Filling the *coverage gap* and the *substantive gap*, or lack of data or analysis on key population groups, geographic areas, socioeconomic welfare, or time dimensions	Mapping exercises The marketplace The knowledge papers
Reinforcing the *convening role* of the Center	The marketplace The knowledge papers The training activities
Forging *new partnerships* All Knowledge Agenda pillars envision collaborations and will facilitate the creation of new partnership outside the Center	Mapping exercises The marketplace The knowledge papers The training activities

DATA AND EVIDENCE MAPPING EXERCISES

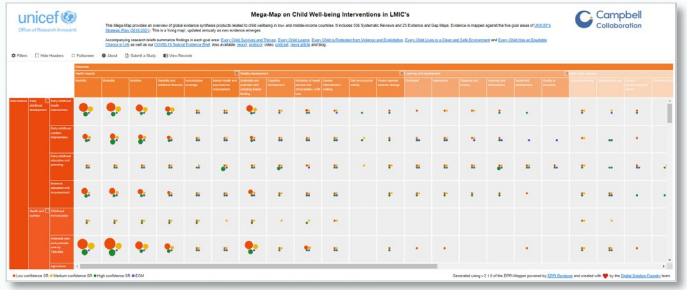
Data Mapping

A web-based user interface on country-specific socioeconomic microdata on forcibly displaced populations

Evidence Mapping

A multidimensional array of high-quality experimental or quasi-experimental impact evaluations or systematic reviews/meta-analyses

An interesting example: Mega-Map on Child Well-being Interventions in LMIC's



Starting points:
UNHCR & World Bank MDLs,
UNHCR & World Bank economist's work

EXAMPLE OF DATA SCOPING EXERCISE TO BE INCLUDED IN A DATA GAP MAP

Available datasets in Bangladesh

Extract from a larger scoping file. Courtesy of Mr. Masud Rahman, UNHCR Economist – Bangladesh Office, who collected the information and compiled the file

Sector	Title	Organization (or Authors)	Data Collected on (latest)	Rounds complete	Methodology Notes	Collection Method	Unit	Strata	Geogr. Disaggregation	Type of Info Collected	MDL?	Data URL	Report URL
Site Management	Cox's Bazar District - Refugee Camp Structure/ Shelter/ Infrastructure Footprints	UNOSAT/ REACH/ IOM	Apr-21	2	Digitization of previously collected drone footage by IOM	Remote sensing	Facilities	Refugee	Comprehensive mapping	Digitized map of infrastructure	Not applicable/ not shareable	https://data.humdata.org/dataset/bangladesh-refugee-camp-structure-footprint-march-2020	
Energy/ Environment	Energy Monitoring Framework Survey	UNHCR	2020	2	Beneficiary Survey conducted at least twice at Baseline and Endline of the project with the same group of sample beneficiaries.	In person	Household	Refugee	Camp	The scope includes: HH characteristics, cookware and kitchen performance, fuel, and lighting. Topics include: food security, environment, access to	Catalogued	https://microdata.unhcr.org/index.php/catalog/526/study-description	
Livelihood	Livelihoods Programme Monitoring Beneficiary Survey	UNHCR	2020	3	Sampling was conducted by Bangladesh operation. At least 100 randomly selected beneficiaries for each project. A total of 881 surveys for the latest round. Representativeness of sub-groups (gender, camp, etc.) should be kept as much as possible. Baseline and endline beneficiaries should be the same	In person	Household	Refugee and Host	Camp + Union	General information on beneficiary. Access to agriculture production enabled and enhanced. Access to self-employment/ business facilitated. Access to wage employment facilitated.	Catalogued	https://microdata.unhcr.org/index.php/catalog/539	
Multi-sectoral	Cox's Bazar Panel Survey (CBPS)	Yale University/ World Bank/ GAGE/ IPA	Aug-19	1	The sample is representative of three strata: i) residents of the refugee camps, ii) host communities within 15km of refugee camps, iii) host communities further than 15km from refugee camps. Samples were selected via a multistage procedure that selected small geographic areas as PSUs, listed each PSU, and then drew households from that listing. A sub-set of the same sample was also administered two additional questionnaires: 1 for an adolescent member in the household (core respondent) and 1 for their adult female caretaker.	In person	Both HH and Ind.	Refugee and Host	Camp + Union	Household: Household Roster, Housing Characteristics, Food Security, Consumption, Assistance, Assets, Anthropometrics. Individual: Labor Market, Labor Market History, Migration History, Use of Health Services, Crime and Conflict, Trauma and Mental Health using the Patient Health Questionnaire 9 (PHQ-9) and Harvard Trauma Questionnaire (HTQ)	Catalogued	https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/V614VB	

A MARKETPLACE FOR RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS

Goal

Boost the role of JDC as facilitator of the dialogue between researchers and practitioners

KNOWLEDGE AGENDA COMPONENT #2:

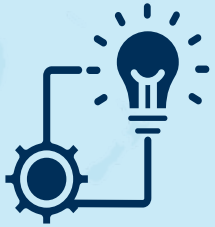
Developing a "marketplace"

Solution

A dedicated webpage/portal to offer an interactive space for sharing proposals, ideas for collaborations and possibly more

Final Objective

The online space will be devoted to matching research opportunities ("the demand") with research interests ("the supply")



KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION PAPERS

Provide a framework within which the Joint Data Center can continue conceptualizing and producing its Knowledge dissemination papers

KNOWLEDGE AGENDA COMPONENT #3:

Knowledge dissemination papers

JDC Paper Series on Forced Displacement

"Highly vulnerable yet largely invisible: Forcibly displaced in the COVID-19-induced recession"

"Answering the Call: Forcibly Displaced During the Pandemic"

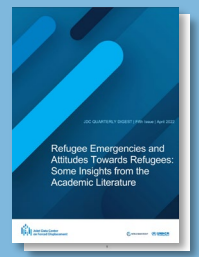
JDC Quarterly Digests

Long-term effects of forced displacement

Education

Children on the move

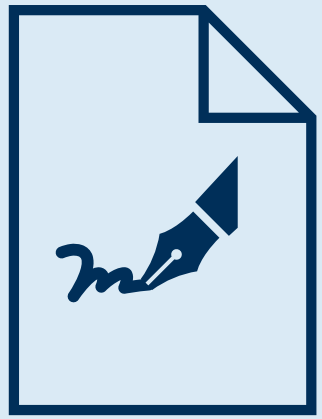
Gender issues



Attitudes

Housing & Shelter

New Ideas for Research Products



Existing Products | **Potential Future Products**

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Data availability, collaborations with researchers and academic institutions can help design training modules, potentially for different audiences:

KNOWLEDGE AGENDA COMPONENT #4:

Developing training modules

01

UNHCR officers, senior officers and representatives

02

World Bank task team leaders and managers

03

Officers of other international institutions, national and local governments, private entities operating on forced displacement issues

04

Scholars, researchers and practitioners in host countries and countries of origin

05

Academic students around the world

JDC KNOWLEDGE AGENDA – SUMMARY

Two Main Goals

1 Provide tools for filling data and evidence gaps in forced displacement

2 Strengthen the link between researchers and practitioners, by:

- Making research more operationally relevant, and
- Facilitating working partnerships

One Global Objective

Boost the design, adoption and use of evidence-based policies and programs

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