

# PEOPLE ON THE MOVE KEY TO ENDING AIDS

REPORT OF THE NGO REPRESENTATIVE

VALERIA RACHYNSKA,  
NGO EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA DELEGATE  
TO THE UNAIDS PCB

**MIGRANT**



# refugee IDP? MIGRANT

# MAJOR TRENDS IN POPULATION MOBILITY

**1** increasing diversity and complexity of human mobility

**2** “feminization of migration”

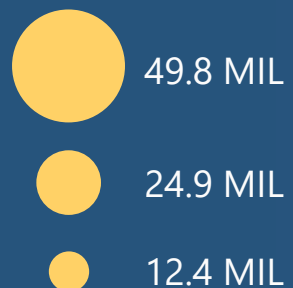
**3** new health paradigm

**4** new approaches to thinking about mobility

**5** challenges to globalization



# MIGRATION MAP



Source: UN DESA 2017

# TRAVEL BANS | HIV

 NO RESTRICTION ON FOREIGN  
HIV-POSITIVE PEOPLE

 SOME FORM OF RESTRICTION

**141** number of countries and territories  
with no HIV-specific restrictions

**51** number of countries and territories  
that impose some form of restriction  
on entry, stay and residence of people  
living with HIV

**9** countries that do not allow people  
living with HIV to enter

Source: Global Database on HIV-related travel restrictions

# GAPS IDENTIFIED

- language and cultural barriers
- fear of requesting/accessing services and being reported to authorities
- lack of access to targeted services for people on the move
- lack of understanding about the health-care system
- poor living conditions
- risky behaviours and sexual practices
- lack of access to prevention services.

# **GOOD PRACTICES - CHANCE OF ACHIEVING THE 2030 TARGETS**



1 the meaningful  
involvement of people  
on the move

2 capacity building for  
people on the move and  
related service providers

3 legal and/or regulatory  
reforms

4 development of national  
health systems and Universal  
Health Coverage (UHC) that  
are sensitive to and inclusive of  
people on the move

5 ensuring continuity of  
care

7 protecting against economic  
exploitation

6 addressing stigma and  
discrimination

8 effective responses to the needs  
of undocumented migrants

# RECOMMENDATIONS



Explicitly call for  
including people on  
the move who belong  
to key populations in  
the AIDS response







# COOPERATION

develop a policy brief on the meaningful involvement of migrants and mobile populations aligned with the GIPA principle of "nothing about us without us" with on how to increase, improve and support their involvement in the development, delivery and evaluation of global, regional and country AIDS response



# REMOVE BARRIERS

request that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights prepare a report on the state of respect for the human and health rights of mobile populations, including those living with and at risk of HIV, as well as those belonging to key populations, and any laws that allow for travel and work restrictions, deportation or confinement on the basis of sexual orientation and social non-



# HEALTHCARE

develop and promote a basic package of nonjudgmental, confidential, and culturally and linguistically competent primary healthcare services that will be made available to people on the move as part of UHC and in recognition of their right to the highest attainable standard of health, regardless of migration status, free of charge, and including speedy access to quality and culturally competent HIV, TB and hepatitis diagnostics, treatment and care services, mental

Other technical support to ensure that national health-care systems and HIV plans urgently address the needs of people on the move, including provision of mobile clinics and other forms of community-based HIV testing, alternatives to detention, medical/health passports or other patient-held clinical record cards that ensure continuity of healthcare, establishing a common data framework and improving the evidence base on HIV in relation to mobile populations, training of health-care personnel in rights-based sensitive/inclusive and interculturally competent or safe healthcare for mobile populations, protections against labour exploitation and sexual violence, and strengthened international cooperation on the health of mobile populations

# HIV SERVICES





You never change things by fighting  
the existing reality.

To change something, build a new model that  
makes the existing model **obsolete**

*Buckminster Fuller*



