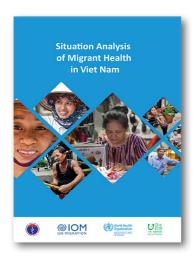
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Situation Analysis of Migrant Health in Viet Nam

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Viet Nam is home to dynamic and multidimensional population movements. Harnessing the full benefits of the migration process can unlock opportunities and deliver much-needed income and prosperity to families and communities, yet migrants themselves have been identified as vulnerable populations facing disadvantages in health-care access in Viet Nam and destination countries.



Migration Policy Practice (Vol. X, Number 2, April–June 2020)

2020/72 pages ISSN 2223-5248 English Available for PDF download

For many years, researchers have talked about the "age of migration", an era when more and more people are on the move. Suddenly, within the space of less than two months, movements across most borders have almost ceased completely, and policymakers are faced with the challenge of managing migration during a period of immobility. According to IOM, as of 23 April 2020, a total of 215 countries, territories and areas had implemented a total of 52,262 restrictive measures.

How will the pandemic and new restrictions on movements affect global migration?

Based on 11 contributions by several senior officials and experts from international organizations, NGOs and academia, this special issue of Migration Policy Practice discusses the emerging effects of COVID-19 for migrants and migration policy worldwide from a range of perspectives, including the humanitarian, economic and data-related implications of the new pandemic. This issue marks the tenth anniversary of Migration Policy Practice. The editors and editorial team would therefore like to thank all their authors and readers for their contribution to the establishment and recognition of MPP as the only international journal directed at migration policymakers worldwide.



MRS No. 60 – Migrants and the COVID-19 pandemic: An initial analysis

2020/28 pages E-ISBN:978-92-9068-833-4 English Available for PDF download

Authored by Lorenzo Guadagno, this Migration Research Series paper offers an initial analysis of the specific ways migrants have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. It also presents the diverse measures which have been adopted in receiving and origin countries to prevent, mitigate and address the negative impacts of the pandemic. Its objective is to provide insights for more inclusive and effective COVID-19 responses as the pandemic unfolds to ensure that migrants are duly included.



MHPSS and Well-being Promotion Campaign: Staff Welfare

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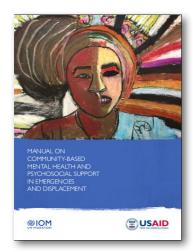
This set of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials was produced as part of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support and well-being promotion campaign of IOM South Sudan. It focuses on staff welfare in humanitarian emergencies. It aims at raising awareness on regular self-care, keeping a good work–life balance and maintaining a healthy lifestyle in humanitarian settings.



MHPSS and Well-being Promotion Campaign: IDPs Well-being

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This set of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials was produced by the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support unit of IOM South Sudan. It focuses on the promotion of well-being among conflict-affected, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and communities. It aims at raising awareness among IDPs on positive coping strategies and ways of regular self-care, as well as internal and external support structures available in the community like peer-to-peer support.



Manual on Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies and Displacement

2019/495 pages ISBN 978-92-9068-784-9 English Available for PDF download

The Manual on Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in Emergencies and Displacement describes the process IOM MHPSS programme managers should follow to design and implement relevant programmes in the aftermath of an emergency and with displaced populations.

While designed for IOM MHPSS programmes, the manual was compiled with the support of 100 experts from various agencies, NGOs and academic centres and links to more than 200 tools, articles and technical websites. As such, the manual is meant to be a reference for MHPSS experts working in the field, beyond IOM programming.

To make full use of the linked resources it is better to download the manual and read it through a devise with an active internet connection.

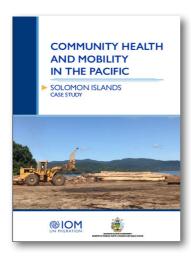
The manual is a living document. If you want to provide feedback, suggest examples and best practices or additional tools, you can register to be part of a feedback exercise, by emailing contactpss@iom.int.



Migration Health Annual Report 2018

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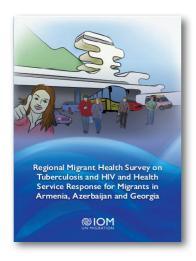
The Migration Health Division of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) acts with Member States, UN agencies and other partners in the international community to meet the operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration health issues, encourage socioeconomic development through migration, and work towards ensuring respect of the human dignity and well-being of migrants. This report provides a snapshot of IOM's health activities in 2018 and presents key achievements under three broad themes: (a) improved access to health services for migrants; (b) outbreak preparedness and response; and (c) international cooperation and global partnership in migration health. The report illustrates IOM's growing multidimensional migration health activities and partnerships in 2018, and demonstrates IOM's commitment to advancing the health of migrants and their families worldwide, as well as supporting IOM Member States in addressing migration health challenges.



Community Health and Mobility in the Pacific: Solomon Islands Case Study

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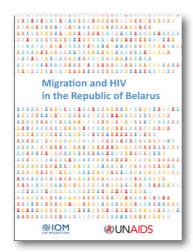
Migration and mobility are central features of the Pacific Islands landscape. The diverse island States dispersed throughout the world's largest ocean are connected by thousands of years of migration, history and culture. Mobility continues to remain a cornerstone of contemporary Pacific Islander identity and is central to many facets of Pacific Islands life. Both push and pull factors — such as marriage and maintenance of kin relations, trade and exchange, livelihood and economic opportunities, and displacement and resettlement from conflict or environmental hazards — motivate movement.



Regional Migrant Health Survey on Tuberculosis and HIV and Health Service Response for Migrants in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

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This regional survey report presents findings from qualitative and quantitative surveys among migrants in the South Caucasus countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. The objective of the qualitative survey was to assess experiences with and access to public health-care services related to HIV and tuberculosis (TB) in migrants' own countries and abroad. Specific goals were to clarify barriers in availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality (AAAQ) of TB and HIV health services for migrants within the countries of origin and destination, as well as collect recommendations and opinions for improving AAAQ of TB and HIV health services for migrants. The objective of the quantitative surveys was to measure HIV prevalence and TB signs and symptoms among migrant populations. Other goals were to determine the study participants' migration experiences, living and working conditions, sexual behaviour, and HIV testing and TB screening history in their own country and abroad. This evidence will help to ensure the development of adequate migrant-inclusive policies and public health interventions, especially related to TB and HIV.



Migration and HIV in the Republic of Belarus

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This publication presents the results of a study conducted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the Republic of Belarus in 2018 within the project "Study on nexus between migration and HIV in Belarus" with financial support from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

One of the key purposes of the study was to identify the level of awareness of HIV and its routes of transmission among the target groups: 1) international drivers, 2) foreign students, and 3) working migrants. Awareness was shown to be low among the focus groups. Low awareness in its turn leads to higher behavioral risks.

The results point to a need for large-scale innovative preventive activities aimed at informing the target groups about the risks and safety measures. Moreover, the study has revealed that migrants face certain difficulties in accessing HIV testing and ARV treatment services, that needs to be addressed through the effective policies.



Migration and HIV in the Republic of Belarus

2018/104 pages English, Mongolian Available for PDF download

The migration ban was introduced in 2017 and was extended in 2018 by the Governor of Ulaanbaatar to 2020. This would ensure that residents of the capital live in a healthy and safe environment, free from pollution and disruptions in environment balance. This decision could have an overarching impact on the quality of life of unregistered urban migrants. The lack of official resident status in the city prevents access to basic urban services, such as information from khoroos, schools and kindergarten, and health and social welfare services. Furthermore, urban migrants have difficulty securing stable employment.

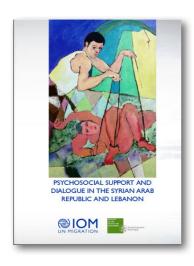
The study identified that the main impacts of existing vulnerabilities on urban migrants include challenges finding accommodation, along with land in the case of the ger areas, employment, access to urban services, financial disadvantage, information access, and social and familial conflict.



IOM IN THE FIELD: Improving the Living Conditions of Migrants and Refugees in Mainland Greece 2016-2018

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This publication gives a comprehensive overview of the holistic interventions carried out by the International Organization for Migration and funded by the European Commission's Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid department, aiming to upgrade living standards and ensure dignified and humane living conditions for migrants and refugees residing in sites throughout Greece during the period 2016–2018.



Psychosocial Support and Dialogue in the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon

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Following a series of consultative workshops held in Damascus in 2012, the International Organization for Migration began to implement its psychosocial support activities in the Syrian Arab Republic with a programme focused on capacity-building and support of national psychosocial practitioners and humanitarian responders, who were often operating without the necessary capacity.

The programme, funded by the Italian Cooperation, envisaged different training paths for psychosocial professionals in the Syrian Arab Republic. Among these was a one-year Executive Master's programme in Psychosocial Support and Dialogue, designed in collaboration with the Lebanese University.

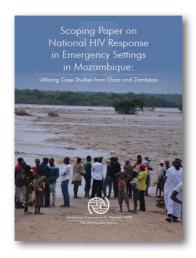
The findings will allow practitioners and scholars working in relevant fields to benefit from the critical analysis built by the expert authors, while adding value to the information and data collected through the master's students' fieldwork in areas that continue to be of difficult access for researchers.



Migration Health Annual Report 2017

2018/24 pages **English** Available for PDF download

The International Organization's (IOM) Migration Health Division acts with Member States, UN agencies and other partners in the international community to meet the operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration health issues, encourage social and economic development through migration, and work towards ensuring respect of the human dignity and well-being of migrants. This report provides a snapshot of IOM's health activities in 2017 and presents key achievements under three broad themes: (a) partnerships in migration health; (b) migration health in the context of crisis; and (c) disease prevention and response. The report illustrates IOM's growing multidimensional migration health activities and partnerships in 2017, and demonstrates IOM's commitment to advancing the health of migrants and their families worldwide, as well as supporting IOM Member States in addressing migration health challenges.



Scoping Paper on National HIV Response in Emergency Settings in Mozambique: Utilizing Case Studies from Gaza and Zambézia

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English, Portuguese
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Mozambique frequently experiences humanitarian emergencies including drought, floods, cyclones, conflict and disease epidemics, among others. This scoping paper on the national HIV response in emergency settings in Mozambique, which was conducted in 2017, concludes that there is a lack of adequate preparedness and coordination among government departments, other stakeholders and the United Nations humanitarian cluster system in the country to respond to the needs and challenges of preventing and managing HIV infection in disaster-affected populations. A number of recommendations emerged from this review to address the gaps in the response.



Guía para la Atención Psicosocial a Personas Migrantes en Mesoamérica

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La publicación es una guía práctica que contiene herramientas específicas de atención psicológica y psicosocial a migrantes en las diferentes etapas del proceso migratorio. También incluye actividades específicas de cuidado y asistencia a migrantes y autocuidado de personas que atienden a esta población. Destaca de este manual la posibilidad de replicar las actividades en diferentes contextos y según el perfil multidimensional de las personas migrantes en la región de Mesoamérica.

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