

Extension of the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants

**Draft decision proposed by Argentina, Bangladesh, Cabo Verde,
Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala,
Iraq, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Portugal,
Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine and United States of America**

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General on the WHO Global Action Plan on Promoting the Health of Refugees and Migrants 2019–2023 (WHO GAP),¹

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

The Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly,

(PP1) 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;

(PP2) Recognizing the role that the WHO GAP 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 the International Organization for Migration, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and other relevant international organizations, including but not limited to UNFPA and UNICEF and stakeholders, avoiding duplication;

(PP3) Reaffirming the goals and objectives of the WHO GAP, 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 COVID 19 pandemic;

(PP4) Noting the contribution of the WHO GAP to meet the targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals, including 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 10 October 2019.

(OP)1. DECIDES to extend the time frame of the WHO Global Action Plan on Promoting the health of refugees and migrants from 2023 until 2030:

(OP)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 SDG target 3.8;
- (3) identify and share, through informal consultations to be convened by WHO at least every two years, challenges, lessons learned, and best practices related to the implementation of actions within the WHO GAP;

(OP)3. ENCOURAGES relevant stakeholders and networks to engage with Member States in the implementation of actions consistent with the WHO GAP;

(OP)4. REITERATES to the Director-General the importance of allocating the necessary resources to implement the WHO GAP;

(OP)5. REQUESTS the Director-General to:

- (1) continue implementing the WHO GAP;
- (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 GAP;
- (3) promote the production of knowledge through surveillance and research and support efforts to translate the WHO GAP 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 WHA in 2025, 2027, and 2029 on the implementation of this resolution and the WHO GAP.

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