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IOM commends Member States and WHO for their efforts in drafting the GPW14.

For IOM as the UN Agency for Migration this document is of high importance. We have invested more than 253 million USD in migration health programming in 2023 alone and implement migration health activities in more than 132 countries.

IOM is particularly pleased to see that GPW14 recognizes human migration and displacement as significant factors in shaping global health. Migrants and displaced people are identified as a group requiring protection and assistance in two joint outcomes (2.1 and 3.1). Additionally, it acknowledges the need for ethical management of migration related to the health and care workforce (outcome 3.2), it addresses the health needs of migrants in WHO's normative and data work, and recognizes the vulnerabilities at the interface of climate change and health.

IOM applauds Member States and WHO for including an additional GPW14 indicator to measure the proportion of refugees and migrants with equal access to (i) essential and (ii) emergency health care.

In short, IOM is looking forward to the approval of the draft GPW14 and through our operational strength we intend to support Member States and WHO in its implementation - and - together - achieve better health of migrants, displaced persons, and mobile populations.