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COVID-19 Analytical Snapshot #21: Tools and Resources UPDATE

Understanding the migration & mobility implications of COVID-19

This snapshot updates #1. These COVID-19 Analytical Snapshots are designed to capture the latest information and analysis in a fast-moving environment. Topics will be repeated from time to time as analysis develops.
If you have an item to include, please email us at research@iom.int.

IOM crisis response

IOM's Statement on COVID-19 and Mobility highlights the importance of supporting migrants throughout the ongoing Coronavirus crisis:

> *Within countries that have been hardest hit, migrants are exposed to many of the same vulnerabilities as other citizens, and often to a greater extent.*
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> *Efforts to support all vulnerable groups … should be strongly considered to avoid harmful consequences, minimise hardship, as well as reduce public health risk.*

Drawing upon its experiences of previous emergencies, IOM's COVID-19 Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SRP) aims to support countries which require additional resources, whether financial, technical or operational.

IOM is playing a direct role in:
⇒ Risk communication and community engagement;
⇒ Crisis and cross-border coordination;
⇒ Training government employees;
⇒ Population mobility mapping; and
⇒ Enhanced Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services.

Policy responses

IMF Policy Tracker
⇒ Records the key responses from governments to limit the human and economic impact of the pandemic.

IGC COVID-19 tracker
⇒ Provides details of policy interventions to address the pandemic in the developing world

ILO Country Response
⇒ Outlines the measures enacted to support the labour market and protect workers in each country.

Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT)
⇒ Records the stringency of government responses across countries and time in a consistent way.

COVID-19 travel restrictions globally

IOM's Mobility Impacts dashboard shows the number and type of restrictions in place at 3,808 points of entry, maps the various travel disruptions and restrictions enacted across the world and reports which population categories have been most affected by these measures.

As COVID-19 has spread, governments in many jurisdictions have implemented a range of temporary immigration-related measures to contain the virus. A country-by-country overview of these migration policy developments has been compiled by Fragomen.
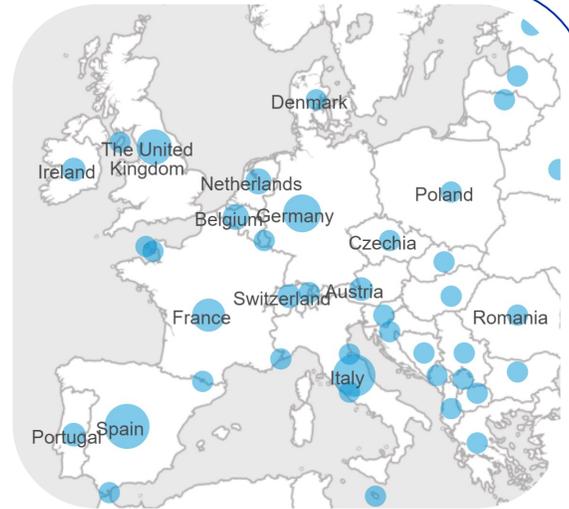
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Tracking COVID-19 cases around the world

A number of online interactive dashboards have been created to allow public health authorities, researchers and the general public to visualize and track the outbreak of COVID-19 as it unfolds.

These dashboards show the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, fatalities and recoveries at the country level, as well as the change in cases over time.

The most cited dashboards include those hosted by John Hopkins University, nCov2019 and the WHO.

Source: WHO COVID-19 Situation Dashboard

Migration-related analysis

Migration research centers and others have begun asking analysing COVID-19 impacts on migration and mobility:

COMPAS
⇒ A forum to facilitate brainstorming about what COVID-19 means for our fast-moving world, from cross-border migration to racism and the future of mobile working.

Migration Policy Institute
⇒ To combat COVID-19, governments have turned to migration management tools. How might these policy changes impact immigration systems in the long term?

Center for Migration Studies
⇒ A summary of COVID-19 migration-related developments, including policy analysis, research and dispatches about the pandemic.

IOM Migration Research Series
⇒ Provides an initial analysis of the specific ways that migrants have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the measures to mitigate these adverse impacts.

WHO Resources

WHO Situation Reports
⇒ The Situation Reports give an update of developments in the preceding 24 hours.

WHO Myth Buster
⇒ In the face of misinformation and fake news, the WHO has busted a number of COVID-19 myths.

COVID-19 analysis in the developing world

⇒ Brooking's Africa in Focus
⇒ Let's Talk Development, from the World Bank
⇒ Oxford Latin America Centre
⇒ OECD Development Matters