



## **“Child health Inequalities among migrant children in the European Region”** **QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **About the survey**

Initiated by “Advocacy for Children” (1) , one of EAP Working Groups, the survey has been disseminated last September through the entire EAP Research in Ambulatory Settings Network – EAPRASnet – (2), an active network of 2000 registered paediatricians from Europe and Mediterranean.

Given the high migratory flow in some countries, many paediatricians among EAP’s members have gained experience dealing with health problems of migrant children. Around 500 of them, mostly working in Primary Care, participated, showing their high concern by this critical issue.

For the purpose of this survey migrant children are those persons 0 to 18 years old foreign-born or whose parents are foreign-born. Adopted children are excluded.

### **Answers per countries**

<b>Top performing countries</b>	<b>Subscribers</b>	<b>Responders</b>	<b>% responders</b>
Spain	382	111	29%
Italy	410	97	24%
Germany	215	32	15%
Austria	97	29	30%
Hungary	97	28	29%
France	71	26	37%
Portugal	101	26	26%
Cyprus	66	18	27%
Switzerland	121	17	14%
Lithuania	26	16	62%
Poland	400	16	4%
Greece	31	14	45%
Czech Rep.	24	13	54%
Sweden	30	7	23%
Israel	90	7	8%
Slovenia	14	6	43%
Luxembourg	20	6	30%
Other countries	111	23	21%

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## GENERAL / PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. - Where do you work? :
  - A. - Private sector
  - B. - Public sector
  - C. - Both
  
2. - Working in the following (tick one or more of the following)
  - A. - Primary Care
  - B. - Secondary Care
  - C. - Tertiary care
  
3. - Your age \_\_\_\_\_
4. - Gender: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_
5. - Among the children you take care of, which is the approximate percentage of migrant children? :
  - A. - More than 30%
  - B. - Between 10 and 30 %
  - C. - Between 5 and 10 %
  - D. - Less than 5%

### Concerning the migrant families and children you take care of in your office:

6. - How many families have problems communicating with you because of language (one or more members of the family can not speak or can not read your language)?
  - A. - More than 80% of them
  - B. - Between 40 and 80 % of them
  - C. - Between 20 and 40 % of them
  - D. - Less than 20 % of them
  
7. - How many have one or more of their members undocumented?
  - A. - Less than 10%
  - B. - Between 10 and 30 %
  - C. - Over 30 %
  - D. - I don't know
  
8. - How many of them are refugees/asylum seekers? :
  - A. - Most of them (more than 50%)
  - B. - Between 10 and 50 % of them
  - C. - Few of them (less than 10 %)
  - D. - I don't know
  
9. - The socioeconomic status of the migrant families and children in your practice compared to non-migrants is:
  - A. - Higher/wealthier
  - B. - Equal
  - C. - Slightly lower/poorer
  - D. - Much lower/poorer

## STATE OF HEALTH / HEALTH NEEDS

**Comparing the state of health and health needs of the migrant and non-migrant children you attend in your practice:**

10. - Do you think the general health of migrant children compared to non-migrants is:

- A. - Better
- B. - Similar
- C. - Slightly worse
- D. - Much worse

11. - Do you think migrant children have more frequent health problems than non-migrant children? A. - Yes

B. - No

**If you answered A. - Yes, please specify the problems: tick one or more where appropriate: \_**

Chronic diseases (asthma, obesity, etc.)

Communicable Diseases frequently associated with poverty (TBC, HIV, malaria, etc.)

- Rare Diseases
- Neurodevelopmental problems
- Mental Health problems
- Accidental Injuries
- Non-accidental Injuries/Child Abuse
- Inherited disease
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

12. - Do you think migrant children have different health needs than non-migrant children?

A. - Yes

B. - No

**If you answered A. -Yes, please specify health needs: tick one or more where appropriate: \_**

Catch up immunizations

- Nutritional advice
- Accident prevention advice
- Socio-emotional development/attachment
- Vision/hearing screening
- Oral health
- Protection from trafficking and exploitation
- Screening for illnesses associated with poverty
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Vaccination coverage (financed and non-financed vaccines) of migrant children in your practice compared to non-migrant children is:**

13. - When they arrive to your country:

- A. - Higher
- B. - Equal
- C. - Slightly lower
- D. - Much lower

14. - When they have been established for some time in your country (one year after arrival) :

A. - Higher

- B. - Equal
- C. - Slightly lower
- D. - Much lower

**If you answered C. -Slightly lower or D. - Much lower to question 14, do you think it is due to: tick one or more where appropriate**

- Barriers to access immunization
- Refusal to immunization

<b>ACCESS TO CARE</b>
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**In your region/country:**

15. - Are there specific childcare /welfare policies for migrant children and their families?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No
- C. - I do not know

16. - Are migrant children entitled to the same health services coverage than non-migrant children?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No
- C. - I do not know

17. - Are children from irregular/undocumented migrant families entitled to the same health services coverage than non-migrant children?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No
- C. - I do not know

18. - Are children from refugee/asylum seekers migrant families entitled to the same health services coverage than non-migrant children?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No
- C. - I do not know

19. - Do migrant children find barriers to access child health services?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No
- C. - I do not know

**If you answered A. - Yes, please specify the reasons, tick one or more where appropriate:**

- Nationality,
- Family migration status (undocumented)
- Cultural/linguistic barriers,
- Religion
- Family economic status
- Bureaucracy (paperwork)
- Other,specify: \_\_\_\_\_

20. - Do you think migrant children find barriers to access and delivery of care in these areas?

Tick one or more where appropriate

- Primary Care (including preventive care)
- Emergency care

\_\_Care for Chronic Disease/Disability  
\_\_Mental Health Care

21. - Are interpreters and cultural mediators readily available at health care centers/facilities?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No

22. -Are social services and resources readily available to migrant children?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No

## TRAINING & EDUCATION

23. - Are there updated guidelines for care of migrant children & families in your region/country?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No

24. - Have you received training on migrant children specific health care problems, health needs and peculiarities?

- A. - Yes
- B. - No

**Any further comment/remark you consider important:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(1) “Advocacy for Children” is an EAP Working Group (WG)**, whose aim is to advocate for Children’s Rights, influencing policies and actions of governments, international institutions and the private sector, building alliances and lobbying regional decision-makers, in order to achieve positive changes in children’s lives

**(2) EAPRASnet -EAP Research in Ambulatory Settings Network is an active network of 2000 registered paediatricians from Europe and Mediterranean** whose mission is to improve quality of general paediatrics and primary care practice by conducting international collaborative practice based research. Five major surveys have been launched over the past years generating the publication of several papers.

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