**FIGURE 1** CHILDREN ON THE MOVE: AN IDAC CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

### Major groups of children on the move

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<th>International migrant children</th>
<th>Children in need of international protection</th>
<th>Internally displaced children (IDPs)</th>
<th>Children indirectly affected by migration and displacement</th>
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<td>Migrant children in regular situations</td>
<td>Refugee children under UNHCR’s mandate</td>
<td>Children internally displaced by conflict or violence</td>
<td>Children who stay behind</td>
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<td>Migrant children in irregular situations</td>
<td>Children in refugee-like situations</td>
<td>Children internally displaced by disasters</td>
<td>Second-generation immigrant children</td>
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<td>Paleste children registered as refugees with UNRWA</td>
<td>Asylum-seekings children</td>
<td>Children internally displaced by other causes (e.g., human rights violations)</td>
<td>Children with a refugee background</td>
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- For statistical purposes, many children in need of international protection are also included in the international migrant population since many (but not all) fulfil the statistical definition of international migrants.

### Other groups of children on the move

- Internal migrant children
- Temporarily mobile children
- Children who return

### Children in highly vulnerable situations (across all groups)*

- Unaccompanied children
- Separated children
- Stateless children (in the context of migration and displacement)
- Smuggled children
- Trafficked children

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*In addition to the situations explicitly mentioned here, it is important to remember that any child on the move may find themselves in situations of high vulnerability for a variety of reasons.*