



## RESPOND Newsletter

Welcome to the Newsletter of the research project RESPOND.

The aim of the project, which is funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), is to improve the evidence base for refugee health service provision in Germany. The project covers five years (2016-2021) and nine work packages, in which we investigate important research questions using qualitative, quantitative and routine data sources.

In this issue of the newsletter, we present our research on healthcare structures in German reception centres. As there are no nationwide standards for the organization of primary care facilities in reception centres, there are major differences between and within the federal states with regard to securing the healthcare of asylum seekers. We have summarized preliminary findings from the RESPOND study and evidence from national and international studies in a first working paper on this topic. The aim of this paper is to encourage further discussion on this topic, for example at an interactive workshop with key decision-makers which we will be hosting in May. You are welcome to join us; further information can be found below.

Please feel free to forward this email to interested colleagues; these can then subscribe using the form on our website.

Kind regards,

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### Health care structures in reception centers

As a result of the temporarily high numbers of refugees entering Germany, the number of reception centers has increased in the last few years. In many of these facilities, outpatient clinics have been set up on site to directly meet the health needs of residents. To date, there is a lack of nationwide standards and guidance for setting up appropriate outpatient clinics, so that local solutions have been employed when it comes to securing the health care needs of residents. The present working paper summarizes findings on outpatient care structures, identifies barriers and promotion factors in health care and presents 15 recommendations for needs-based, efficient and effective care in reception centers.

The working paper discusses the scientific evidence on primary health facilities in reception centres can be found [here](#).



### Workshop: Primary healthcare models in reception centres

As part of the research project RESPOND, we invite you to participate in our workshop on the primary healthcare models in German reception centres, taking place on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. As part of the workshop, different health care structures in reception facilities in Germany will be presented, followed by a discussion of key identified issues in smaller working groups. The aim of the workshop is a synthesis of results and the identification of barriers and facilitators for future developments in policy and practice.

In addition, the launch of the WHO compendium "Health system responses to large-scale migration in the WHO European Region" will take place on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 7 PM in cooperation with the WHO Regional Office for Europe, with guest lectures and reception. The WHO report provides a case study overview of good care practices in the context of refugee migration in European countries.

## RESPOND in public

### RESPOND at the "Armut und Gesundheit" Congress

RESPOND is represented at the [Berlin Congress](#) in three dedicated forums. We would be delighted to see you there.

14.03.2019 2:15 PM - Health economic considerations for medical care of refugees

14.03.2019 4:15 PM - Challenges and solutions in the care of pregnant refugees in Germany

15.03.2019 9:00 AM - Health monitoring of refugees and migrants: Methodical & Ethical Challenges

### RESPOND in the profamilia magazine

In the first issue of the year, the non-profit organization profamilia devoted itself to the special circumstances of pregnant refugee women. We have written a contributing article on the healthcare of pregnant refugee women in Germany. You can download the article [here](#).

### RESPOND on Twitter

You can now follow our research project on Twitter ([@respond\\_study](#)) to stay up to date on our activities and research results. We are look forward to receiving your likes, retweets and of course to a lively exchange.