

Migration and TB/HIV in EECA

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Migration.....a process

Different risk factors and vulnerabilities are encountered all all stages of the migration process

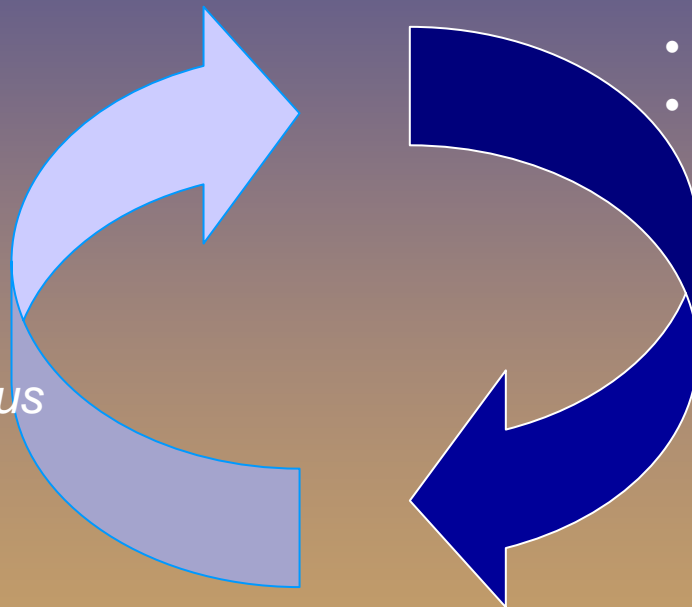
Accessibility
Knowledge
Stigma
Cost and adherence

Origin

- *Morbidity profile*
- *Socio-economic status*
- *Poverty*
- *Health infrastructure & access*
- *Disease burden*

Return

- *Lack of access to health services due to legal status contributes to diagnostic delays and ongoing transmission*
- *Affordability of Dx and Tx services impacts both access and adherence*
- *Disease burden*



Transit

- *The conditions of the journey*
- *Irregular migrants*
- *The legal status of the migrant s often defines access to health & social services*

Destination



Do migrants have a right to health?

□ *Regular migrants, Labour migrants, Refugees, Irregular migrants, environmental migrants, urban migrants (regular or irregular)*

□ *Universal declaration on Human Rights (1948)*

“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including ... medical care and necessary social services”

□ *WHA resolution on Migrant Health (2008)*

“to promote equitable access to health promotion, disease prevention and care for migrants, subject to national laws and practice, without discrimination on the basis of gender, age, religion, nationality or race;”

“to promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation on migrants’ health among countries involved in the whole migratory process”

□ *Public Health Perspectives*



What are some possible solutions? Discussion.....

- *Inter-country collaboration to help ensure universal access to affordable TB diagnosis and treatment.*
- *Improve laboratory capacity to increase TB case detection and diagnosis of drug resistant forms*
- *Health assessments pre-departure and upon return*
- *Improved information dissemination on TB and HIV to migrants.*
- *Provision of free treatment (including ancillary treatment) plus social support to families*
- *As migrants have an increased vulnerability to TB, specific interventions addressing the health of migrants should be included in future funding applications to The Global Fund*

