



Refugee Health and Well-Being: Psychological, Behavioral and Biochemical Insights

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Message from the Guest Editor

At present, forcible displacement and unavoidable migration have resulted in nearly 80 million displaced people, 26 million of whom are refugees. This is the highest since the second World War broke out. Conflict, instability and civil war in Sub-Saharan and West African countries, conflict in Syria, war on terror in Afghanistan, the Rwanda and Rohingya genocide and more recently the crisis in Ukraine have resulted in massive displacement of men, women and children from their home countries. The traumatic experiences of war and conflict and ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic complexities, combined with the struggles of resettlement, make refugees highly susceptible to several health risks such as obesity, diabetes, mental health (including depression and post-traumatic stress disorder), tuberculosis, nutritional deficiencies, parasitic infections, chronic hepatitis B infection, cancer, etc. To better understand the health risks and examine the structural health disparities faced by refugees, psychological, behavioral and basic science research is critical in understanding these important aspects.





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