

Health of migrants

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The health of many migrants is at risk



Paradigm shift

**Traditional approach
of exclusion:**

Security

**Disease control,
quarantine,
IHR '51**

National focus



**Multi-dimensional approach
of inclusion:**

Reduction of inequities

**Social protection
in health, health
determinants**

**Multi country &
inter-sectoral**

WHA Resolution on Migrant Health & Global Consultation

2008 :61st WHA Resolution on "the health of migrants"

Migrant-sensitive health policies and equitable access to services;

Capacity building of health service providers and professionals;

Bi- and multi-lateral cooperation, intersectoral action [...]

2010 : Global Consultation on Migrant Health to:

Take stock of actions by MS & Stakeholders

Reach consensus on priority areas and strategies

Initiate an operational framework to assist MS and stakeholders

Operational Framework: Priorities

Monitoring Migrant Health

Develop migrant health indicators:

To ensure the standardization and comparability of data on migrant health

To support the appropriate aggregation and assembling of migrant health information

To map good practices in monitoring migrant health, policy models, health system models[...]

Policy- legal frameworks

Extend social protection in health for migrants:

To promote rights to health and equal access to health services for all migrants

To explore effective models to finance migrant health (GFMD, Mexico outcome)

To improve social security for all migrants and family members[...]

Migrant sensitive health systems

Develop a migrant sensitive workforce and related policy guidance:

To ensure health services are culturally, linguistically and epidemiologically appropriate

To enhance the capacity of the health and relevant non-health workforce to address the health issues associated with migration[..]

Partnerships, multi country framework

Maintain a global network:

To share relevant information and models; 'clearing house'

To establish and support migration/ health dialogues and cooperation across sectors and countries of origin, transit and destination[...]