

Extension of the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023 to 2030

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General,¹

Decided to recommend to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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Recalling resolution WHA61.17 (2008) on the health of migrants, and resolution WHA70.15 (2017) and decision WHA72(14) (2019) on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, as well as the commitments made in the 2019 political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage,² to ensure that no one is left behind;

Recognizing the role that the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023 plays in advancing and coordinating WHO's work on refugee and migrant health, in line with the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2025 and in collaboration with IOM, UNHCR and other relevant international organizations, including but not limited to UNFPA and UNICEF, and stakeholders, avoiding duplication;

Reaffirming the goals and objectives of the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023, and recognizing its contribution and prioritization effort to improve global health equity by addressing the physical and mental health and well-being of refugees and migrants, as evidenced during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

Noting the contribution of the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023 to meet the targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals, including those of Goals 3, 5 and 10, as well as the objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees,

¹ Document EB152/36.

² United Nations General Assembly resolution 74/2, adopted on 10 October 2019.

1. DECIDES to extend the time frame of the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023 from 2023 to 2030;
2. URGES Member States to:
 - (1) continue to address the health needs and multiple situations of vulnerability of migrants and refugees, in line with national contexts and priorities and in accordance with relevant international obligations and commitments;
 - (2) strengthen the integration of refugee and migrant health in global, regional and national initiatives, in collaboration with donors and other relevant stakeholders and partnerships including health and migration forums, to accelerate progress towards target 3.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (3) identify and share, through informal consultations to be convened by the Secretariat at least every two years, challenges, lessons learned and best practices related to the implementation of actions within the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2030;
3. ENCOURAGES relevant stakeholders and networks to engage with Member States in the implementation of actions consistent with the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2030;
4. REITERATES to the Director-General the importance of allocating the necessary resources to implement the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2030;
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to:
 - (1) continue implementing the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2030;
 - (2) continue to provide technical assistance, develop guidelines and promote knowledge sharing as well as collaboration and coordination within and among Member States, for the implementation of actions consistent with the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2030;
 - (3) promote the production of knowledge through surveillance and research and support efforts to translate the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2030 into concrete capacity-building actions, with a focus on the specific health needs of refugees and migrants, while taking into account their situations of vulnerability;
 - (4) submit a progress report to the Health Assembly in 2025, 2027 and 2029 on the implementation of this resolution and on the the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2030.

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