

Multilingualism in Providing Quality Mental Health Care to Migrants - Needs, Resources and Practices - Vorbereitungsmittel

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The aim of the interdisciplinary consortium is to analyze and improve communication between health care providers (HCPs) and migrants who suffer from mental disorders and do not (sufficiently) speak (any of) the official languages in the receiving country, ultimately to enhance quality of mental health care. The consortium will identify current policies and practices of health care systems by communicating with migrants on a macro- and meso-level in five different countries in Africa, Asia and Europe (South Africa, the Netherlands, Germany, China and Romania). Furthermore, it will assess barriers and resources to communication with marginalized migrants on a micro-level and facilitate access to (mental) health care systems in each of the countries, using local level case studies, in cooperation with local (migrant) organizations, and develop a culturally adopted training program for local HCPs to strengthen communication quality in health settings with evident language barriers. Finally, it will articulate an international guideline for working with (non-)professional interpreters and relevant stakeholders. Interdisciplinary and transnational exchange will be maintained via regular video meetings, online workshops, annual meetings and bilateral scientific exchanges. The project addresses language matters not only in providing quality medical care on humanitarian grounds, but also based on internationally recognized basic human rights issues, as described in target 3.8 of the Sustainable Development Goal 3 of the United Nations (UNHCR, 2017).

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