



Refugee Doctors Step Up in COVID-19 Response #Refugeesrise

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic is not just a health issue. It is a profound shock to our societies, economies, and refugees are once again hit harder during this crisis. Refugees are at increased risk of infection and in many parts of the Asia Pacific region, they have inadequate access to health services including Medicare and medicines, in particular many women have less access to sexual and reproductive health services as healthcare systems become overstretched.

So how do we help refugee communities to tackle the COVID-19 Pandemic?

We are in contact with the National Public Health Organizations and doctors in order to coordinate actions, including health information for refugees and asylum seekers. We have already seen a **huge support made by many refugee nurses as they joined the campaign and have helped us produce COVID-19 bilingual info videos.**

However, considering this is a rapidly evolving situation; we have **the support of a team of refugee doctors that will be holding online live conversations** every week with vulnerable people.

The aim of these live conversations is to provide a platform for communities to engage directly with bilingual doctors as well as keeping them informed on infection prevention and control measures. Our doctors from Australia and other countries will livestream via APNOR Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/APNORRefugees/>

Our first Facebook livestream will commence on 2nd of April at 7 PM EST (Australia time) / 3 PM ICT.

We look forward to your support in sharing this information with your communities and organisations in Australia and also in the Asia Pacific region.

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