

Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement

Strengthening research and translating research priorities into policy and practice

Launch ►



Monday, 30 October 2023



13:00-14:30 CET

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Programme

Research plays a crucial role in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) recognize migration as a driver and enabler of sustainable development. Yet globally, a lack of comprehensive, high-quality, and contextualized research on the health of migrants, refugees and other displaced populations hampers the ability of health systems to adapt and respond to the health needs and rights of these populations, as well as hinders the development of inclusive policies and programmes, challenging global health and jeopardizing the sustainable development goals.

To bridge this knowledge gap, the WHO Department of Health and Migration, in close collaboration with the WHO Science Division and Research for Health Department, convened over 180 stakeholders across all regions in 2022 and 2023 to identify global research priorities and create a joint global roadmap for future research in this field, resulting in the first WHO Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement. The priority research topics identified are relevant to all areas of global public health and global policy development, and can be applied to varying geographical regions and migration contexts.

On 30 October 2023, the WHO Department of Health and Migration will launch the Global research agenda, unveiling the research priorities identified and presenting the critical implementation steps for national, regional and global actors. The launch webinar will discuss how the Global research agenda will lay the foundation for regional and national research agendas and improve evidence-informed policy-making while enhancing multistakeholder collaboration and interregional knowledge sharing to advance the health of migrants, refugees and other displaced populations.

Setting a global research agenda on health, migration and displacement aims at fostering international cooperation around health and migration research and facilitating effective translation of knowledge into action. The framework of the WHO Global research agenda will promote more engagement in knowledge generation at the global, regional and local levels and offers the opportunity to advance this critical health agenda, providing evidence-informed, sustainable and migration- and displacement-sensitive solutions to global public health challenges.

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Agenda

TIME (Geneva)

13:00–13:20

Introduction and welcome

Chair: Santino Severoni, Director, Department of Health and Migration, WHO

Opening remarks

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO (video message)

Ailan Li, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage, Healthier Populations, WHO

Jeremy Farrar, Chief Scientist, WHO

Achieving global public health policy objectives through inclusion of refugees and migrants in evidence-based policy making

Ahmed Al-Mandhari, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (video message)

13:20–14:00

Technical panel discussion: implementing WHO's Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement and translating it into policy and practice

The Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement as a catalyst for global, regional and national level research capacity-building

Miriam Orcutt, Technical Officer for Research, Department of Health and Migration, WHO

Introduction to the panel

Chair: John Reeder, Director, Department of Research for Health & Director, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, WHO

Panel discussion

Bernadette Kumar, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway

Cristiano Camponi, Director General, National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty,

WHO Collaborating Centre on Health and Migration Evidence and Capacity Building, Italy

Revati Phalkey, Global Director of Health and Nutrition, Save the Children International

Nalini Anand, Director, Center for Global Health Studies, Fogarty International Center,

National Institutes of Health of the United States of America

14:00–14:10

UN agencies discussion: a global call to action - committing to strengthening high quality research and knowledge production on health, migration and displacement

Chairs: Santino Severoni, Director, Department of Health and Migration, WHO

Kolitha Wickramage, Head, Migration Health Research and Epidemiology, International Organization for Migration, United Nations Migration Agency

Allen G. K. Maina, Chief of Public Health Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

14:10–14:25

Questions and answers

14:25–14:30

Closing remarks

Ailan Li, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage, Healthier Populations, WHO

Moving forward

Santino Severoni, Director, Department of Health and Migration, WHO