

## Statement of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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Agenda Item 23.2 Global strategies and plans of action that are scheduled to expire within one year

WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023

Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished representatives,

The IFRC acknowledges all the progress made during the implementation of 2019-2023 Global Action Plan to support the strengthening of refugee and migrant health despite challenges from COVID 19.

Addressing the humanitarian needs of people on the move is a priority for IFRC. The auxiliary status to national governments places 192 RCRC National Societies in a unique position to provide lifesaving services to communities.

We recommend any new action at the global, national, or local level, to ensure:

- Firm commitment to equity, transparency, and inclusivity, when accessing health services and care and to identifying and tackling barriers to exclusion.
- Collaboration between governments, communities, and community actors. Refugees and migrants should be involved in policymaking and programming at all levels of governance.
- Clear commitment to strengthening domestic health monitoring and health information systems, while promoting cross-country collaboration

IFRC will continue to address the needs of people on the move and we look forward to continuing our work with States and partners. Only this way we can progress towards Universal Health Coverage.