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2026 SPRING SCHOOL RESEARCHING MIGRATION & HEALTH

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION, TRANSLATION AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED
POLICY MAKING IN THE FIELD OF MIGRATION & HEALTH

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Researching Migration & Health

POLICY, POLITICS AND PRACTICE

Spring School and Policy Dialogue

27-30 October 2026

Wits University, Johannesburg and online

Programme and participant booklet

THE CORE-MH IS LED BY THE AFRICAN CENTRE FOR MIGRATION & SOCIETY (ACMS)
& THE GLOBAL HEALTH & MIGRATION UNIT AT UPPSALA UNIVERSITY



THE SPRING SCHOOL IS ORGANISED BY THE
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About the Spring School

The 2026 ACMS Spring School brings postgraduate students and early-career researchers into conversation with researchers, policymakers, practitioners and civil-society actors working on migration and health in Africa.

The theme, **Policy, Politics and Practice**, examines how political processes and everyday realities shape the production, translation and use of evidence. Across four days, participants will consider whose knowledge informs decisions, how evidence travels into policy, and what supports equitable health systems for mobile populations.

The school builds on the first Winter School on Researching Migration and Health in Africa, held at Wits in July 2025 under the theme *More than the Right to Health*. The 2026 edition combines expert contributions, facilitated discussions, a high-level Policy Dialogue and collaborative group work.

This booklet brings together the school overview, Spring School sessions, the Policy Dialogue programme and participant profiles. Programme details remain provisional where indicated.

2025 Winter School, It's a wrap

<https://mighealth-au-eu.org/its-a-wrap-winter-school-july-2025/>

2025 participants and profiles

<https://mighealth-au-eu.org/winter-school-2025-participants/>

Watch the 2025 session recordings -

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLonx17vEWWhYDoUIIyoJLR9sT5aXHrtcj0>

2026 Spring School website

<https://mighealth-au-eu.org/2026-spring-school-policy-dialogue/>

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The ACMS team supports facilitation, group projects and discussion across the school, including the final-day session on research, policy change and networks.

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2026 Spring School overview and updates

<https://mighealth-au-eu.org/2026-spring-school-policy-dialogue/>

A collaborative learning space

The Spring School is organised by ACMS, Wits University, with the following collaborating partners and research initiatives.

African Centre for Migration & Society, Wits University

Website <https://migration.org.za/>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/african-centre-for-migration-and-society/>

School of Public Health, Wits University

Website <https://www.wits.ac.za/publichealth/>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/wits-school-of-public-health/>

ARUA-Guild Cluster of Research Excellence in Migration & Health

Website <https://mighealth-au-eu.org/>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cluster-of-research-excellence-core-in-migration-health/>

NIHR Global Health Research Group on Disrupting the cycle of gendered violence & poor mental health among migrants in precarious situations in India, Cambodia, South Africa and Zimbabwe (GEMMS)

Website <https://gemms-research.org/>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/gemms-research/>

Our collaborating partners

NIHR Global Health Research Group on Nurturing the resilience of mobile youth to navigate health and wellbeing crises in southern Africa (Nurture4Youth)

Website <https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/centres-projects-groups/nurture4youth>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/nurture-4-youth/>

Global Health & Migration Unit, Department of Women's & Children's Health, Uppsala University, WHO Collaborating Centre on Migration and Health Data and Evidence

Website <https://www.uu.se/en/department/womens-and-childrens-health/research/global-health-and-migration-unit/who-cc>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/school/uppsala-university/>

Migration Health and Development Research Initiative (MHADRI)

Website <https://mhadri.org/>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-migration-health-and-development-research-initiative-mhadri/>

The WHO research agenda

The Spring School uses the World Health Organization's Global research agenda on knowledge translation and evidence-informed policy-making as a starting point for examining how evidence can inform action in migration and health.

The agenda addresses challenges including disconnected research efforts, limited ways to demonstrate the value of evidence and unequal access to knowledge. It asks what research is needed to make evidence more useful to decision-makers.

Its framework identifies three priorities:

What works in knowledge translation and evidence-informed policymaking.

What helps or hinders knowledge translation and evidence-informed policymaking.

How to improve the methods and tools used in these processes.

These priorities will inform discussions and group projects about what evidence is needed, whose knowledge counts and how political and institutional conditions shape its use.

WHO (2025), Global research agenda on knowledge translation and evidence-informed policy-making

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240118867>

Read the Spring School concept note

https://mighealth-au-eu.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/SpringSchool2026_overview.pdf

What we will explore

Migration, mobility and health systems. Examine health access, universal health coverage and the institutional responses required in contexts of movement and displacement.

Policy and political realities. Consider how governance, public narratives, power and resource allocation influence migration and health policy and its implementation.

Ethics, equity and justice. Reflect on intersectional approaches, research relationships and the responsibilities involved in generating and communicating evidence.

Evidence for action. Explore research agendas, qualitative approaches, migration and health data, and health economics as resources for policy and practice.

Collaboration. Exchange perspectives across disciplines, countries and sectors, and apply learning through a shared group project.

The group project

Participants will work together on a migration and health challenge in an African country, cross-border or regional context. Each group will develop a practical proposal showing how evidence could inform policy or practice, returning to the opening question, “Health is political, migration is political: where to next?”

Suggested themes

Whose evidence counts; rights and the politics of access; health systems designed for mobile lives; gender, mental health and networks of care; labour, livelihoods and social protection; and climate displacement and urban health.

Groups will define a setting and population, identify evidence and gaps, consider political and institutional barriers, map relevant actors and propose an ethical, feasible response. The themes guide discussion rather than prescribe final group membership.

Working across the four days

Groups develop their ideas during the scheduled project sessions, use the Policy Dialogue to test assumptions and present for feedback on Friday. The proposed outputs are a two-page brief and a short presentation; presentation lengths will be confirmed once the groups are settled.

In-person and online groups will work with resource people and shared documents. The final day will also explore building a community of practice and network that continues beyond the School.

Your week at Wits

All times are South African Standard Time, SAST (UTC+2).

27 OCT	Tuesday Migration, health and politics 08:30-17:00 Lecture Room 3, Wits School of Public Health
28 OCT	Wednesday Health systems, mobility and research 09:00-17:00 Lecture Room 3, Wits School of Public Health
29 OCT	Thursday High-level Policy Dialogue 08:30-15:00; group project 15:30-17:00 Wits Business School
30 OCT	Friday Evidence, action and group presentations 09:00-15:30 Resource Room, Wits School of Public Health

Taking part

Attendance and certificates. Participants are expected to attend and contribute throughout all four days, including the Policy Dialogue and collaborative group-project activities. Certificates are issued to participants who meet the attendance and participation requirements.

Preparatory readings. Use the individual links in the reading list organised by day and session. The list and further announcements are also shared through the Spring School Google Group.

Group work. Dedicated sessions take place throughout the week, culminating in presentations and feedback on Friday. A project overview is included in this booklet; further instructions will be shared by the organising team.

Online participation. Use your full name on Zoom for attendance records and join before sessions begin. The Policy Dialogue uses a separate Zoom meeting from the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday sessions.

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Resources and updates. www.mighealth-au-eu.org

Tuesday 27 October

Day 1 | Lecture Room 3, Wits School of Public Health

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Why does the field of migration & health matter in Africa? A / Prof Jo Vearey and Dr Langelihle Mlotshwa Introductions and setting the scene ACMS, Wits

Health is political, migration is political: where to next?

09:30-11:00 | Facilitator: Dr Langelihle Mlotshwa, ACMS, Wits

09:30-10:00	Health is political: setting an African agenda for the right to health Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health; School of Public Health, University of Cape Town; Center for Global Health Policy & Politics, Georgetown University
10:00-10:30	Migration & Health in South(ern) Africa: a global health priority Dr Nthabiseng Makgana CEO, Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital, Gauteng Department of Health
10:30-11:00	Facilitated discussion
11:00-11:30	Break

Global to local perspectives of migration and health research and action

11:30-13:00 | Facilitator: Dr Neusa Torres, ACMS, Wits

11:30-11:50	The global picture of migration & health research: agendas to action Dr Miriam Orcutt Online Senior Research Fellow in Health Systems and Policy, University College London Global Business School for Health
11:50-12:10	Migration and health in the African Union Ibrahima Amadou Dia Director, African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration, African Union Commission
12:10-12:30	The importance of cross-border collaborations for migration & health in Southern Africa: research & action Dr Tasanya Chinsamy Migration Health Policy Officer, Sub-Regional Office for Southern Africa, International Organization for Migration
12:30-13:00	Facilitated discussion

13:00-14:00

Lunch

Researching & responding to migration & health: an intersectional approach

14:00-15:15 | Facilitator: Dr Sostina Matina, ACMS, Wits

14:00-14:45	Why an intersectional approach matters Prof Anuj Kapilashrami Online Director, Centre for Global Health & Intersectional Equity Research, University of Essex; PI & Co-Director, GEMMS Global Health Group on Gendered Violence and Poor Mental Health among Migrants in Precarious Situations
14:45-15:15	Facilitated discussion
15:15-15:30	Introducing the group project
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-17:00	Group project

Wednesday 28 October

Day 2 | Lecture Room 3, Wits School of Public Health

Health systems in a mobile world

09:00-10:30 | Facilitator: Dr Lucy Khofi, ACMS, Wits

09:00-09:20	Universal health coverage in the context of migration and displacement: a cosmopolitan perspective Dr Santino Severoni Online Department of Health and Migration, Health and Migration Programme, Division of Universal Health Coverage and Healthier Populations, WHO, Geneva
09:20-09:40	The importance of intersectoral action to advance the migration and health agenda Dr Kolitha Wickramage Online Executive Director, MHADRI; Associate Researcher, ACMS, Wits
09:40-10:00	Health systems and Universal Healthcare Coverage (UHC) in South Africa: what does this mean for migration? Dr Janine White School of Public Health, Wits University
10:00-10:30	Facilitated discussion
10:30-11:00	Break

Internal migration and health in South Africa

11:00-12:30 | Facilitator: Dr Pedzisai Ndagurwa, Head of Demography & Population Studies, Schools of Social Science & Public Health, Wits

11:00-11:30	Statistics South Africa: what do we know? Mr Diego Iturralde Chief Director: Demography and Population Statistics, Statistics SA
11:30-12:00	Internal migration and health: linking the rural to the urban Dr Carren Ginsburg School of Public Health, Wits
12:00-12:30	Facilitated discussion
12:30-13:30	Lunch

Methods, ethics and justice

13:30-15:00 | Panel on researching, using and communicating evidence for action. Facilitator: Dr Nirvana Pillay, Senior Researcher, SCIS, Wits

PANEL	Beyond Data Collection: Ethical and Just Knowledge Production in Migration, Health and Humanitarian Response Mr Tafadzwa Stanley Zauya (Mr. Tiffah) Community Researcher & Coordinator, GEMMS, ACMS, Wits and Future Families, Musina
PANEL	Beyond the Questionnaire: Methodological and Ethical Reflections on Survey Research with Migrants Dr Sostina Matina Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ACMS, Wits
PANEL	Using creative methods and participatory approaches for knowledge production in migration Dr Alka Kumar Online Senior Research Fellow, Global Migration Institute (GMI), Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU)
PANEL	Umthwalo Wami: Participation, Power and the Politics of Evidence Mr Blessing Mukuruva Doctoral Candidate and Research Assistant, ACMS, Wits
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	Group project

Thursday 29 October

Day 3 | Wits Business School and online

08:30-15:00: High-level Policy Dialogue. The complete timetable appears in the Policy Dialogue programme that follows.

15:00-15:30: Break.

15:30-17:00: Group project for Spring School participants.

19:00-20:30: Optional Voice1Africa online conversation, details after the Policy Dialogue timetable.

Friday 30 October

Day 4 | Resource Room, Wits School of Public Health

09:00-10:30	Researching migration & health for policy change: what comes next? Dr Lucy Khofi, Dr Sostina Matina, Dr Lydia Moyo and Dr Neusa Torres Facilitated session ACMS, Wits
10:30-11:00	Break

Data, evidence and action: forums and functions

11:00-12:45 | Facilitator: Dr Sostina Matina, ACMS, Wits

11:00-11:25	Migration and health data & evidence A/Prof Soorej Jose Puthooppambal Online Global Health & Migration Unit, Uppsala University; Head, WHO Collaborating Centre of Migration & Health Data & Evidence; Co-Lead, ARUA-Guild CoRE in Migration & Health
11:25-11:50	Migration as a social determinant of health: qualitative research approaches A/Prof Nicola Christofides Head: Health & Society, School of Public Health, Wits
11:50-12:15	Health economics: perspectives on migration, health & financing Dr Akim Tafadzwa Lukwa Senior Health Economist, SAMRC/Wits Centre for Health Economics and Decision Science, PRICELESS SA; a division of Wits Health Consortium, Wits School of Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Wits
12:15-12:45	Facilitated discussion
12:45-13:45	Lunch
13:45-15:15	Group assignment presentations Group presentations and feedback
15:15-15:30	Wrap-up and closing

Migration, Urbanisation and People's Health

Responding to Urban Crises through Evidence, Policy and Practice

Thursday 29 October 2026 | 08:30-15:00

Wits Business School and online

The Policy Dialogue brings researchers, policymakers, practitioners and civil society into conversation about migration, urbanisation and health. It examines how urban health systems can respond to mobility, inequality and people's changing realities.

Sessions move from population dynamics and service delivery to young people's lived realities, economic insecurity, gendered violence and mental health. Closing reflections consider how evidence can support more inclusive cities and practical policy responses.

For Spring School participants, the dialogue forms part of the full four-day learning programme. Group-project work continues after the dialogue, from **15:30 to 17:00**.

Thursday 29 October

Wits Business School and online | Morning programme

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:15	Welcome and overview of the Policy Dialogue Dr Langelihle Mlotshwa Migration, Urbanisation and People's Health: Responding to Urban Crises through Evidence, Policy and Practice African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS), Wits University

Setting the Scene: Migration, Urbanisation and Health in South Africa

09:15-10:30 | Chair: Ms Sasha Stevenson, Director, SECTION27

09:15-09:30	Migration and Urbanisation in South Africa Mr Diego Iturralde Chief Director: Demography and Population Statistics, Statistics SA
09:30-09:45	How Mobility and Urbanisation Shape Health-Service Delivery in South Africa Dr Tshegofatso Carol Maimela Public Health Medicine Specialist, Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital, Gauteng Department of Health
09:45-10:00	What the South African Health Review Tells Us Dr Ntombi Sigwebela Chief Executive Officer, Health Systems Trust
10:00-10:30	Facilitated discussion
10:30-11:00	Break

Lived Realities: Urban Spaces, Mobility and Young People's Everyday Health

11:00-12:30 | Chair: Dr Carren Ginsburg, School of Public Health, Wits

11:00-11:15	Young people on the move: population dynamics, reproductive health, and social development policy in South Africa Dr Neloufar Khan Deputy Director Population Research, National Department of Social Development
11:15-11:30	Health Equity, Rights and Migration Ms Carol Lemekwana Clinical Manager, Refugee and Migrant Rights Programme, Lawyers for Human Rights

11:30-11:45	Narratives of migration, sexual vulnerability and Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRHR) care Ms Zinhle Ngubo Senior Social Scientist, African Health Research Institute
11:45-12:00	Employment, Economic Insecurity and Young People's Health Dr Aron Tesfai Online Researcher, human rights advocate and South African research partner, Growing Up Across Borders (GRABS)
12:00-12:30	Facilitated discussion
12:30-13:15	Light lunch

Living Through Crisis: Addressing Gendered Violence and Mental Health Among Migrants

13:15-14:30 | Chair: A/Prof Jo Vearey, ACMS, Wits

13:15-13:30	Obstetric Violence as Gender-Based Violence: Mental Health, Reproductive Justice and Health-System Accountability Dr Jess Rucell Senior Consultant, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
13:30-13:45	Mental Health among Mobile Populations Prof Ingrid Palmay Sociology, University of Johannesburg
13:45-14:00	Gender-Based Violence in Urban Communities: Strengthening Prevention, Care and Support for Survivors Ms Naledi Joyi Gender Officer, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation
14:00-14:30	Facilitated discussion

14:30-15:00 | Final reflections and the way forward

14:30-14:45	From Evidence to Action: Building Healthier and More Inclusive Cities for Mobile Populations Prof Lorena Nunez Carrasco Head of School of Social Sciences, Wits University
14:45-15:00	The way forward and closing Dr Langelihle Mlotshwa and A/Prof Jo Vearey ACMS, Wits University
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	Group project For Spring School participants

Optional evening event

19:00-20:30**Voice1Africa online conversation | Optional****UNDERSTANDING XENOPHOBIA IN AFRICA: History, Identity, Migration and the Path to Healing**Register in advance: <https://lnkd.in/eV-fQDGm>

This 90-minute discussion explores the historical, psychological, social and political forces that shape xenophobia across Africa, and what healing, responsibility and solidarity could look like in practice. Contributors: Steven Gordon, Chief Research Specialist, HSRC and University of KwaZulu-Natal; Jo Vearey, Associate Professor and Co-Director, ACMS, Wits; Emmanuel Dziwornu, Psychologist, Ghana; Apostle BC Simeone, Pastor, community leader and social commentator; and khomotso Komape, community and youth advocate. Facilitators: Joseph Quarcoo, MGIP, Founding Chair, and Mandisa Piyo. Spoken-word performance: Tafadzwa Mazhara, @LionessTaffy.

Venues and online access

Wits School of Public Health

27 and 28 October: Lecture Room 3

30 October: Resource Room

Wits Education Campus, 27 St Andrews Road, Parktown, Johannesburg.

[Map and directions to Wits School of Public Health](#)

Please indicate if you require parking at the School of Public Health. The parking access code will be shared by Friday, 23 October 2026.

Wits Business School

29 October: Classroom 5

2 St David's Place, Parktown, Johannesburg.

[Map and directions to Wits Business School](#)

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=Wits+Business+School+2+St+Davids+Place+Parktown+Johannesburg>

Security will have the attendee list. Give your name and indicate that you are attending the ACMS Policy Dialogue. Security will direct you to parking. Allow time for access and registration before the 09:00 start.

Join the Spring School online, 27, 28 and 30 October

<https://wits-za.zoom.us/j/93507752676?pwd=cFOlxYsbqbC9BF9rrr0nqXR9HI9i35.1>

Join the Policy Dialogue online, 29 October

<https://wits-za.zoom.us/j/94215258354?pwd=kjbFO0XoTDwg7z5QJxaOKjqpaukFuW.1>

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Abiodun Justin Adelodun is a doctoral student at the University of the Witwatersrand and holds a Master of Arts degree. His Theatre and Performance research examines African slavery narratives and representations of oppression, agency, displacement, memory and identity in plays and films. His broader work engages African languages, cultural heritage, digital technologies and creative practice. His interests connect forced migration and representation with questions of language, inclusion and access to social institutions.

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Christopher Manyamba is a PhD candidate in Demography and Population at North-West University and an independent monitoring, evaluation and learning consultant. His research examines how young women's empowerment shapes sexual and reproductive health and child nutrition across ten African countries, using Demographic and Health Survey data. He brings over 15 years of quantitative and mixed-methods research experience. His interests include gender, mobility, health-system access and improving the visibility of mobile populations in national data systems.

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Diego Iturralde is Chief Director of Demography and Population Statistics at Statistics South Africa. His work includes population estimates, demographic research and migration indicators. He holds master's qualifications in Sociology and Regional Science, and a postgraduate diploma in Demography and Population Studies. His interests include population dynamics, public health, migration and development, with a focus on using evidence to inform policy.



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Faith Ngari is a Social Worker and Project Manager with a strong interest in migration, child protection, and community-based interventions. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of South Africa and specialised training in International Migration and Refugee Law from the International Institute of Humanitarian Law. Her work focuses on the intersection of migration, protection, and health, including strengthening access to SRHR, HIV, MHPSS, and GBV services for vulnerable and cross-border populations.

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Fiona Masuku is an urban researcher and practitioner committed to advancing social and spatial justice through the development of more inclusive, equitable and climate-resilient cities. She holds a master's degree in urban studies from the University of the Witwatersrand's School of Architecture and Planning and is an alumna of the Canon Collins Trust. Her academic and professional work focuses on cities in the Global South, where the enduring legacies of colonialism and apartheid continue to shape patterns of spatial segregation, economic marginalisation and unequal access to opportunities and essential services.



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Gabriella Oliver is a South African doctoral researcher at the Institute for Social Development, University of the Western Cape (UWC). Her research interests sit at the intersection of migration, health equity, healthcare access, urban governance, and social policy, with a particular interest in how policies and institutional practices shape the everyday experiences of migrants. Gabriella's doctoral research examines material access to primary healthcare for migrants with precarious legal status in Cape Town and Toronto.

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Preparatory readings

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Readings on the CoRE website

<https://mighealth-au-eu.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SpringSchoolReadings2026.pdf>

Latest programme

<https://mighealth-au-eu.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SpringSchoolProgramme2026.pdf>

General reading

World Health Organization (2025). Global research agenda on knowledge translation and evidence-informed policy-making. Geneva: WHO. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO. Chapter 1; engagement with the full report is recommended.

WHO report - <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240118867>

World Health Organization (2024). Report on the third global consultation on the health of refugees and migrants, Rabat, Morocco, 13–15 June 2023. Geneva: WHO.

WHO consultation report - <https://www.who.int/publications-detail-redirect/9789240088962>

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Tuesday 27 October

Session 1: Health is political, migration is political: where to next?

Mofokeng, T., Mokgoroane, L., Soni, A., Ahmed, A. and Irfan, B. (2026). Health is political: setting an African agenda for the right to health. *The Lancet Regional Health – Africa*, 7.

Read the article <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanafr.2026.100082>

White, J. and Rispel, L. (2024). Contested and nervous spaces: exploring the environment of healthcare provision for international migrants in the Gauteng province of South Africa. *Global Health Action*, 17(1), 2422192.

Read the article

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/16549716.2024.2422192>

Session 2: Global to local perspectives of migration and health research and action

The global picture: World Health Organization (2023). *Global research agenda on health, migration and displacement: strengthening research and translating research priorities into policy and practice*. Geneva: WHO.

WHO research agenda <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240082397>

Tuesday readings continued

Session 2 continued

Migration and health in the African Union: Vearey, J., Martini, M. and Mosca, D. (2024). Chapter 9: Migration-sensitive health-system planning to support implementation of the African Union's Migration Policy Framework. In IOM and AU (eds), Africa Migration Report, Second Edition. Addis Ababa: IOM.

Read the report <https://publications.iom.int/books/africa-migration-report-second-edition>

Cross-border collaboration: Walker, J., Liebenberg, M., Burnett, J.M., Maphanga, T. and King, J. (2023). Cross-border collaboration and capacity-building for improved health emergency response planning in Southern Africa. South African Health Review, 25.

Read the article <https://doi.org/10.61473/001c.81023>

Session 3: Researching and responding to migration and health: an intersectional approach

Cabieses, B., Velázquez, B., Blukacz, A., Farante, S., Bojórquez, I. and Mezones-Holguín, E. (2024). Intersections between gender approaches, migration and health in Latin America and the Caribbean: a discussion based on a scoping review. The Lancet Regional Health – Americas, 40, 100538.

Read the article <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lana.2023.100538>

Wednesday 28 October

Session 1: Health systems in a mobile world

Universal health coverage: Severoni, S., Marotta, C. and Borghi, J. (2025). Universal health coverage in the context of migration and displacement: a cosmopolitan perspective. *The Lancet Public Health*, 10, e712–e715.

Read the article [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(25\)00117-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(25)00117-3)

Intersectoral action: Wickramage, K., Wurie, F., Zenner, D. and Hargreaves, S. (2025). Advancing migration policy requires intersectoral collaboration. *BMJ*, 391, r2515.

Read the article <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.r2515>

Health systems and UHC in South Africa: Pampalone, T., Malan, M. and van Niekerk, A.-M. (2026). Could the NHI fuel anti-immigrant sentiment? *Bhekisisa*, 29 June.

Read the article <https://bhekisisa.org/health-beat-shortcuts/2026-06-29-could-the-nhi-fuel-anti-immigrant-sentiment/>

Wednesday readings continued

Session 2: Internal migration and health in South Africa

Statistics South Africa (2025). Report on migration statistics based on various data sources, including Census 2022. Report 03-04-04. Pretoria: Statistics South Africa. Executive Summary, pp. ix–x, and Chapter 3, pp. 39–55.

Read the report <https://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/03-04-04/03-04-042022.pdf>

Ginsburg, C., Pheiffer, C., Collinson, M. and White, M. (2026). Young South Africans move for work and opportunity. What happens to their health when they do? The Conversation, 21 September.

Read the article <https://theconversation.com/young-south-africans-move-for-work-and-opportunity-what-happens-to-their-health-when-they-do-289182>

Friday 30 October

Session 2: Data, evidence and action: forums and functions

Migration and health data: Wickramage, K. and Mosler Vidal, E. (2025). Migration Health Data: An IOM Primer. Geneva: IOM. Introduction, pp. 1–4, and Background, pp. 5–15.

Read the primer <https://publications.iom.int/books/migration-health-data-iom-primer>

Qualitative research approaches: De Jesus, M. and Castañeda, E. (2025). Social Contexts and Immigration Policies Directly Impact Immigrant Health. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 22, 586.

Read the article <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph22040586>

Health economics: Lukwa, A.T., Von Pressentin, K.B. and Mash, R. (2025). Cost-effectiveness analysis in primary care research: A practical guide for early-career researchers. African Journal of Primary Health Care & Family Medicine, 17(2), a5163.

Read the practical guide <https://doi.org/10.4102/phcfm.v17i2.5163>

Additional suggested reading: Boachie, M.K. et al. (2025). Economic Evaluation of Free Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmissions (PMTCT) Services to Non-South African Women Living in South Africa. Health Services Insights, 18.

Read the additional article <https://doi.org/10.1177/11786329251316660>

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