

II. E amples of IOM statistics

IOM's return database provides a unique set of statistics on global return movements. ince 1995, IOM has provided voluntary return assistance to more than 1 million people returning to over 1 0 countries since 1995.

One of the major programmes implemented by IOM is to organize and facilitate the repatriation of refugees and other groups, such as I s, during and after emergencies. IOM statistics relating to this form of assistance fall under two broad headings: Repatriation of refugees and ostemergency movement assistance. The first category refers to the voluntary repatriation of refugees organized in accordance with HCR's protection concerns and procedures. The second category includes persons who may not be refugees, such as I s and soldiers involved in de-mobilisation programmes. uring 2000-2001, IOM assisted nearly 00,000 persons under these two headings.

IV. The ways to disseminate the information gathered