

Some people need to leave or flee their home.

This is a call for action.

"Join us as we create a safe space for debate around migration and global health."



How can you help?



Networking



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Community building



Action



1 Billion*

281 M*

82.4 M*

1 Billion migrants globally in 2020/2021. About 1 in 7 of the global population are migrants.

281 million international migrants in 2020/2021.

82.4 Million people were forcibly displaced worldwide (in 2020/2021) - the highest levels of displacement on record.

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Background

The recent Russian attack on Ukraine has precipitated into a humanitarian crisis imposed by the war causing an exodus of millions of Ukrainian refugees to Europe. This unfolding crisis has once again brought forth the plight of refugee and migrant health and the need for a streamlined approach within and beyond Europe. Migrants and refugees belong to the most vulnerable group of our society who face systemic barriers such as poor access to health, housing, and working conditions. These factors contribute to the experience of migration which is a major determinant of health and well-being among migrants and refugees. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, conflicts, and war have further exacerbated the existing inequities including – but not limited to – access to and use of health services. Promoting and protecting the health of refugees and migrants is not just a human rights issue but key to protecting them as well as the host populations. Multi-sectoral public policy strategies are warranted to address the social determinants of health such as housing, health services, education, employment, income, etc. The purpose of the Hub Community (HC) on Global Health and Migration is to act as a catalyst for change, research, evidence-based policy design, and advocacy for migrants. The HC's work should be built upon the experience and lessons learned from past migration crises.

Purpose and Organization

Global Health Hub Germany is launching a flagship program on “Global Health and Migration” to address various aspects of the impact of migration on global health, and vice versa, with a focus on policy- and research-led public and academic debate from an interdisciplinary lens. Bringing together an international team of experts from Germany and worldwide from multiple sectors and interdisciplinary backgrounds with experience or interest in global health, policy, migrant and refugee health, this Hub Community (HC) aims to act as a catalyst for academic exchange, policy, and advocacy in Germany, within Europe, and globally, and to bring together an integrated, diverse, collective, and inclusive approach to global health in general and migrant health in particular. By definition, HC members cross organizational boundaries, come together to share and create knowledge, and act as a network and resource to each other. By using the HC model, we plan to tap into the diversity, reach, and energy of far-flung experts in global health. We will also draw lessons from previous humanitarian crises, e.g., the refugee crises forced by the Syrian war, as well as the successes and failures of health systems and other vulnerable groups within and outside Europe. This will be contextualized to individual challenges and appropriate policy responses across European member states vis a vis their healthcare systems. Existing and previous policies, recommendations, and responses will be collected, analyzed for comparative analyses, and tracked for ongoing synthesis and feedback. The aim is to create, update and manage a living recommendation manual around migration and health systems and provide key indications to emergent and practical issues that tend to be overlooked (e.g., menstrual health). The HC will promote involvement, education, and training of young professionals (health literacy for individuals and health systems). The HC aspires to be an active and engaged communication platform for all things migrant and global health.

About the Global Health Hub Germany

Founded in 2019, the Global Health Hub Germany brings together global health actors from across stakeholder groups and sectors in Germany and beyond. It seeks to bring together different perspectives on issues in global health and promote a dialogue between non-state-actors and policy-makers. The Hub receives funding from the German Federal Ministry of Health.

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