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International Migration, Health and Human Rights


In this publication, WHO, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) explore the multifaceted health and human rights challenges that migrants face and report on recent developments in this area.

The aim of this publication is to provide all stakeholders with a reference on key health and human rights issues in the context of international migration. It is meant to provide inspiration to policymakers to devise migration policies and programmes that are guided by public health considerations and human rights imperatives, with a view to protecting the human rights and improving the health of both migrants and the communities in which they live. The publication is available in English, French and Spanish.

World Migration Report 2013: Migrant Well-being and Development

(https://www.iom.int/cms/wmr2013)

The World Migration Report 2013 contributes to the global debate on migration and development in 3 ways.

First, the focus of the report is on the migrant, and on how migration affects a person’s well-being. Many reports on migration and development focus on the impact of remittances, the money that migrants send back home.

This report takes a different approach, exploring how migration affects a person’s quality of life and their human development across a broad range of dimensions.

Second, the report draws upon the findings of a unique source of data – the Gallup World Poll surveys, conducted in more than 150 countries, to assess the well-being of migrants worldwide for the first time.

Third, the report sheds new light on how migrants rate their lives, whether they live in a high-income country in the North, or a low- or middle-income country in the South. Traditionally the focus has been on those migrating from lower income countries to more affluent ones; this report considers movements in all four migration pathways and their implications for development; i.e. migration from the South to North, between countries of the South or between countries of the North, as well as movements from the North to the South.

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