

# Recommendations for reporting on IDPs

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1. The media, as an agent for setting the development agenda, should continue to **highlight issues** and **bring to the fore concerns** of persons affected by hostilities and conflicts, especially on the provision of welfare amenities, facilities and safe shelter.
2. Media reports should be **more incisive**, especially in **investigating allegations of corruption** in the management of resources for IDPs.
3. **More women and children** who are the most vulnerable **should be given space to air their concerns in media reportage**, in fulfilment of media's obligation as a voice to the voiceless.
4. Media organisations should endeavour to **fund journalists to independently visit IDP camps** to be able to include features articles, including objective reports on the management of the situation of life of IDPs in the camp.
5. Considering the humanitarian nature of the crisis, the media should give more prominent mention on cover pages to attract responses from government and other institutional agencies.
6. IDP issues deserve editorials and focus that urge that government agencies, humanitarian agencies and related institutions to put in place policies that guarantee, advance and promote improvement in provisioning of basic amenities and the rights to dignity and welfare of IDPs.