



## **The Post-Graduate Fellowship (PGF) in Migrant and Refugee Health**

- **Benefited over 986,400 patient consultations**
- **Trained 129 medical doctors over 5 cohorts**
- **172 sessions (525 hours) of teaching** conducted by DWW medical faculty
- **722 additional professional certificates achieved** including MISP for Reproductive Health, ETAT, BLS, the LSHTM Health in Humanitarian Crises (2018-20 online), and John Hopkins University Public Health in Humanitarian Crises (2021, online)
- **260 session (1040 hours) of clinical shadowing** conducted by DWW medical faculty
- **Leadership & Governance Conference hosted for 55 clinical leaders benefiting 2915 staff** they manage representing 15 NGOs/iNGOs/GO
- **Creation of a clinical support group for 209 doctors** run by Doctors Worldwide

**Goal:** To improve and strengthen the quality and delivery of primary health care in humanitarian and crisis settings.

**Designed for:** Medically trained doctors (MD, MBBS, or equivalent) working in primary care settings that experience migrant or refugee health in any country.

**About:** The Postgraduate Fellowship (PGF) in Refugee and Migrant Health is a short-term to medium-term medical capacity building and training programme specifically designed to help local doctors working in humanitarian settings to improve their clinical practice. It targets those who have not worked in similar settings previously, or have not received specialised training to meet the specific healthcare needs of a migrant/refugee population or within a humanitarian crisis setting. The PGF was designed and developed by Doctors Worldwide in November 2017 after the onset of the Rohingya refugee crisis. To date it has been delivered to 129 doctors (as of July 2021) with more than 50 specialist medical faculty who contributed towards its development. The PGF is taught by DWW medical and educational faculty of experts from around the world.

**Structure:** The PGF is centred around the delivery of 8 independent modules in primary care and humanitarian medicine. Each module is tailored to the contextual needs of the local refugee communities, local host populations and healthcare systems whilst also embedding international standards for shared learning opportunities. In addition, we utilise eLearning

and certifications through highly reputable institutions and learning platforms for a comprehensive capacity building programme. Each participant also gets 1-1 clinical mentorship by our trainers throughout the duration of the PGF programme. **See Table 1 on the next page.**

**Assessments:** In order to pass the PGF and receive full certification, participants are assessed through pre- and post-modular assessments under strict examination formats. Participants also must pass case-based scenarios tested in-person with our medical faculty.

**Testimonials:**

- “PGF is unique in many ways. In all the training I had previously, they only focused on improving our clinical knowledge, but the PGF focused on our clinical and other skills and knowledge, including our leadership & governance class which was interesting. It provided us the opportunity to learn how to combat things that we are seeing – we did not know there is a path we can follow using different techniques. It has improved our knowledge.” - **Dr Sumaya Tasnim, PGF Cohort E Alumni 2021**
- “The PGF in Migrant and Refugee health has enabled and empowered me to manage acutely unwell patients in resource poor settings. Following completion of the fellowship course, I have been working at an emergency and urgent care setting in Camp 4 where there are few health care facilities providing the same level of care provided by the facility in which I work. As a consequence we provided health services to patients who are quite unwell, many of whom have to be carried in by porters. In such a setting, I have had to manage patients with active seizures, unconsciousness, acute severe respiratory distress, hypoglycemia both adults as well as children. In these situations I have found training in Emergency Assessment, Basic Life Support and working in teams as team leader taught in Module 2 of the PGF very useful and handy. I have also implemented a triage protocol for identification and isolation of patients with infectious disease at my healthcare facility. Beyond this the PGF has helped in expanding my understanding of how a humanitarian crisis response works, what the priorities are, which has been useful to me in my role as Clinical Coordinator.” - **Dr Maryam Molla, PGF Participant Cohort A, 2018.**

To find out more or to discuss bringing the PGF to your country, please contact Doctors Worldwide at [info@doctorsworldwide.org](mailto:info@doctorsworldwide.org)

**Table 1: PGF Module Overview**

<b>Module Number</b>	<b>Module Title</b>
1	Health in Humanitarian Emergencies
2	Triage and Emergency Care Management
3	Communicable Diseases
4	Non-Communicable Diseases and Palliative Care
5	Mental Health in Humanitarian Emergencies
6	Sexual & Reproductive Health, Maternal Health, GBV and Paediatrics
7	Professional and Communication Skills
8	Clinical Leadership and Governance
<b>Certificates completed</b>	
1	<b>Emergency, Triage, Assessment and Treatment (ETAT)</b> (RCPCH online)
2	<b>John Hopkins University: Public Health in Humanitarian Crises 1 1</b> (Coursera online)
3	<b>Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP)</b> for sexual and reproductive health in crisis situations (Inter-Agency Working Group online)
4	Doctors Worldwide <b>Postgraduate Fellowship (PGF) in Migrant and Refugee Health</b> Certificate
5	<b>Basic Life Support</b> Certification
<b>Clinical shadowing</b>	
One-to-one self improvement	Participants receive at least 3 full days of clinical shadowing with our expert faculty throughout the PGF. They are assessed through various workplace based assessments such as <b>case-based discussions (CbDs)</b> , <b>mini-clinical exercises (mini-CEX)</b> , and <b>direct observations through procedural skills (DOPS)</b> .