



Syria Public  
Health Network



Thank you for your interest in attending this workshop titled:

### **The health of IDPs in Syria: intersecting vulnerabilities and prioritising needs**

Date: Wednesday 24th November 2021

Time: 1400-1630 UK/ 1600-1830 Syria

Location: Online

Zoom link details:

<https://zoom.us/j/92418512564?pwd=V0RoSnVrZXd6MEExS1AvSG9nQXZUZz09>

Meeting ID: 924 1851 2564

Passcode: 464109

The [Syria Public Health Network](#), [R4HSSS](#) and the [Health and Internal Displacement Network](#) are pleased to welcome you to participate in this closed workshop on the health of IDPs in Syria (with a focus on northern Syria).

In this workshop, our aim is to bring together experts on IDP health in Syria with the aim of highlighting key health concerns among IDPs, influences on their ability to access healthcare and understand where research gaps exist. We will also discuss how the health system(s) in Syria have been responding to the changing and challenging health needs of IDPs and what this means to the structure and dynamics of these health system(s) in relation to intended outcomes, system's resilience, and responsiveness. We will try to explore the different modalities used by humanitarian actors to address the health needs of IDPs in northern Syria and discuss strengths, areas of improvements and lessons to be learnt from these modalities.

Pre-workshop reading:

1. Background paper on the health of IDPs in Syria (enclosed and found [here](#))
  - Information from the workshop will be integrated into the brief which will be developed with a view to submitting to an academic journal
2. Understanding the health needs of internally displaced persons: A scoping review. Journal of migration and health. November 2021. (enclosed and found [here](#))
3. Impact of COVID-19 on forcibly displaced populations inside Syria: a policy brief for Lancet Migration. (enclosed and found [here](#))

Post-workshop:

This workshop is a starting point for further collaboration exploring the health of IDPs in Syria.



**Schedule (subject to change)**

Time (UK)	Session	Chairs
1400-1415	Introductions	<p><a href="#">Dr Aula Abbara</a> Syria Public Health Network Infection consultant, Imperial College, London</p> <p><a href="#">Professor David Cantor</a> Health and Internal Displacement Network Refugee Law Initiative, University of London, UK</p>
1415-1430	Overview of key issues in the health of IDPs in conflict	<p><a href="#">Professor Karl Blanchet</a> Director of the Geneva Institute of Humanitarian Studies</p>
1430-1445	Health system responses for IDPs in northern Syria	<p>Dr Munzer Khalil Former Head of Idlib Health Directorate - Lead researcher on the R4HSSS project.</p>
1445-1500	Case study: determinants of health of IDPs	<p><a href="#">Diana Rayes</a> Syria Public Health Network PhD candidate at Johns Hopkins University</p>
1500-1510	Break	Break
1510-1610	Moderated Session with inputs from workshop participants*	<p>Chair: <a href="#">Dr Abdulkarim Ekzayez</a> Syria Public Health Network R4HSSS, King's College, London</p>
1610-1630	Summing Up and further work	Dr Abdulkarim Ekzayez/ Dr Aula Abbara

**\*Moderated session:**

The moderated session is an opportunity for all participants to contribute their experience on the health of IDPs in Syria. Key areas of discussion will be:

1. Challenges of the health response for IDPs in northern Syria
2. Health system resilience in light of changing dynamics and changing intended outcomes
3. Integration and collaboration with other sectors which affect the health of IDPs in Syria
4. Innovation approaches to addressing IDP health needs