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## Advancing Migrants' Access to Universal Health Coverage in times of COVID-19

10 December, 2020 | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (EST)  
3:00- 4:30pm (UTC+1)

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### AGENDA

#### Welcome Remarks

Moderator, Tiziana Bonzon, Manager, Climate, Migration and Resilience, IFRC

#### Opening Remarks

- H.E. Mrs. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, Co-Chair of the Friends of Migration
- H.E. Mr. Omar Zniber, Permanent Representative of Morocco

#### Setting the Scene

- Francesco Rocca, President, IFRC
- António Vitorino, Director-General, IOM

#### Moderated Dialogue

- Guilherme Gonçalves Duarte, Health Counselor, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the UN
- Dr Afaf Yahya, Secretary General, Sudanese Red Crescent
- Marta Royo, Executive Director, ProFamilia

#### Closing Remarks

- H.E. Mrs. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland
- Fernando de la Mora, Coordinator of Economic, Social and Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Permanent Mission of Mexico



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**Background:** The COVID-19 outbreak is having an unprecedented impact on human mobility, border and migration management and people on the move themselves, including those displaced by conflict or disaster. As the world stands at a critical juncture of the pandemic, it is important to recognize that migrants are particularly vulnerable to the devastating impacts of the crisis, yet also play a crucial role in preparedness and response efforts in the health sector as well as in other sectors equally essential.

The pandemic highlights how interconnected human health is and clearly shows that migrants' access to health coverage, including testing, diagnostics, treatment and vaccinations, is an imperative for everyone's well-being.

IOM Director General António Vitorino and IFRC President Francesco Rocca welcome you to join the discussion between first responders and decision-makers, to galvanize support for global health security approaches in which universal health coverage and inclusion of all migrants are central.

## Objectives:

- Highlight the humanitarian consequences of excluding migrants from universal health coverage by elucidating realities for migrant communities, and showcase best practices in which coordinated, synergistic and inclusive action is implemented to promote an effective COVID-19 response and recovery, also in the run-up to UHC Day on December 12, 2020.
- Enable a discussion between first responders and decision-makers, with a view towards galvanizing support for global health security approaches in which universal health coverage and inclusion of migrants in central.
- Highlight the important role of migrants in the response, as co-developers and providers of people-centred health services in countries of origin and destination and their potential in mitigating the future economic and social impact of COVID-19 on our societies.
- Explore on the way forward and share innovative solutions to assist Member States on their effort to integrate public health concerns into human mobility at the border, and beyond.



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Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance.

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