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Migrants' Health and The Sustainable Development Goals

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development explicitly recognizes the contribution of migration to sustainable development and emphasizes the principle of “leaving no one behind,” which includes migrants. To achieve the goals of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, particularly Universal Health Coverage, governments and health organizations must prioritize the health of migrants and mobile populations. Several SDGs are directly or indirectly related to migration and health.

Ensuring migrants' access to quality healthcare requires collaborative efforts across different sectors and the creation of healthcare systems that are specifically designed to meet the needs of these groups, ensuring that everyone is included and no one is left without care. It is a matter of human rights and a public health imperative. Ignoring the health needs of migrants can have negative consequences for public health in host communities. Ensuring migrants have access to preventive care and treatment is essential for controlling infectious diseases and promoting overall community well-being. Recognizing and addressing the health needs of migrants is also crucial for achieving the broader goals of sustainable and inclusive development. The paper will focus on the present situation and the challenges associated with ensuring migrants' full access to healthcare.

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