The National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (NRC-RIM) supports state and local health departments working with refugee, immigrant, and migrant (RIM) communities that have been disproportionately affected by health inequities. We are funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and housed by the University of Minnesota.

### What we do
- Collect, develop, and disseminate best and promising practices
- Develop and disseminate linguistically and culturally relevant health communications
- Create online training and other resources for public health professionals
- Support pilot projects between health departments and community-based organizations
- Disseminate resources widely and facilitate peer-to-peer collaboration
- Provide direct support to state and local health departments

### RIM Communities
RIM communities face health disparities not because of any biological or genetic factor, but because of long-standing, systemic, health and social inequities.

### Looking toward the future
A guiding principle of our work is that solutions should be developed in genuine partnership with affected communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has confirmed for us what we already knew: That refugees, immigrants, and migrants have the wisdom, expertise, and desire to influence health systems to serve their communities better. Empowering communities to work within systems can enhance any public health response that may arise in the future.
We were initially established in October 2020 as part of the nation’s COVID-19 response. Now we are continuing our COVID-19 work, but on a smaller scale, while we focus on the public health needs of new arrival communities more generally.

Afghan Health Promotion

We have curated health resources from organizations across the country in Dari, Pashto and English. We also have our own health portfolio, created in partnership with the International Rescue Committee. Topics include:

- Lead Poisoning
- Mental Health
- Heat + Water Safety
- Sexual + Reproductive Health
- COVID-19
- More Coming Soon

Ukrainian Health Requirements

We are also charged with communicating about the health requirements for Ukrainians who arrive through the Uniting for Ukraine program. Resources in Ukrainian and Russian cover:

- Tuberculosis testing
- Vaccine requirements

Settle In

NRC-RIM is a partner with Settle In, an initiative launched in September 2021 by CORE, which engages newly arrived Afghans and Ukrainians resettling in the U.S. in an interactive format. This free, publicly available resource connects new arrivals to vital information on early resettlement services, employment, housing, education, and healthcare.

Connect

Check out our website at nrcrim.org for practical resources for public health professionals.