



Panel 3

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Care and protection for displaced persons

Since the summer of 2015, more and more people have been fleeing war, persecution, violence and a general lack of prospects in countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Eritrea and Somalia. Even Switzerland is faced with more and more traumatized refugees. These increasingly include especially vulnerable groups, such as unaccompanied minors or unaccompanied women with or without children. They are often particularly defenceless and, from a health perspective, exposed to a high risk of violence and (sexual) abuse. The SRC provides health care along the migration routes and on their arrival in Switzerland, as well as accommodation and other support. For over 20 years, the SRC has been providing medical treatment, psychotherapy and care for the victims of torture and war. Increasingly, the cantonal associations are deploying their volunteers to provide everyday assistance for these target groups.

The panel will discuss the circumstances of displaced persons, especially the extremely vulnerable groups, along with the importance of protecting their health and providing them with humane and dignified care in emergency situations. Additionally, the major current challenges and risks will be explained. Together we will try to define the need for health protection and healthcare required by displaced persons.

The experts on the podium will discuss the following issues, with input from the audience:

- Under current circumstances, what are the greatest challenges for displaced persons with regard to refuge and their health requirements?
- What works well in terms of healthcare for people in emergency situations?
Where and why are there shortfalls?
- What can be done to provide better protection for health and better healthcare for displaced persons?