



**UN Network on Migration Briefing with Member States  
Thematic Working Group 6 on Access to Services  
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Your Excellencies.... Ladies and Gentlemen.... Esteemed colleagues,

I am speaking here on behalf of WHO and UN Habitat, as co-leads of the Working Group 6 on access to services – for which WHO-Habitat have a great collaboration. Our members represent 16 organizations that include UN agencies, but also partners such as the Red Cross, local government represented by UCLG, trade Unions such as PSI and different NGOs.

Our working group aims at supporting Member States for providing access to essential services for all migrants, regardless of their migration status, as stated in the GCM in Objective 15 and other related objectives. We originally planned to cover areas such as health, housing, water and sanitation and education including vocational training and to later scale up. However, in supporting the global response to COVID-19, our scope has broadened to cover 10 areas of work instead of 5, including important topics such as child protection services.

As of to-date, we have:

- Conducted the mapping of promising/good practices for enhancing migrants' access to services from working group members,
- Developed a repository of guidelines and tools in providing services to migrants in various sectors and made available on the UN Network website.
- Developed a Policy Brief on “Enhancing Access to Services for Migrants in the Context of COVID-19 Preparedness, Prevention, and Response and Beyond”

In moving forward, our upcoming products, expected by March next year, will be:

- A data base from the collection of promising practices. The promising practices will be provided by champion countries as well as others and selected from the existing mapping done by the Working Group. Other partners will also be encouraged to share their experiences.
- A practical framework with examples of promising practices from different regional contexts and on the relevant topics for access to services for migrants as already defined in the previous policy guide will be the second output until March 2020.

We look forward to working with Champion Countries and all Member States and for your kind support in particularly in the area of promising practice collection.

All products will be made available at the Knowledge platform of the Network and we will continue to provide technical inputs into various UN Network's products such as Statements, Policy Briefs and other advocacy product and support other working groups.

Lastly, WHO and UN Habitat as co-leads and our working members stand ready to provide technical support needed for the GCM implementation in particularly objective 15 and its related objectives. We have the capacity, tools and knowledge and together we can succeed.

Thank you.