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First marked in 2001, World Refugee Day is held every year on 20 June. War and persecution have displaced and forced more than 60 million people to flee their homes and seek safety elsewhere. Half of the world's refugees are from WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region.

WHO is concerned about the health of families on the move. “Leaving no one behind” is a central tenet in the Organization’s response to providing access to health care throughout their journey: from their country of origin, as they transit and until they reach their final destination.

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