





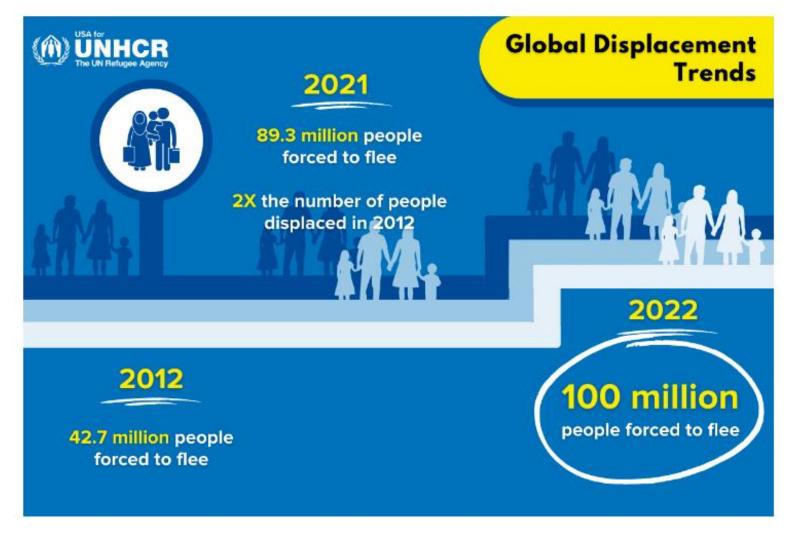
## Follow-up of the very young patients at the migrants' clinic



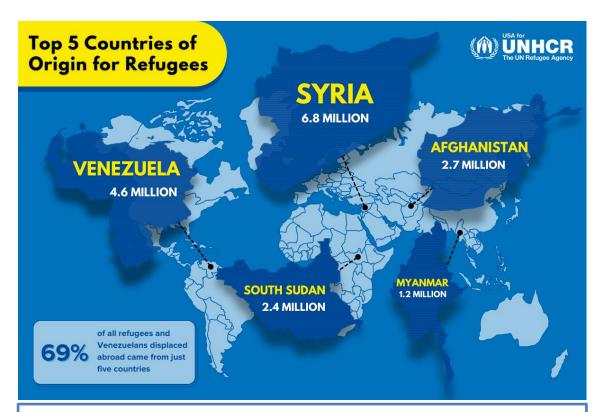
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## Global forced displacement around the world

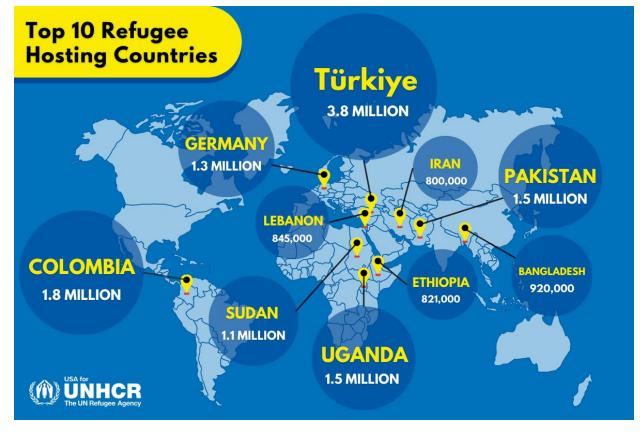


#### Refugees' origins and host countries



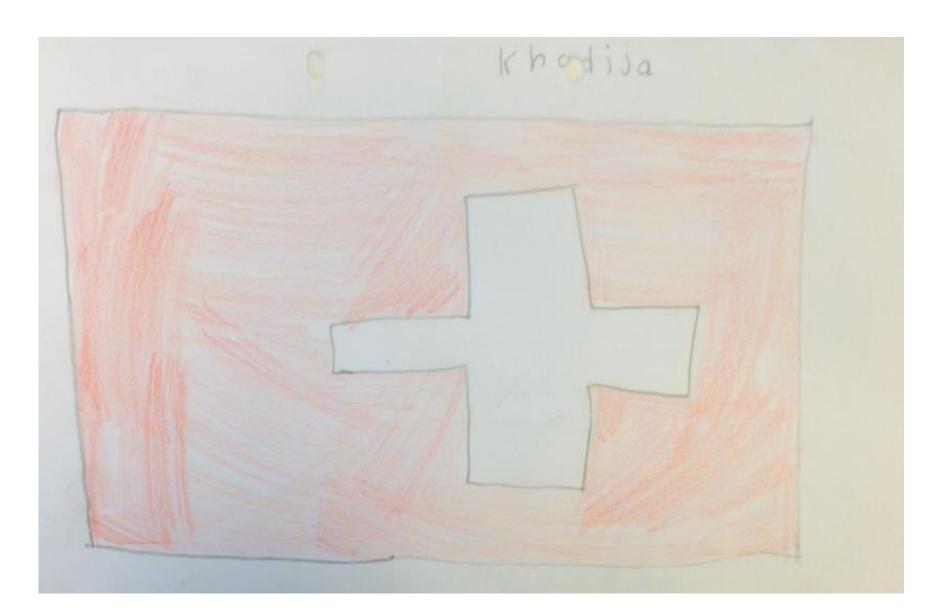
More than two-thirds of all refugees originate from just five countries

The large majority of refugees are hosted by low- and middle-income countries



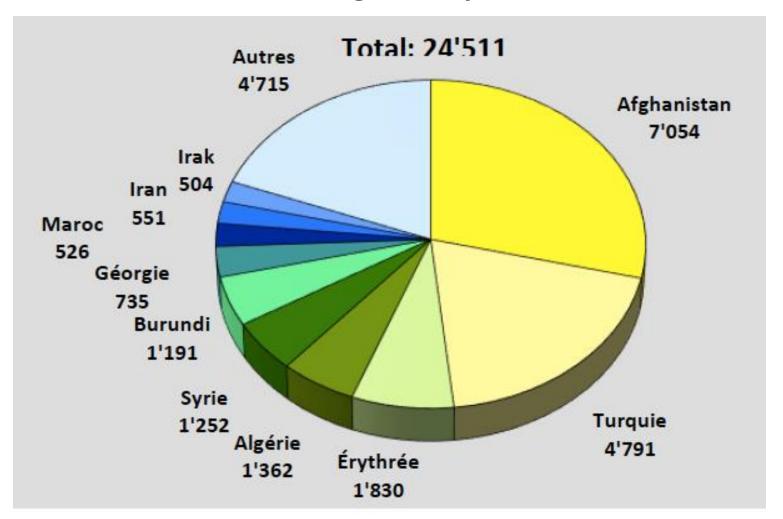
https://www.unrefugees.org/news/five-takeaways-from-the-2021-unhcr-global-trends-report/

## Asylum seekers and refugees in Switzerland



#### Asylum in Switzerland

#### **Countries of origin of asylum seekers**



#### Maternal and newborn health of refugees

#### → burden of disease

In countries of origin/transit (HIV, TB...)

## Genetic/biological factors

For ex: consanguinity, hemoglobin disorder...

- Poor/late/no attendance at antenatal care
- Miscarriages and stillbirth
- ¬ Perinatal mortality
- Mental illness (postpartum depression)
- ☐ Quality of care (women + neonates)

Lack of access to care
/ social security
system

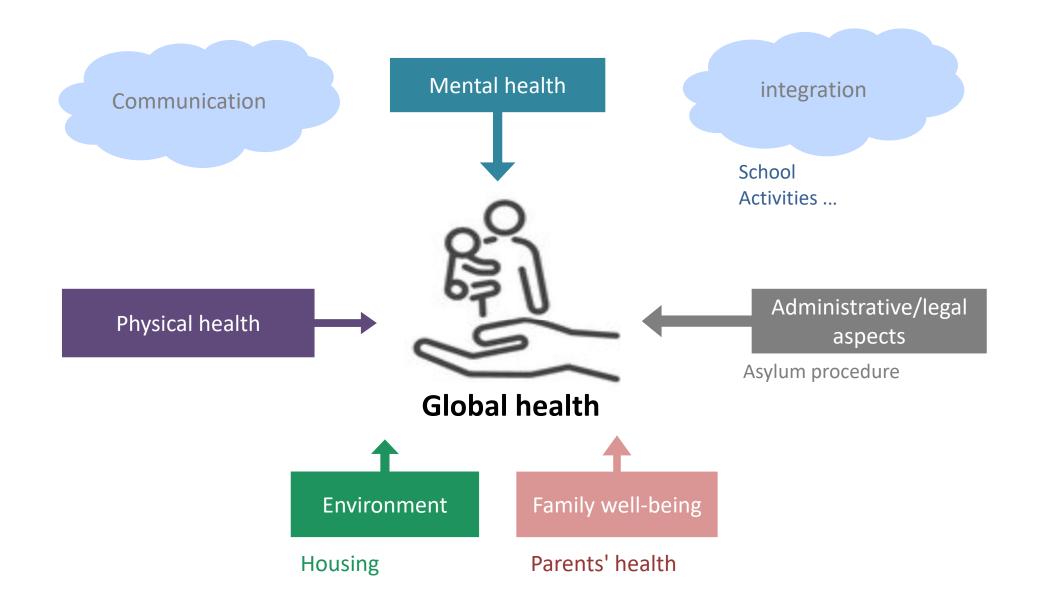
#### misconceptions of providers/patients

- Language difficulties
- Different cultural concept
- Different acceptability of care

#### **Social factors**

- lower socioeconomic status
- lack of social support

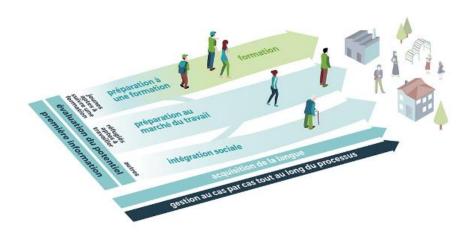
Sturrok et al, J Perinat Med, 2021







## Agenda Integration Switzerland



- all persons who have obtained a B or F permit from 01.05.2019.
- ➤ Allocation of approximately 18,000 chf/pers.
  - Nursery financing
  - Same-language teacher at school
- > For Geneva: coordinated by the foreigners' integration office

#### Un investissement profitable - cinq objectifs en matière d'efficacité



**Tous** les réfugiés reconnus et toutes les personnes admises à titre provisoire disposent de **connaissances de base d'une langue nationale** trois ans après leur arrivée.



80% des enfants réfugiés arrivés en Suisse avant l'âge de quatre ans sont en mesure de se faire comprendre dans la langue parlée à leur lieu de domicile au moment de commencer l'école obligatoire.



Cinq ans après leur arrivée, deux tiers des réfugiés et des personnes admises à titre provisoire âgés de 16 à 25 ans suivent une formation professionnelle initiale.

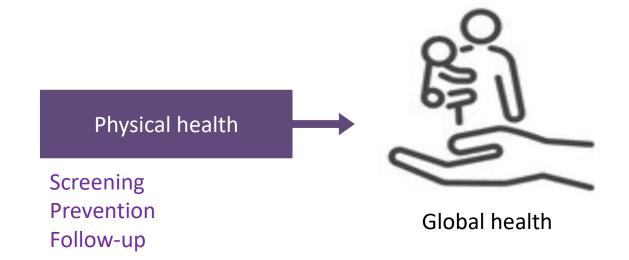


Sept ans après leur arrivée, la moitié des réfugiés et des personnes admises à titre provisoire sont durablement intégrés dans le marché du travail.



Après quelques années, tous les réfugiés et toutes les personnes admises à titre provisoire sont familiarisés avec les habitudes suisses et entretiennent des contacts avec la population locale.

L'efficacité des mesures figurant dans l'Agenda Intégration est régulièrement contrôlée.



## Physical health: some specific features in refugees health

#### Maternal and newborn health

- Higher prevalence (depending on origin) of some potential vertically transmitted infectious diseases
  - Hepatitis B
  - HIV Chagas disease
  - Tuberculosis
  - Syphilis (...)
- Higher prevalence (according to origin) of hemoglobin disorders

#### **Children health**

- Immunization catch up
- screening for parasitosis

# Guidance for testing and preventing infections and updating immunisations in asymptomatic refugee children and adolescents in Switzerland

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## Swiss guidance

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## Paediatric refugees from Ukraine: guidance for health care providers

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#### Health booklet Switzerland

Autres consultations

#### Consultation pour enfant/jeune nouvellement arrivé en Suisse

Références pour le médecin

	Date	Lieu	
Pays d'origine			
Date d'arrivée en Suisse			
Langue parlée/comprise			
Besoin d'interprète	oui non		
Accompagné de	parents fratrie: nor		
Pays et lieux traversés (ca	amp de réfugiés)		
Lieu de séjour précédent			
Lieu de séjour actuel			
Infirmière/médecin de ré	férence		
Assistant social de référe	nce		
Grossesse, naissance	normal sinon préciser		PN
Vaccinations objectivable	es, carnet de vaccination	_ à jour	a compléte
Immunité varicelle (mala	die ou vacciné)		
Scolarité effectuée	durée	lieu	
Antécédents médicaux p	articuliers		

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Poids	Taille		BMI	PC	Tanner
Vision		normal	☐ à con	trôler	
Audition		normal	☐ à con	trôler	
Examen physiqu	ie	normal	☐ à con	trôler/préciser	
Cicatrices		BCG	autre/	/préciser	
Développement		normal	☐ à con	trôler/préciser	
Dentition		normal	☐ à con	trôler	
Besoins particul	iers				
Laboratoire et a	utres exame	ns effectués			
Conclusions et	proposition	e			
conclusions et	proposition				
Date, timbre et s	signature				
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Consultations s	plusieurs la	ngues pour le	s parents:		
Consultations so			s parents:		

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#### Check list



#### Checklist for migrant children and adolescents new to Switzerland Updated May 2022

This checklist by the reference group on migrant health, paediatrics switzerland, is a rough guide needing adaptation to individual needs according to the patients' and families' situation, as not all items may apply to all patients. None of the suggestions are binding. We recommend distributing it over different consultations with a focus on building good trust relations in the beginning; (1) suggested for first, (2) potentially delayed to follow-up consultation(s). AS/R stands for Asylum-seeker/Refugee.

Depending on needs children are often seen again after a few days (in case of Mantoux or to discuss results) (V1 b) at 1 Month (V2), 2 Month (V3) and 6 Month (V4) depending on needs.

Country of Origin:	
Cause for migration:	
Transfer:   direct,  via:	
Duration of travel if not direct:	
Date of first arrival in Switzerland:	-
Stay in Federal Asylum Center: ☐ no; ☐ yes, currently; ☐ yes, previously	
If yes: place	
If yes: Medical file from previous medical visits in federal asylum center:	□ no □ yes
Current permit:	
Languages and proficiency:   no interpreter needed,   preferable,   necessar	у
Language for Interpreter if needed:	
Potential Social Worker/ Mentor/ Volunteer contact:	
Lodging (condition, nr of rooms):	



Screening Questionnaire for Children and Adolescents Having Arrived from Ukraine Скринінг-анкета для дітей та підптіків, які прибули з України Скрининг-анкета для детей и подростков, прибывших из Украины

<u>CHILD / ДИТИНА / РЕБЕНОК</u>	MOTHER / MATIP / MATL
First name / Im'я: / Имя:	First name / Im's: / Имя:
Last name / Прізвище / Фамилия:	Last name / Прізвище / Фамилия:
Birthday / Дата народження / Дата рождения:	Phone / Телефон: eMail:
Address / Agpeca / Agpec	
Street & No. / Вул. і номер / Ул. и номер:	ZIP & City / Індекс та місто / Индекс и город
Date of screening / Дата скринінгу / Дата скрининга:	InsNo.:

Screening	Скринінг	Скрининг	Yes Ta / Да	No Hi / Нет
Our aim is to provide your child with the same chances as children who were born in Switzerland. We offer screening for different diseases that are more frequent in Ukraine than in Switzerland and which you and your children may have been exposed to due to the circumstances of war and flight. Early detection may help prevent harm for you/your child but also helps prevent spread. Costs for screening (blood sample taken) and treatment are covered by health insurance. Please, fill in this form. A professional, confidential attitude is guaranteed. In case of questions, please, do not hesitate to ask.	Наша мета — надати вашій дитині такі самі шанси, як і дітям, які народилися у Швейцарії. Ми пропонуємо обстеження на різні захворювання, які в Україні зустрічаються частіше, ніж у Швейцарії, і яким Ви і Ваші діти могля зазнатну за язку з обставинами війни та втечі. Ранне виявлення може допомогти запобіти шкоди для Вас / Вашої дитини, але також допомагає запобітит поширенню. Витрати на скринінг (взяття зразка крові) та лікування покриваються медичною страховкою. Заповінть цей бланк. Професійне, конфіденційне ставлення гарантоване. У разі виникнення питань, будь ласка, не соромтеся запитувати	Наша цель — предоставить Вашему ребенку такие же шансы, как и детям, родившимся в Швейцарии. Мы предлагаем обследование на различные заболевания, которые в Украине встречаются чаще, чем в Швейцарии, и которым Вы и Ваши дети могли подвергнуться в связи с обстоятельствами войны и бества. Раннее обкаружение может помочь предотвратить вред для Вас/Вашего ребенка, а также помогает предотвратить распространение. Расходы на скрининг (взятие образца крови) и лечение покрываются медицинской страховкой. Пожалуйста, заполните этот бланк. Профессиональное, конфиденциальное отношение гарантировано. В случае возникновения вопросов, пожалуйста, не стесняйтесь спрашивать.		

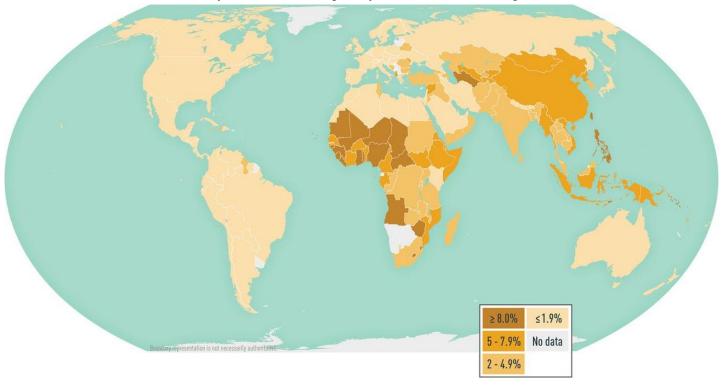


Translations into the Ukrainian and Russian languages have been provided on a pro-bono basis by lachen-hillf.ch and serve orientation purposes only!
Переклади українською та російською мовами служать лише для ознайомлення! / Переводы на украинский и русский языки носят ознакомительный характер

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#### Hepatitis B





- 350 million people are chronically infected around the world
- 621 000 deaths per year

- Risk of developing chronic hepatitis B depends on age at the time of infection:
  - Newborns: 90 %
  - < 5 y o: 20-50%
  - > 5 y o and adults: 1-10%

Immunization and Hepatitis B immunoglobulins (HBIV) to newborns easily prevent maternal transmission

=> systematic maternal screening

### Hepatitis B vaccine schedule for neonates

Mother situation	Mother serologies	Birth (<12h)	M1	M2	M4	M6	M12	M13
Hepatitis B infection	AgHBs + Anti-HBs – Anti-HBc +	wono	mono	hexa	hexa		hexa	Sero
Isolated anti-HBc pattern	AgHBs – Anti-HBs – Anti-HBc +	-	-	<b>hexa</b>	<b>l</b> hexa	(Hexa)	<b>l</b> hexa	-
Cured hepatitis B	AgHBs – AntiHBs + Anti-HBc +	-	-	<b>l</b> hexa	<b>l</b> hexa	(Hexa)	hexa	-
Hepatitis B negative/ vaccinated	AgHBs – AntiHBs +/ – Anti-HBc -	-	-	hexa	hexa	(Hexa)	hexa	-

Hepatitis B vaccine

Hepatitis B immunoglobulins (HBIG)

Mono= Monovalent (for example: Engerix B10)

Hexa = hexavalent (for example: Infanrix hexa)

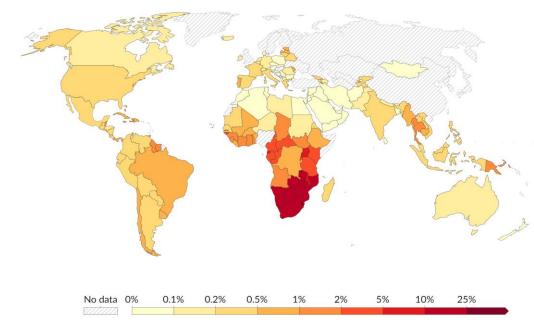
Sero = HBV serology (Ab anti-HBs)

\* Only for premature babies (< 32 0/7)

#### HIV

#### HIV prevalence, 2022

The share of the population aged 15-49 years old with HIV1.



Data source: UNAIDS (2023)

OurWorldInData.org/hiv-

#### Risk of vertical transmission

► Without maternal treatment (30-35%)

10% late pregnancy

15%: delivery

10%: breastfeeding

► With antiretroviral treatment(< 1%)

If viral load undetectable during pregnancy + childbirth

+ breastfeeding

#### Recommendations for HIV screening

- •For all pregnant women (1st trimester)
- Screening in the 3rd trimester for women from high endemic area?

## Swiss recommendation to prevent MTCT

Prevention measures	Optimal Scenario	Suboptimal Scenario			
cART during pregnancy	highly recommended for all HIV-infected individuals				
Mode of delivery	vaginal birth (If no obstetrical contraindications)	caesarean section if possible prior to ROM			
nPEP	none	neonatal cART			
breastfeeding	shared decision-making	contraindicated			

#### **Optimal scenario**

- regular follow-up of treatment during pregnancy
- HIV pVL is < 50 copies/ml ideally throughout pregnancy, but at least at the last two consecutive measurements before birth

MTCT = Mother to child HIV transmission

pVL = maternal HIV plasma viral load

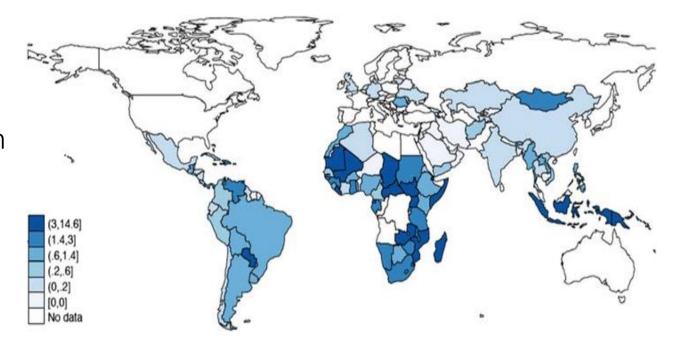
cART = combined antiretroviral treatment

nPEP = neonatal post-exposure prophylaxis

ROM = rupture of membranes

## Syphilis

- Can be transmitted vertically
- Congenital syphilis asymptomatic at birth in 2/3 of cases



#### > Syphilis- recommendations

- Pregnant women systematic screening
- Screening for all migrant children < 2 y o if no maternal screening</li>

## Tuberculosis (TB) in neonates

- Transmission: transplacentally (aspiration/infected amniotic fluid) or after birth
- Congenital TB symptoms usually in the first 2 to 4 weeks of life (may be present at birth)
- Non-specific signs, multiple organs usually involved (lungs, liver, CNS ..)

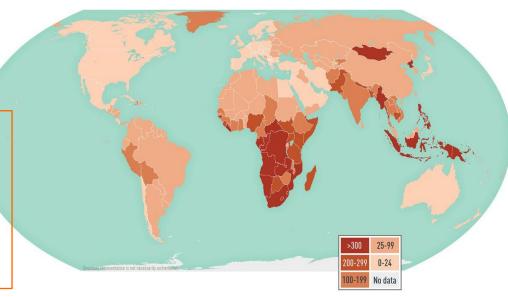
#### Diagnosis:

• TB culture of tracheal aspirate, gastric washing, urine and csf + chest x-ray

Estimated tuberculosis incidence rates per 100,000 population

#### > Tuberculosis screening in refugees

- No recommendation for Pregnant women
- Systematic screening for all migrant children < 5 y o</li>
- Screening of children > 5 yo if risk factors



## Chagas disease

- Endemic in Latin America
- Mainly vector transmission: blood sucking reduviid bug (Exclusively found in America)
- Vertical transmission also possible (risk 5%)
- Manifestations:
  - Often asymptomatic but 30-40 % will develop life-threatening cardiac and digestive damages (40-50 yo)
- Treatment: benznidazol or nifurtimox
  - Efficacy > 90% for < 2 y o children</p>
  - Better tolerated in young children

## Chagas disease

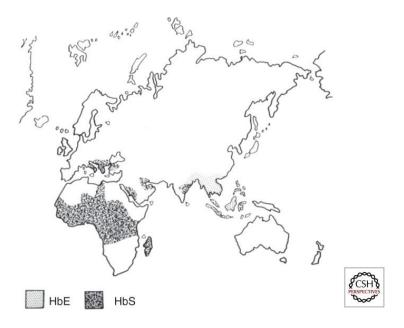
#### Recommendations:

- Serological screening of all pregnant women coming from Latin America
- Screening of all children coming from Latin America if
  - Mother known for Chagas disease (direct exam at birth and serological screening at 9 months old)
  - At risk mother with no screening performed : serology at 9 months



## Hemoglobin disorders screening

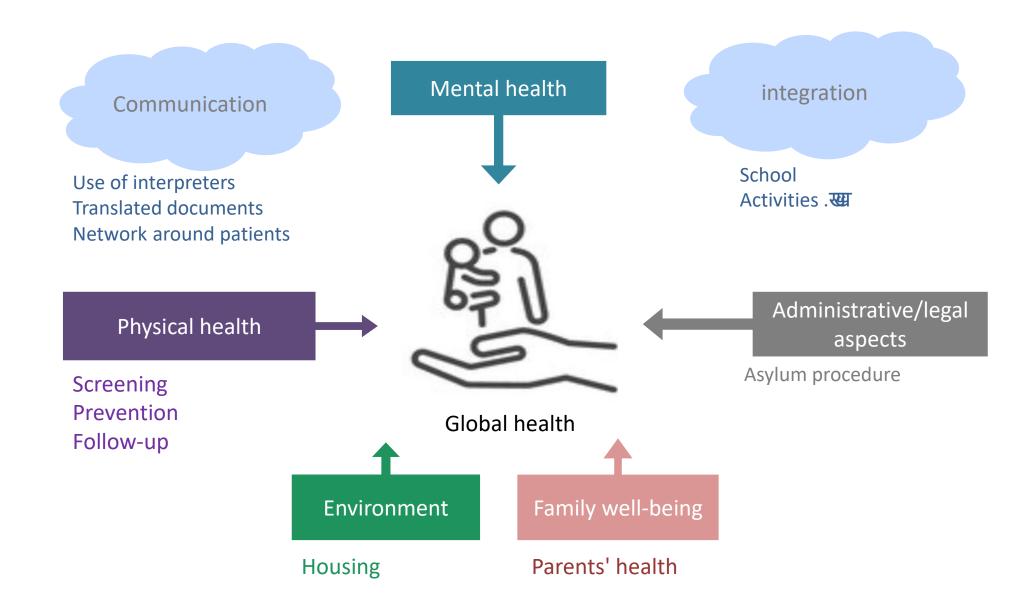
- Sickle cell disease /thalassemia
  - = major health concern worldwide
- No systematic/universal screening program established in Switzerland
- Screening of at-risk population on a case-by-case basis according to family origins :
  - Antenatal screening in pregnant women
  - Postnatal screening in at-risk newborns



The distribution of the origins of hemoglobin S and E



The distribution of the origins of the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  thalassemias



Communication

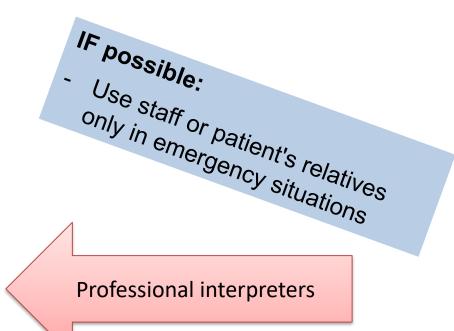
Use of interpreters
Translated documentations
Network around patients



#### Languages & migrants

#### Language difficulties can lead to:

- Misunderstandings
- Negative judgments
- stereotypes
- Diagnostic difficulties
- Inadequate therapeutic cooperation
- Sub-optimal quality of care
- Patient dissatisfaction / Caregiver frustration



#### Documents

#### « my child's health»

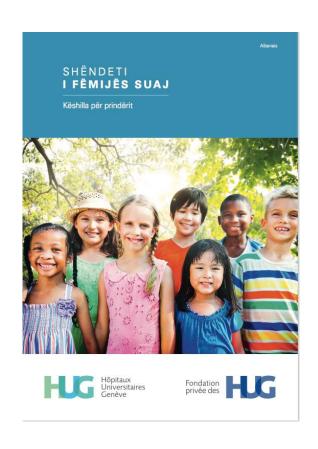


يطلق عليه حمى حين تكون درجة حرارة الجسم أعلى من 38 درجة مئوية. الحمى هي رد فعل طبيعي للجسم لمحاربة العدوى، وهي من الأعراض الشائعة للكثير من الأمراض مثل نزلات البرد العادية، ولا تشكل عادةً خطورة. وتتحسّن الحمى غالبا دون حاجة للعلاج.

#### ليفية قياس درجة حرارة الطفل؟

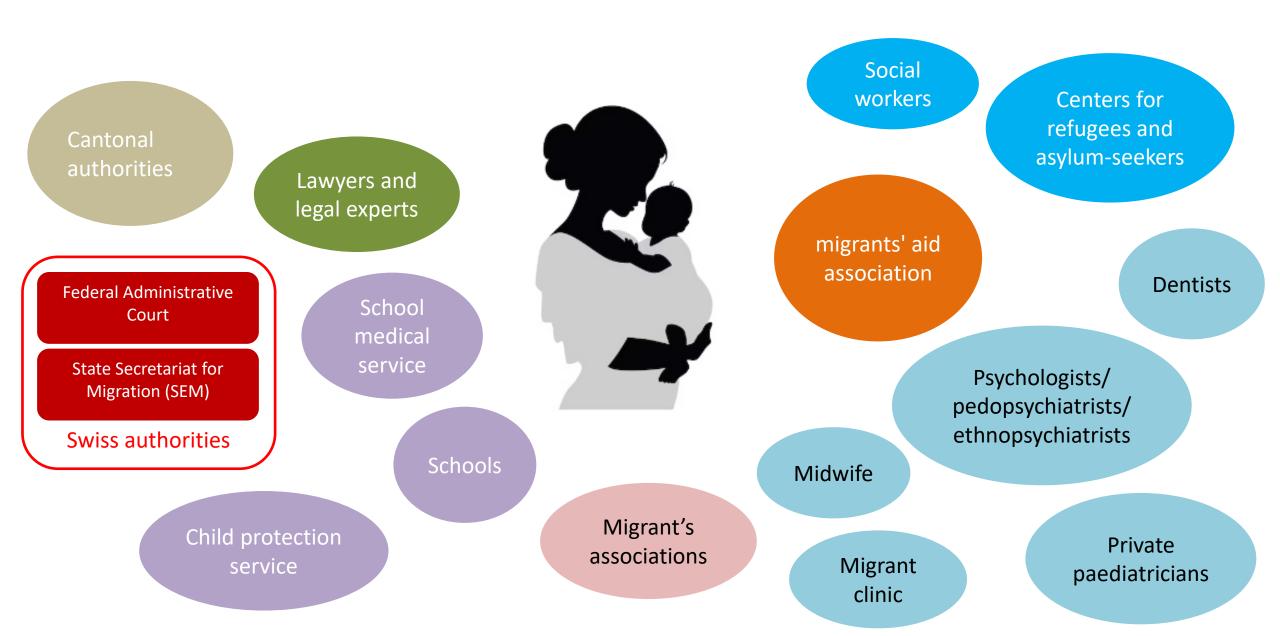
هناك عدة طرق لقياس درجة حرارة الطفل: ميزان الحرارة الإبطي (تحت الذراع) أو الشرجي (الشرج)، لكن بغض النظر عن الطريقة التي تختارينها، يجب أن يلامس ميزان الحرارة جلد الطفل الجاف.





Numerous documents for patients and caregivers on the Swiss Pediatrics migration page <a href="https://www.paediatrieschweiz.ch/fr/documents/migration/">https://www.paediatrieschweiz.ch/fr/documents/migration/</a>

### Network around refugees' families



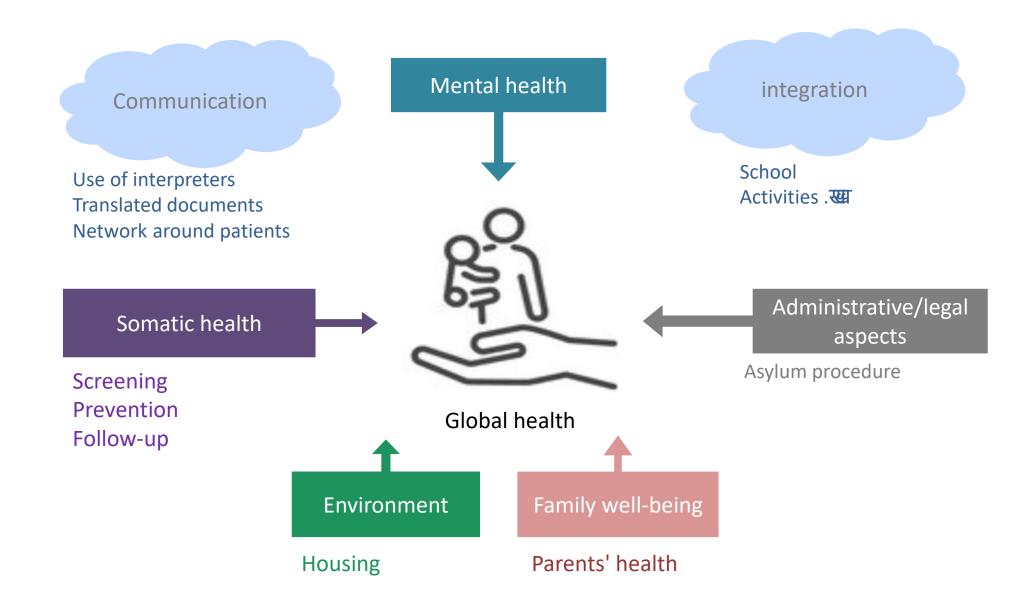
### Cultural aspects of health and education

#### Permanent issues during consultations

- Examples:
  - Newborn/infant care
  - Different meaning of health problem

#### => Caregivers need to adapt

- Understanding and apprehending cultural differences
- Distinction between essential/non-essential





## Mental health





## Key takeaway messages

- Care for migrant patients is complex but rewarding
- Many factors are involved in the health of newborns and their families.
  - Somatic determinants account for only a small part
  - Other key factors:
    - Access to care
    - Language obstacles and challenges
    - Socio-cultural barriers
    - Network (health / social ...) around patients
    - Mental health



## Administrative path of asylum seekers

