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IOM is committed to advancing UHC and to contributing to realizing the objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the SDGs outlined in the 2030 Agenda.

From migration health assessments to vaccination initiatives, IOM works towards expanding regular migration pathways and improving access to quality health services for migrants and their families – reaching over 1.1 million people with health assessments and over 3.3 million with crucial vaccinations in 2023.

IOM welcomes the steps taken by Member States with the Political Declaration adopted at the UNGA High-level Meeting on UHC in 2023. IOM particularly welcomes recognition that migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons often face barriers to accessing health services, and of the need to: accelerate efforts to integrate public health considerations into migration policies; incorporate the health needs of migrants in health-care services, policies and planning; address the shortfall of health workers; and ensure that bilateral labour agreements benefit countries of origin and destination and protect migrant health workers.

Migrants contribute to the social and economic development of communities and societies, including as co-developers and providers of health services and innovation.

IOM looks forward to continuing to work with governments, WHO and our partners to translate these political commitments into action to ensure the meaningful inclusion of migrants in UHC.