Promoting Oral Health for Refugees

The World Dental Federation, the Framework Convention on Global Health Alliance, the World Federation of Public Health Associations, and SHEM urge policymakers, healthcare workers, and the global community to promote oral health for refugees.

World Refugee Day, observed annually on 20 June, honors the resilience of refugees and fosters global solidarity. As displacement reaches alarming levels, refugees face extreme vulnerability. To address this, SHEM and its partners are urging policymakers, healthcare providers, and international/national organizations to include oral health in refugee health strategies. In a policy brief, they highlight the need for collaborative efforts to integrate oral health services effectively. Oral health should become an integral component of existing and future refugee health strategies, supporting the well-being of displaced populations worldwide.

Source: World Dental Federation (FDI)
Thanks to CRIS/FIOCRUZ, SHEM provides updates on the endeavors of Civil Society Organizations that also are questing for sustainable future health equity.

Civil Society Organizations have addressed a diversity of topics in June. A frequent subject was the climate crisis, including plastic pollution, the main theme of the 2023 World Environment Day celebrated on June 5th. The organizations shared studies, comments on negotiations within the United Nations, humanitarian actions in the face of disasters, and denunciations of environmental inequalities. It should be noted that mentions of food insecurity in different regions of the world accompany the discussions about the climate emergency. Refugee and migrant were also a topic due to the World Refugee Day on June 20th. Public Interest Organizations such as CARE International, Médecins Sans Frontières, and Oxfam are working to aid and raise awareness about the precariousness faced by refugees, also highlighting the problems such as lack of adequate funding and poor conditions in refugee camps.

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