CONSENSUS CONFERENCE for establishing a European level Migration Health Database

Workshop findings on availability and integration of data on refugee and migrant health in health information systems in the WHO European Region

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WHO Systematic review – HEN Report

What is available in the 53 WHO EURO MS in terms of **availability and integration of data** on refugee and migrant health Information Systems?

- Results from only 25/53 MSs

- Patchy and fragmented evidence base information

- Discrepancies in migration indicators

- Poor data quality

- Lack of national/European strategies

- Disease-centred/ poor integration of data

Policy considerations:

1. Harmonize migrant definitions
2. Coordination of data collection
3. Attention to data protection
4. Monitor performance of a potential European health info system
5. Integration of migration indicators in routine data systems
6. Improve use of data linkage
7. Expand health monitoring surveys
8. (242 different data collection system, 14 with an international scope (evidence to be considered)

Presentations summary from WHO Turkey and WHO Albania on data availability

Turkey

- Geographical distribution of refugees

- 4Ws data collection (ad-hoc tool+DHIS2+MBYS(MoH) in line with IASC Information Management Cluster mechanisms design (population of concern, interventions, PH events...)

- Research portfolio covering wide span of health conditions

- # of consultations/type of consultations

Deserving further attention:

- Data sharing from Government

- Inconsistency of Systems usage

- Training of personnel

- Coherent terminology

- Donors focus on Syrian population

Albania

- Country of Origin of immigrants

- Data of emigrants

- Migrant movements

- Gender breakdown

- Facilities availability for migrants

- Migration data related to security

- Migration health data with some pre-screening info NGO registers, Emergency, register of notifiable diseases, registers of Centers

Deserving further attention:

- **Gov vs NGO: integration of data**

- **Separate DB for nationals/migrants**

- **Focus on innovative tools**

Opportunities/Challenges for creating a European DB or improving existing DBs

▶ Common variables among the existing DBs→ Follow up analyses based on the findings of the HEN Report are needed

▶ Need to focus on a few harmonized indicators building on the same definitions

▶ Opportunity for normative Organization/s to come up with a request to MSs to introduce country of origin data/other variables. Push for changes at national level (collection and sharing)

▶ Wide involvement of Organizations, including capacity training throughout the Countries involved

▶ Keep in mind different migration patterns and presence/absence of international treaties→ Clear definition of Database scope and coverage (EU/EU Neighborhood /WHO EURO approach/es) → Group discussion: 'The approach should be aiming to cover all the 53 Member States of the WHO EURO Region, none the less, the approach could be a progressive one. Starting with the Countries that already present Health information System and then expand.'

▶ The immediate purpose of the conference is to form a task force based on voluntary affiliation with the intention to follow up on the Consensus Document.