

## **Overcoming Systematic Barriers that Undermine Access to Quality Lifesaving Antibiotics in Refugee Communities in Colombia, Lebanon and Uganda - Vorbereitungsmittel**

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The "temporariness" of forced displacement means exposure to many socioeconomic determinants that predispose migrants to negative health outcomes. While there are inter-country variations in the integration of refugees in the healthcare system, access to quality life-saving medicine is a global problem. Though the barriers to access are contextual, collective challenges remain for each of these settings with the common predictors poorly understood. To identify these predictors of access to poor quality medicines, this project aims to understand systems-level barriers and to identify specific interventions to address bottlenecks to accessing quality medicines, within three distinct study settings in Africa, the Middle East and South America. To limit the scope, the applicants are focusing on access to quality antibiotics - one of the most-commonly used medicines. The project proposes an embedded research approach, with active engagement and participation of key academic partners in Lebanon, Uganda and Colombia, refugees, international NGOs, local public health agencies and community groups in charge of refugee access to healthcare services in the host countries. In addition, the applicants will construct structured and semi-structured surveys with inputs from partners on the ground to identify the barriers to accessing quality antibiotics. Through surveys, they will also be able to identify methodological gaps in research practice that limit understanding of healthcare access among refugee communities.

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