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Massive Population Flows:
the Plight and Solutions
for Refugees and Migrants

BACKGROUND

Due to complex migration trajectories resulting from the movement of people, particularly from Syria to its neighboring countries and onwards to Europe, over 2.7 million Syrian refugees reside in Turkey, over 1 million in Lebanon, with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) estimating a total 1,256,464 refugees and migrants entering Greece and Italy between January 2015 and mid-May 2016. It is vital that all people on the move have the necessary health protection coverage without suffering injuries, trauma and death, as well as financial hardship. Understanding patterns of large, acute, crisis-driven mobility and identifying corridors used by refugees and migrants is critical to determine priority resources allocation for public health interventions.

OBJECTIVES

Given the complex interlinkages among the domains of human rights, public and global health, and international migration and the widely differing national and regional circumstances, this session aims at simulating debate on discussing strategies, experiences and lessons learnt in ensuring health coverage of migrants and refugees caught in crisis situations throughout the migration cycle, in countries of origin and in destination. The critical importance of recognizing large migration within crisis context will be explored. The objectives of this session are below.

- To understand the determinants of large international migrations.
- To demonstrate the plight of the refugees, discuss strategies, experiences and lessons learnt in ensuring health coverage of migrants and refugees in crisis contexts.
- To draw recommendations for improving the effectiveness of international solutions.



MODERATOR

Davide MOSCA

Director of Migration Health Division
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Switzerland

Dr. Davide T. Mosca is the Director of the Migration Health Division at the International Organization for Migration. Dr. Mosca earned his MD at the University of Milan and specialized in Emergency Surgery and ER at the University of Modena. He has worked for 24 years in Africa and the Middle East. From 1984 to 1994 he worked in Zaire (now Democratic Republic of the Congo) for the Italian Technical Cooperation first as a surgeon and later in public health, directing various primary healthcare and health education programs for community nurses and nomadic health workers. He was also co-chair of the Regional Commission of Environmental Sanitization (CRAM-Shaba), a large public-private partnership enhancing rural and urban environmental health. He joined the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Mozambique in 1994, and as part of the UN Mission he designed health programs for the reintegration of internally displaced people, returning refugees, and demobilized soldiers. In 1996, he relocated to Angola on similar post-conflict programs of the UNAVEM III Mission. From 1998 to 2008 he was based in Nairobi, Kenya, where he led IOM medical teams as the Regional Medical Officer for Africa and the Middle East. In that capacity he worked in the resettlement of refugees, health assessment for migrants, and migration and health programs through a variety of innovative programs and initiatives that utilized multidisciplinary approaches in the areas of HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria, and health promotion and in addressing the migration of healthcare workers from Africa. He also coordinated IOM's emergency health programs after the second Gulf War and implemented medical evacuation of civilians affected by the war in Iraq. Appointed to his current position in 2008, he manages IOM health programs worldwide, employing more than 1,200 health and operations personnel in more than 60 countries, in the clinical provision of immigration medical examination and public health-related

initiatives, promotion of health of migrants through a variety of health programs with particular focus on communicable diseases, and response to emergencies, including the 2014–2015 Ebola crisis in West Africa. Dr. Mosca has taken part as speaker, panellist, chair, and lecturer in several Congresses and Seminars on Surgery, Primary Health Care, Tropical Medicine, Emergencies and Disasters, Humanitarian Aid and Human Rights, Global Health , and Migration Health. Dr. Mosca has published several publications and studies, has contributed to several review panels in global health issues, and has provided training and lectures world-wide. He sits on several global health advisory boards including Stop TB Partnership, Roll Back Malaria, and the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, among others.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Paul SPIEGEL

Director

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USA

Dr. Paul Spiegel is the Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health and Professor in the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health where he lectures and undertakes research in humanitarian emergencies.

Previously, Dr. Spiegel was the Deputy Director of the Division of Programme Support and Management at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva, Switzerland where he supervises and manages four technical sections - Public Health (including health, HIV, nutrition, water and sanitation, and food security); Cash-based Initiatives; Shelter and Settlement; and Operations Solutions and Transitions (including energy, environment, livelihoods, and solutions). He was also Chief of the Public Health and HIV Section (2002-2012) and the Refugee Agency's Global HIV Coordinator for UNAIDS (2004-2016).

Dr. Spiegel is Chair of the Funding Committee for the DFID and Wellcome Trust funded Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises or R2HC, and is on the editorial board of the journal entitled Conflict and Health.

Before UNHCR, Dr. Spiegel worked as a Medical Epidemiologist in the International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Previously he worked as a Medical Coordinator with Médecins Sans Frontières and Médecins du Monde in refugee settings in Kenya and DRC as well as for numerous organisations including the Canadian Red Cross, the Pan American Health Organisation and the Centre for Victims of Torture in Toronto,



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Canada. He received his medical degree at the University of Toronto and his Master of Public Health and specialty in Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Spiegel has responded to crises and undertaken field work and research in humanitarian emergencies in numerous countries on all continents. He has published and lectured extensively in the field of humanitarian emergencies. His research interests are in epidemiological methods, health information systems and HIV. He has won numerous awards including CDC's Charles C. Shepard award for outstanding research in Assessment and Epidemiology.



SPEAKER

Helena LEGIDO-QUIGLEY

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Dr Helena Legido-Quigley is Associate Professor in the Health Systems and Behavioural Sciences Domain at the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health. She holds a joint position with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and is a Fellow in Global Health Security at Chatham House. Her background is in health systems research, qualitative methods, and health policy. She has conducted research on health policy and health systems in Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, and now focuses on Southeast Asia. Her specific areas of expertise include quality of healthcare, chronic diseases, and migrant populations. Her work has been widely published in peer-reviewed journals such as the Lancet, British Medical Journal and PLOS Medicine, as well as international media including The Times, The Economist, and the Financial Times. Over the course of her career, Dr Legido-Quigley has demonstrated strengths in undertaking rigorous research work that has policy impact, as evinced by her work in areas such as the European financial crisis and the global health architecture.



PANELISTS

Maria GUEVARA

Regional Humanitarian Representative to the ASEAN
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Dr. Maria Guevara is currently the Regional Humanitarian Representative in Asia for MSF, based between Hong Kong and Jakarta since 2012. Although originally born in the Philippines, Dr. Guevara was raised in the US where she acquired her Medical Doctorate. After obtaining her medical degree from the University of Alabama, School of Medicine in 1993, she received training in Internal Medicine at the University of Nevada and specialized in Pulmonary and Critical Care at the University of Florida, College of Medicine. She was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians in 2003 and was a recipient of the CHEST Foundation International Humanitarian Recognition Award in 2006. She also received a diploma in tropical medicine at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and is currently enrolled in the Masters of Global Health Policy program at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

After practicing in various emergency and intensive care units in the US and serving as faculty at the University of Florida, she joined MSF in 2004. She has done field work for MSF in Liberia, Guatemala, Haiti, DRC, Nigeria, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, and South Sudan in both emergency and stable settings. Her field roles has been as diverse as field doctor, hospital director, project coordinator, liaison officer, exploratory mission medical focal point, medical coordinator and interim Head of Mission. In her current role as MSF regional representative, she served as a member of the Advisory Group on Reform of WHO's Work in Outbreaks and Emergencies with Health and Humanitarian Consequences from July 2015 to January 2016. Dr. Guevara has also volunteered in different charities and associations aside from MSF and has participated in conferences as speaker/lecturer/panelist. She speaks English, French, Spanish and Tagalog.



PANELISTS

Alistair BOULTON

Assistant Regional Representative (Protection)
The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

Thailand

Alistair Boulton is a lawyer who worked closely with the Canadian Council for Refugees before joining UNHCR full-time in 2003. Before being posted to Bangkok in November 2014, he served at duty stations in Africa and the Middle East. He has served as a senior legal advisor in the Africa Bureau and as the Special Assistant to the High Commissioner at UNHCR's headquarters in Geneva. Prior to his current assignment, he was coordinator of the Human Rights up Front unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in New York.



PANELISTS

Teresa ZAKARIA

Migration Health Emergency Coordinator
International Organization for Migration

Switzerland

Dr. Teresa Zakaria provides global technical support to IOM's emergency health operations and heads the Health Assistance for Crisis Affected Populations Unit based at IOM's Migration Health Division in Headquarters, Geneva. Within this function, she provides technical and programmatic support and strategic guidance to IOM's emergency health operations in West Africa in response to the EVD outbreak, as well as in many other countries and regions affected by crises. She was a key contributor to the articulation and operationalization of IOM's Health, Border and Mobility Management (HBMM) framework, including the development of methodological guidelines for population mobility mapping at borders within public health interventions. She is the primary technical person working with CDC and WHO within the tripartite collaboration on health management at borders. She represents IOM in the Global Health Cluster.

Dr. Zakaria is an Indonesian national. She completed her medical doctor degree in Indonesia and her Master of International Public Health in Australia. She has worked for IOM in various countries and responding to various crises over the past ten years. She is also a resource person on matters related to human trafficking and its health consequences, having managed a recovery center for trafficked persons in Indonesia between 2004 and 2008.



PANELISTS

Natapanu NOPAKUN

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Thailand

Mr. Natapanu Nopakun is a Thai diplomat with 22 years of experience in bilateral, multilateral and management experience.

Since April 2016, Director Natapanu has been tasked with enhancing Thailand's role in shaping global social issues and its policy initiatives at the Thai Foreign Ministry. Some of the important recent milestones in the area of his responsibility include the historic return of the pilot group of Myanmar displaced persons to their homeland in October 2016 and Thailand's assumption of the chairmanship of the Foreign Policy and Global Health (FPGH) group in January 2017, as well as the continuous efforts to promote human rights commitments as Thailand implements the recommendations received from the Universal Periodic Review process of the Human Rights Council.

In the past two decades, he has worked on issues concerning all regions of the world and on various global issues, such as human trafficking, human rights, disarmament, refugees, migration, anti-corruption, rule of law, global health, and regional security, among others. In the multilateral fora, he has represented Thailand in various meetings of the UN Human Rights Council, UNHCR, IOM, Bali Process, Global Forum on Migration and Development, UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Anti-Personnel Landmine Ban Convention, among others.

Director Natapanu's past professional experiences include positions such as Minister-Counselor, Head of Human Rights and Humanitarian Section, and Head of Chancery at the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland ; First Secretary (Political Affairs) at the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington DC; and Second and First Secretary (Development Cooperation) at the Royal Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh. He was also an official interpreter, speechwriter, and note-taker for three Prime Ministers of Thailand as liaison for the Foreign Ministry at the Government House from 2008 to 2011.

In 2017 and beyond, Director Natapanu looks forward to working with various line agencies and international organizations to optimize Thailand's engagement in the effort to solve the global migrant crisis, and strengthen Thailand's position as a shaper and bridge builder on various issues of international concern.

Born in Bonn, (then) West Germany, Director Natapanu has lived abroad extensively in the United States, the Philippines and Nepal. He holds a graduate degree in international relations from Boston University, and is a Fulbright ASEAN Research Fellow (2010) and a Thailand Institute of Justice Emerging Leaders in Rule of Law and Policy Fellow (2016).

He is interested in freelance writing, cartography and activities in harmony with nature.