

WEBINAR

## Engaging Migrant Communities in the Context of COVID-19 Lessons from the Field



The International Organization for Migration - UN Migration would like to invite you to attend our webinar **“Engaging Migrant Communities in the Context of Covid-19: Lessons from the Field”**.

In this **90-minute webinar** we will explore the importance of migrant community engagement, as learned in previous pandemic responses. This will include information on successful methodologies for engaging migrant communities during a pandemic, case studies detailing how culture informs pandemic responses, and further resources to help support the success of local COVID-19 response measures.

**To better facilitate a more interactive webinar, participation will be limited to 50 attendees per session. We will therefore be offering this webinar on a weekly basis to ensure all who are interested have an opportunity to attend. We have identified the first three dates available below, with additional dates subject to demand.**

**The webinar will be hosted on Webex. Please register ahead of time for the date of your choice in order to receive your joining instructions, using the following links:**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May : 2:00pm**

<https://iom.webex.com/iom/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb51e092848b7cd6a16660b7b5e12ab32>

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May : 2:00pm**

<https://iom.webex.com/iom/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb9a627866c01b58a64d333948f95a0cf>

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May : 3:00pm**

<https://iom.webex.com/iom/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6385d5228f1868e0db1c67a8149e3379>

### **Focus of the Webinar**

Efforts to mitigate COVID-19 are unprecedented and have seen mass disruptions to daily life. While managing a pandemic is new to many of us in the UK, humanitarian efforts around previous pandemics in other parts of the world, such as Ebola, have yielded a number of lessons which have direct implications for our work today. Chief among these is the vital importance of engaging all affected communities, and in particular migrant communities, in developing and communicating successful response measures. The lockdown measures ongoing in the UK rely on precautions such as social distancing and personal hygiene being practiced at an individual/household level. Yet the degree to which individuals understand the importance of these steps and adapt their routines and lifestyle to observe them are varied and depend on a number of different experiential and cultural factors. This webinar will look at how migrant communities have been successfully engaged in the past to develop strong and inclusive pandemic responses.

## **Who should attend?**

This webinar targets frontline staff working on the COVID 19 response at a community level. It will provide an overview of engaging migrant communities, diaspora leaders and migrant-led community organisations in a partnership approach to develop and communicate successful response measures.

**If you have any questions or trouble registering, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at: [infosessionsUK@iom.int](mailto:infosessionsUK@iom.int).**

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We look forward to seeing you at the webinar!