

WHO Health in the World of Work Network Nov meeting 14.11.24 Note for the Record

Agenda

- 1. Presentation by WHO Eliminate Yellow Fever Epidemics (EYE) team
- 2. Partner presentation by Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM)

Discussion overview

- WHO EYE team presented on vaccinating high-risk workers for yellow fever.
 - o Protection of these workers is part of the EYE strategy 2017-2026 under the 'Prevent international spread' strategic objective https://www.who.int/initiatives/eye-strategy
 - There is increasing exposure to YF due to work-related activities in certain sectors.
 Large numbers of workers recruited internationally in certain sectors can risk spreading YF.
 - o Challenges in protecting workers include lack of access to vaccination for workers in low-resource countries and lack of capacity in engaging with private sector.
 - Discussion with Network included how to collaborate with companies, unions and informal worker organizations in relevant countries and sectors and how to leverage existing ILO recommendations.
- H-WoW partner Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM) and King's College London
 presented a recently published resource 'Suicide Postvention in the Workplace: Supporting
 organizations and employees' https://www.som.org.uk/suicide-postvention-workplace-new-som-resource
 - o Discussion included intersections between postvention and suicide prevention and reporting, and mental health and work policies including differences across countries.

