

WEBINAR

'Internal Displacement, Infectious Diseases and Health Responses'

Health and Internal Displacement Network

Tuesday 15 June, 3.30-5pm UK

Conflict-driven internal displacement has an acute impact on the health of those who are forced to flee as internally displaced persons (IDPs). Such IDPs often face increased risk of infectious diseases, including respiratory and sexually-transmitted diseases, and are particularly exposed to epidemics. Not least in the COVID-19 context, this raises important questions about how health policy and providers can adequately prevent and mitigate the impact of infectious disease in IDP populations.

The Health and Internal Displacement Network (HIDN), launched in April 2021, promotes research engagement and evidence-driven policy on IDP health. This event - the second in our new 2021 HIDN Webinar Series - builds on earlier HIDN [expert workshops](#) with researchers and policy actors that [identified IDPs as often the population most affected by disease and death](#) in conflict contexts.

In this webinar, three presentations by leading HIDN researchers share cutting edge research on how infectious diseases move through IDP populations and the implications for health responses:

- *"Essential healthcare services provided to internally displaced populations in low and middle-income countries"* - Dr Winifred Ekezie, University of Leicester, UK
- *"Health among IDPs in Colombia: a focus in infectious and mental diseases"* - Professor Alfonso J Rodríguez-Morales, Fundación Universitaria Autónoma de las Américas, Colombia
- *"Health systems response to emerging needs of internally displaced populations: insights from Nigeria and Syria"* - Professor Alastair Ager, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, UK

The webinar is hosted by HIDN member Professor Karl Blanchet, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Register [here](#) to join us for this important webinar discussion. Please also feel free to forward the details of this event to your colleagues or networks as appropriate. Participants will be able to ask questions and share comments through online moderation. The event will be held in English and take place online, with the event recording made available afterwards.

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