# UNHCR Global Reporting

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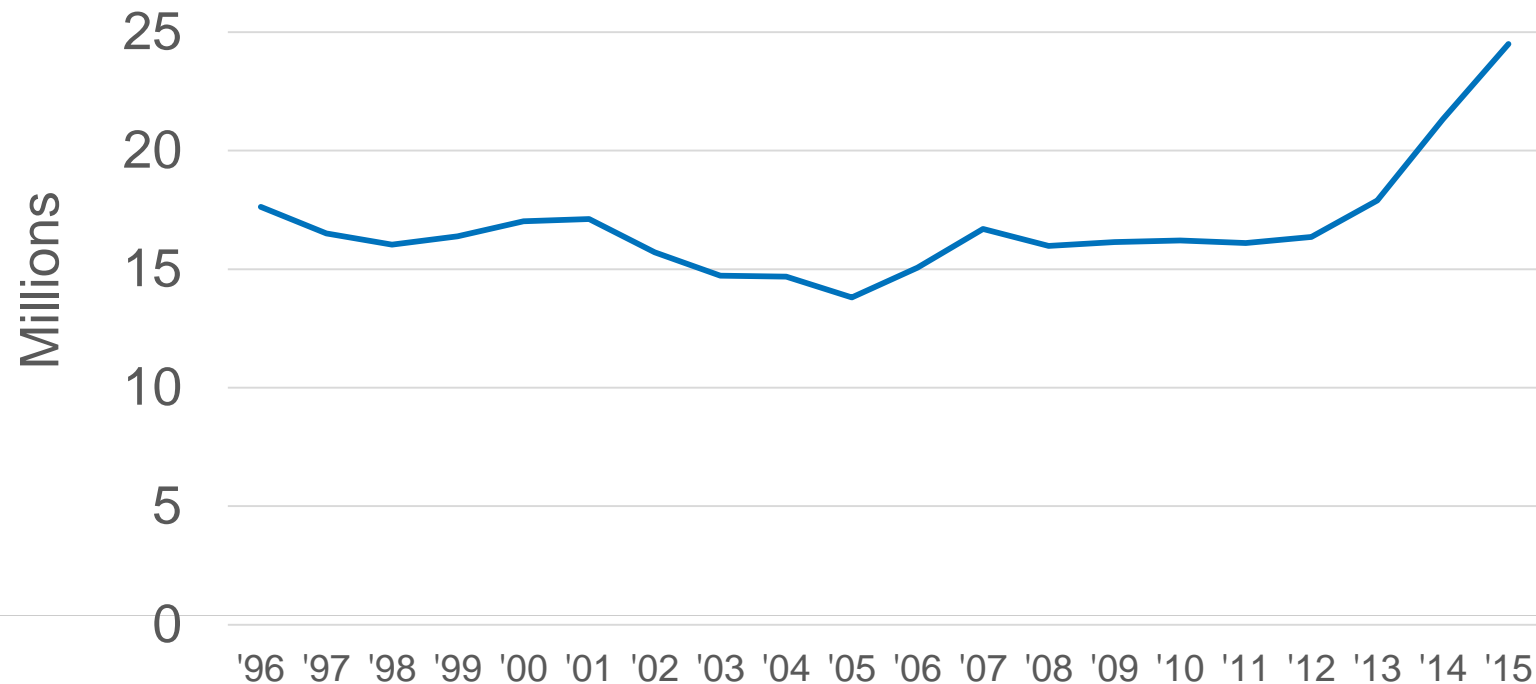
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# Why statistics on populations of concern?

- Global, regional and national public good
- Better policies, programmes and decisions
- Effective measurement and evaluation
- Increase accountability, policy debate, advocacy

# Increasing numbers of refugees



Refugees and asylum-seekers

# Numbers in mid-year 2016 - refugees

16.5 million refugees
under UNHCR mandate

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3.4 million asylum-seekers



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# Numbers in mid-year 2016 - IDPs

36.4 million IDPs reported by UNCHR offices

But know that this is under-estimate

40.8 million reported by
IDMC end-2015



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# Numbers in mid-year 2016 - returnees

- 123,000 returned refugees
- 3.2 million returned IDPs

# What's going well and future opportunities

- Reporting for nearly every country, twice a year (but questions of validity, disaggregation, timeliness)
- Interest of policy makers, media and civil society
- Increased data visualization, dissemination
- Potential of big data

# Uses of UNHCR statistics

Improve well being of populations of concern

Programme effectiveness

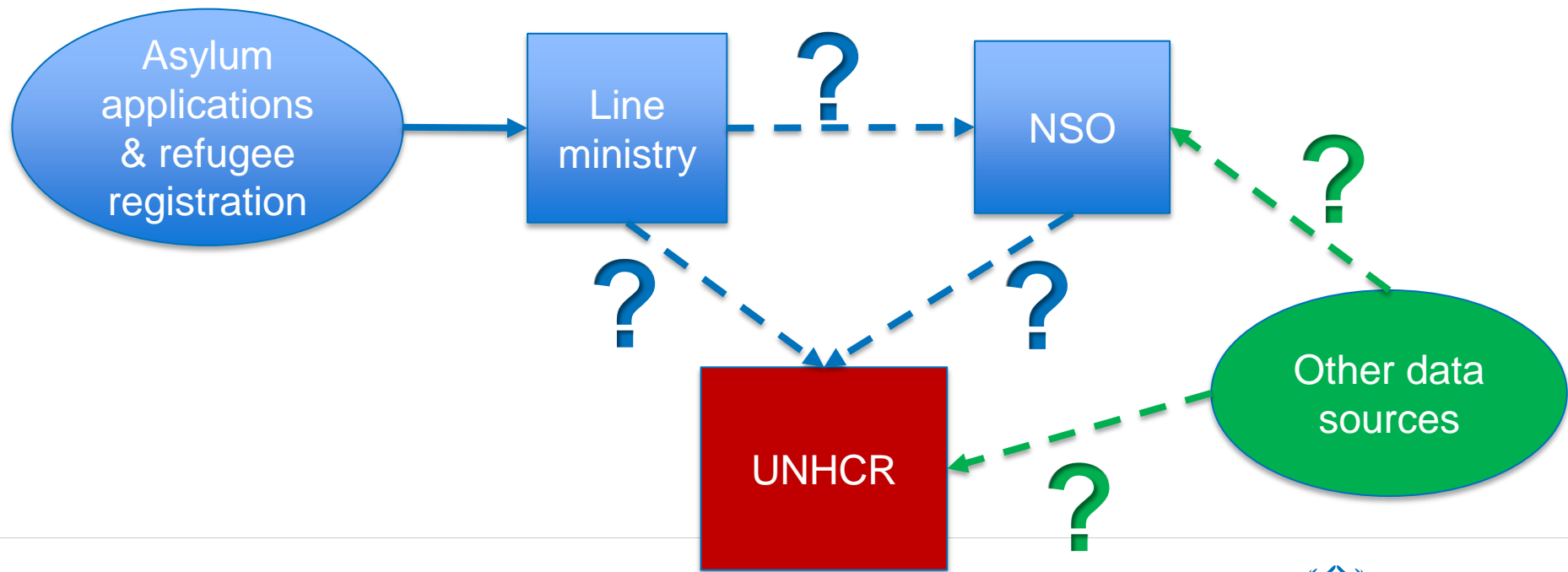Evidence-informed decision and policy making

Evidence for advocacy

Get data into the hands of those who will use it in a form in which they can use it

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# Challenges in refugee statistics….

# Working through national systems

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- IDPs part of national population
- But many challenges
  - Humanitarian emergencies
  - Capacity in affected countries
  - Lack of registration

# Integrating into NSDS

- Working through National Strategies for Development of Statistics
- Integrated within national systems and reporting
- Harmonizing migration statistics and statistics on asylum
- How to ensure national ownership?

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# Increasing out of camp settings

- Refugees and asylum-seekers increasingly in urban areas
- Collecting data on out of camp populations more challenging

# Disaggregation

- Sex, age, geographic
- Refugees and asylum-seekers: often reliant on national reporting
- IDPs particularly poor
- Need to identify vulnerable groups

# Inclusion in the 2030 Development Agenda

- 230 indicators…..
- But not one on forced displacement, nothing on refugees
- Refugees specifically mentioned in resolution but not reflected in indicator framework
- Only disaggregation by migratory status – need to encourage

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