



Innovation Highlights

In 2019, MCN launched several new initiatives to address urgent and emerging migrant health needs, several of which expanded on our core programs.

Here are a few innovations we'd like to highlight:



THE HUMANITARIAN CARE NETWORK

In 2019, MCN collaborated with University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, Stanford University School of Medicine, and Baylor College of Medicine to launch a new cooperative effort to provide clinical care at the border to pregnant asylum seekers as well as children asylees with ongoing health issues. This new and exciting innovation has in just a few short months provided care for **102 migrants and refugees**. MCN, in addition to on-the-ground coordination and organization, provides our national network of care and referral, Health Network, to help asylum seekers find prompt, affordable, and culturally competent care for their ongoing health concerns after they leave the border clinic.



EXPANSION OF OUR INTERNATIONAL WORK

MCN contributed our unique perspective to the international efforts to stop tuberculosis. As a nonprofit focused on migrants who travel between nations, we provided a critical viewpoint and actionable solutions at the United Nations and in high-level international consortia, including the International Union and STOP TB Partnership.



MOBILIZATION OF COMMUNITIES TO RESPOND TO DISASTER

In post-Maria Puerto Rico, MCN launched a new initiative to help health centers and community members mobilize to prepare for the next big disaster — be it another round of earthquakes or a hurricane strengthened by the climate crisis. The work serves as a model for communities and health centers. The program will grow to serve additional communities in 2020.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND WORKER SAFETY

We've expanded decades of environmental health and occupational safety work to provide cutting-edge train-the-trainer workshops with our partnerships with the Ventanilla de Salud and Migrant Head Start, helping immigrants stay safe at work and at home all around the country.



ADDRESSING TRAUMA AMONG CLINICIANS

Witness to Witness, MCN's partnership with the American Family Therapy Academy, continues to serve frontline clinicians who serve patients who are traumatized. We expanded the work to provide webinars for clinicians who have participated in disaster response and recovery to recognize and address trauma in the clinic, including practical tools for supervisors. We continue to expand this work, reaching clinicians with trauma related to the climate crisis, border policy, earthquakes, and more.



MEDICAL REVIEW FOR IMMIGRANTS

MCN's initiative to help migrants and refugees with urgent health needs to get out of detention and into emergency medical care continued to ramp up in 2019 after its 2018 launch. MRI is another initiative in which MCN utilized our impressive Health Network capabilities to help asylum seekers and migrants in detention who have urgent health needs to get into emergency care immediately after release.

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