

Launch of the WHO Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration (GEHM) series and first report “Refugees and migrants in times of COVID-19: mapping trends of public health and migration policies and practices”

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Global evidence on the health of refugees and migrants is limited and governments worldwide often grapple with developing and implementing legal frameworks and policies that address refugees and migrants’ needs. The COVID-19 pandemic and the lack of coordinated and consistent public health responses has reaffirmed the importance of timely evidence.

To support evidence-informed policymaking and interventions, the WHO Global Health and Migration Programme (PHM) is launching the Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration (GEHM) series and its first report – “Refugees and migrants in times of COVID-19: mapping trends of public health and migration policies and practices”.

The webinar will reflect on the main findings and policy considerations outlined in the report with the aim to facilitate international dialogue and knowledge sharing around the health needs of refugees and migrants and how to address them. The event will be an opportunity to discuss how evidence products on refugee and migrant health can strategically support policy-making that both fosters public health and protects the right to health of refugees and migrants.

Time Agenda

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13.00-13.20	Opening session (Char: Dr Santino Severoni, Director, Health and Migration Programme (PHM), WHO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General, WHO • Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, WHO (<i>video message</i>)
13.20-13.35	Strategic importance of evidence products for policy making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Dr Santino Severoni, Director, PHM, WHO • Dr John Grove, Director, Quality Assurance of Norms and Standards, WHO
13.35-14.00	Technical session (Char: Rifat Hossain, Health and Migration Programme (PHM), WHO) Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration (GEHM) series and “Refugees and migrants in times of COVID-19: mapping trends of public health and migration policies and practices” – Reflection on main findings and policy considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to GEHM Series – PHM, WHO • Prof Vincent Chetail, Professor for International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland • Prof Lawrence O. Gostin, Professor and Founding O'Neill Chair in Global Health Law, Georgetown University, Washington DC, United States of America
14.00-14.30	Open discussion: moderated by Rifat Hossain, WHO
14.30-14.40	Wrap-up and conclusion Dr Santino Severoni, Director, PHM, WHO