Migration and Healthcare in ASEM countries

Migrants and Healthcare: Socio-economic Approaches and Strengthening Partnerships
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Health Dimension of Asian Migration to Europe

Joint research by:
Yuchengco Center of De La Salle University (Philippines) & Fondazione ISMU (Italy)

- Health issues of Chinese & Filipino migrants living in Italy & Spain
ASEF’s Work on Migration and Healthcare
Health Dimension of Asian Migration to Europe
Outreach to Filipino Migrants

• Explanation of Italian healthcare system
• Common health problems
• Medication comparison list
• Perception and communication issues
Health Dimension of Asian Migration to Europe

Recommendations to Policy Makers

Outreach

✓ Production and distribution of a **Health Booklet**
✓ Common project implementation by key stakeholders

Training

✓ Healthcare providers, Linguistic and cultural mediators, Health promoters

Offering flexible opening hours at clinics

Encouraging a formal recognition process of Filipino health workers’ competence

Exchanging knowledge and experience between Italy & Philippines
Migrants and Healthcare
Main Finding

It’s in the best interest of receiving countries to take care of Migrants' Health
Migrants and Healthcare: Social and Economic Approaches

10 case-studies in Hong Kong, Singapore, Austria and Italy on the Cost of Exclusion

Cost of action # Cost of inaction

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Migrants and Healthcare Recommendations

• Recognising exclusion of migrants in healthcare as a social and economic problem that needs to be addressed

• Europe
  ✓ Acknowledging all types of migrants as a part of the population
  ✓ Facilitate access even when access is a right
  ✓ Generating data on migrants
  ✓ Exchanging information between EU member states

• Asia
  ✓ Recognise access to healthcare as a right for all
  ✓ Establishing an independent statutory body for law enforcement
  ✓ Providing interpretation services at public hospitals in Hong Kong

• Building closer collaboration between governments & NGOs