Migration and health in the WHO European Region





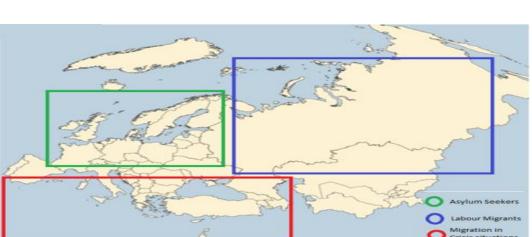






Setting the scene: migration in the European Region

77 million migrants are living in the WHO European Region, which represent 8% of its population (European Heath Report 2012)



1 out of 12 residents is a migrant

The migrant population in the European Region comprises a heterogeneous population, composed of diverse and overlapping groups such as refugees, asylum seekers, labour migrants, undocumented migrants, etc.













Technical assistance

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Technical assistance

- Assessing countries' health-system capacity to address the public health aspects of migration:
 - Overall aim: jointly assess with Ministries of Health the capacity of the health system, and agree on a series of priority areas for future collaboration.
 - Assessment missions conducted in Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
 - Experts from Ministries of Health have participated in WHO
 assessment missions jointly in neighbouring counties favouring the
 Inter-country exchange of knowhow and best practices.



• Providing technical assistance and policy advice on contingency planning to upgrade health systems' response; delivering migration and health training modules; providing medical supplies and others.









Health information and evidence



Improving the availability of good quality data on public health and migration is essential in order to develop evidence-informed policies and interventions



- Heallth Evidence Network (HEN) reports on public health and migration:
 - Published reviews of the eviednece available on health status and access to health care for refugees and asylum seekers, undocumented and labour migrants.
 - Published reviews on mental health, maternal health and the public health implications of the legal migration definitions.









Advocacy and communication

Advocating for public heath and migration in the European Region:

- WHO/Europe website.
- Quarterly newsletter produced in collaboration with the University of Pècs.
- Policy briefs on the diverse public health aspects of migration: CDs, NCDs, environmental health, intersectoral action etc.
- Infographics.









Data and evidence

to better address emergency-related migration

Recent events in North Africa and the Middle East triggered a dramatic increase in

national political dialogue on migration. Through the Public Health Aspects of

nigration, which highlights the need to identify best practices and engage in a cross

digration in Europe (PHAME) project, WHO/Europe is working closely with Member

States to strengthen the health sector's preparedness and the public health capacity

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About us





Scaling up migration and health in the European Region

Policy development



- 2013: Public Heath Aspects of Migration in Europe (PHAME) project, funded by the Italian Ministry of Health, aimed at providing technical assistance and policy advice to countries receiving large influxes of refugees and migrants
- 2015: Interdivisional Migration and Health Task Force to scale up the response to the European refugee and migrant crisis
- Sept. 2015: Ministerial lunch on migration and health at RC65
- Nov. 2015: High-level Meeting on Refugee and Migrant Health, adoption of the outcome document Stepping up action on refugee and migrant health
- Nov. 2015: Twenty-third Standing Committee of the Regional Committee supports development of a strategy and action plan, accompanied by a draft resolution, for consideration at RC66.









Regional Committee working document: structure

Strategy for Annex 1 on refugee and Informed by resolution definitions migrant health WHA61.17 on the in the WHO health of migrants ✓ To be aligned with the **European Region** global strategy First meeting for the Action plan for development of the refugee and global strategy to be hosted by the Regional migrant health Office for Europe in in the WHO December 2016. Annex 2 on **European Region** indicators









1) Strategy for refugee and migrant health in the WHO European Region

Status of

migration and health in Europe

Need and opportunity to act now

Scope

Guiding principles

Legal framework, policy document and country experience informing the rationale of the document

Snapshot of the changing migration scenario in the **European Region** and overall health implications

Momentum to collaboratively address the shortand long-term public health implications of migration

Prevent disease and premature death, reduce vulnerability to health risks and improve access to health services in the context of large-scale international movement of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

Health 2020, SDGs, human rights, genderresponsive and equitydriven, multisectoral, whole-of-government, whole-of-society and health-in-all-policy approaches, solidarity and humanity, and universal health coverage









2) Action plan for refugee and migrant health in the WHO European Region

- Nine strategic priority areas, each of which includes:
 - background
 - objective
 - actions by Member States
 - actions by the Regional Office





2. Advocating for the right to health of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

Addressing the social determinants of health



4. Achieving public health preparedness and ensuring an effective response



5. Strengthening health systems and their resilience



communicable

6. Preventing

diseases

7. Preventing and reducing the risks posed by noncommunicable diseases



Ensuring ethical and effective health screening and











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There is no public health without refugee and migrant health.

