



Mesa Redonda: Saúde na Determinação da Emigração e das Respostas (Health in Determining Migration and Responses)

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Unequal access to healthcare and services, marginalization, and abuse due to migrant status are often linked to restrictive immigration and employment policies, socioeconomic factors, and anti-migrant sentiments in societies. These are referred to as the social determinants for migrants' health and should be addressed to contribute to sustainable development, while reducing the health costs for migrants and societies of origin, transit and destination.

The different phases of migration are associated with specific vulnerabilities that can influence subsequent health outcomes. Thus, health problems already present at the pre-migration phase (e.g. endemicity of disease, availability of health services, living with chronic disease, exposure to traumatic events) may impair health during migration, which may in turn be exacerbated by physical/psychological trauma, injury, or deprivation during the process of migration.

In transit and destination communities, some migrant workers, especially the low skilled, are employed in sectors often amongst the most dangerous, difficult and demeaning (3Ds), with low wages, hazardous and harsh working conditions, and a lack of status recognition, social protection and occupational health rights. In addition, some migrants are also placed into detention, jails, and other closed facilities due to national migration policies, where health-related vulnerabilities increase.

Health of all migrants is an urgent matter. Governments are faced with the challenge of integrating the health needs of migrants into national plans, policies and strategies across sectors, responding to the call to 'leave no one behind' and achieve Universal Health Coverage, stated by the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

During this session, we will describe some of the most common health risks and health needs for migrants in transit, and to which extend the humanitarian and development global agenda is responding to these challenges