

U.S Government Efforts Addressing Migrant Health



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Overview

- Migrant health? Who is a migrant in the U.S?
- U.S federal agencies with a migrant health role
- Opportunities on migrant health

Who is a migrant (in the U.S)?

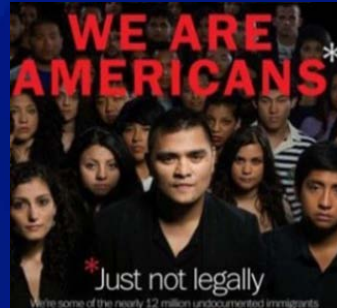
- No standard definition
- Different agencies and organizations use ...
 - Different definitions for the same term
 - Different terms as synonyms
 - Different terms without defining them

Who is a migrant (in the U.S)?

- **Broad concept:** individuals residing in the U.S who were born in another country
- ~ **Foreign-born** (US Census Bureau)
 - ~**42.2 million** migrants in the U.S (2014)

Different migrant categories

- Legal migration status



- Length of residency and mobility
- Different occupations



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- No single federal agency with main responsibility for migrant health in the U.S
- Different agencies or departments focus on different migrant sub-populations
 - Migrant and seasonal farmworkers
 - Refugees
 - Legal permanent residents ...

U.S Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- Supports community clinics providing services to “migrant and seasonal agricultural workers”
 - ~1-5 million agricultural workers
 - Most are foreign-born
 - Comprehensive primary care
 - Culturally and linguistically appropriate
 - Affordable



- National Advisory Council on Migrant Health

U.S Health and Human Services

CDC/Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ)

- Prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases in the US associated with globally mobile populations
- Overseas Refugee Programs (Kenya, Thailand)
- US-Mexico Unit (San Diego)

DGMQ's Regulatory, Policy and Guidance Roles

- **Oversee medical examination** (including TB tests) and required vaccinations for refugees and green card applicants
 - Refugees: ~80,000/year
 - Green card applicants: ~1 million/year
 - 50% overseas and 50% in the U.S



Cost/effectiveness of DGMQ's overseas disease screening and treatment

- **Enhanced TB screening policy**
 - 60% additional TB cases identified and treated (2012)
 - Saving \$15 million in medical costs to US health system
- **Presumptive treatment of intestinal parasites**
 - Reduced parasite prevalence and outbreaks among refugees in the U.S

DGMQ CureTB Program: Continuity of care for TB cases crossing the U.S-Mexico border

- **Partners:**

- U.S and Mexico federal and local TB programs, USMBHC, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

- **Current focus: TB control in immigration detention centers**



U.S Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

- **Local integration of refugees**
 - Supports resettlement organizations
 - Medical screening
 - Employment services
 - Language classes
 - Health care



- **Unaccompanied children (UAC) services**
 - Placement, timely release and care of UAC in ORR custody

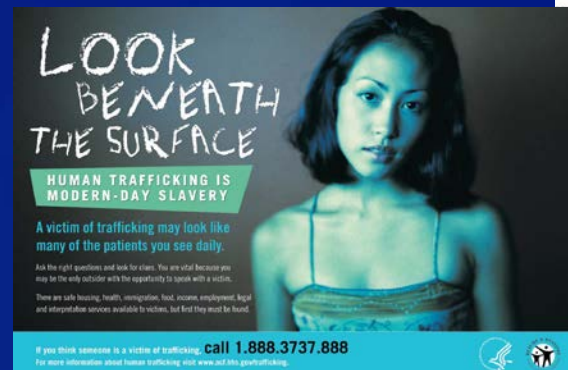
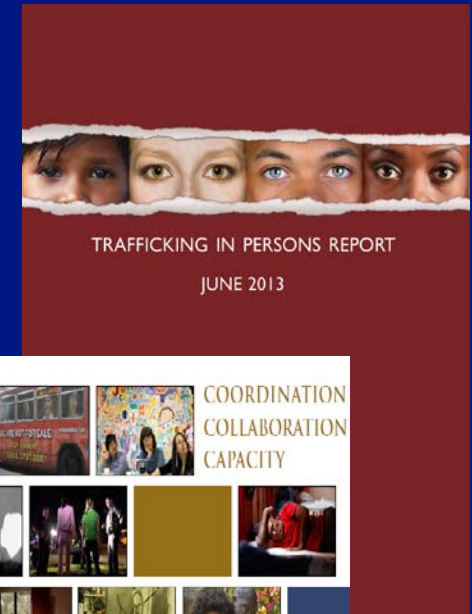
Department of Homeland Security

- **Customs and Border Protection**
 - Apprehension and care of unauthorized immigrants
- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)-Health Service Corps**
 - Coordinates health services in immigration detention centers



U.S Department of State

- Office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking in Persons
www.state.gov/j/tip/
- U.S Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000



Federal Strategic Action Plan
on Services for Victims of Human Trafficking
in the United States
2013-2017

Migrant Health: Opportunities

Opportunities (1)

- **Enhance migrants' access to health care and preventive services**
 - **Affordable Care Act**
 - Expand health insurance coverage
 - Increased funding for community health centers and prevention services
 - **Coordination with Mexico's health insurance programs**

Opportunities (2)

- **Increase awareness and address migrant health disparities**
 - Emphasize both health disparities AND health advantages of migrants
 - Recognize migration as a social determinant of health

National Initiative to Eliminate Health Disparities

“For the first time, the U.S has a coordinated road map designed to give everyone the chance to live a healthy life” (Ex. HHS Secretary Sebelius)



But ...
migrants are
not mentioned!



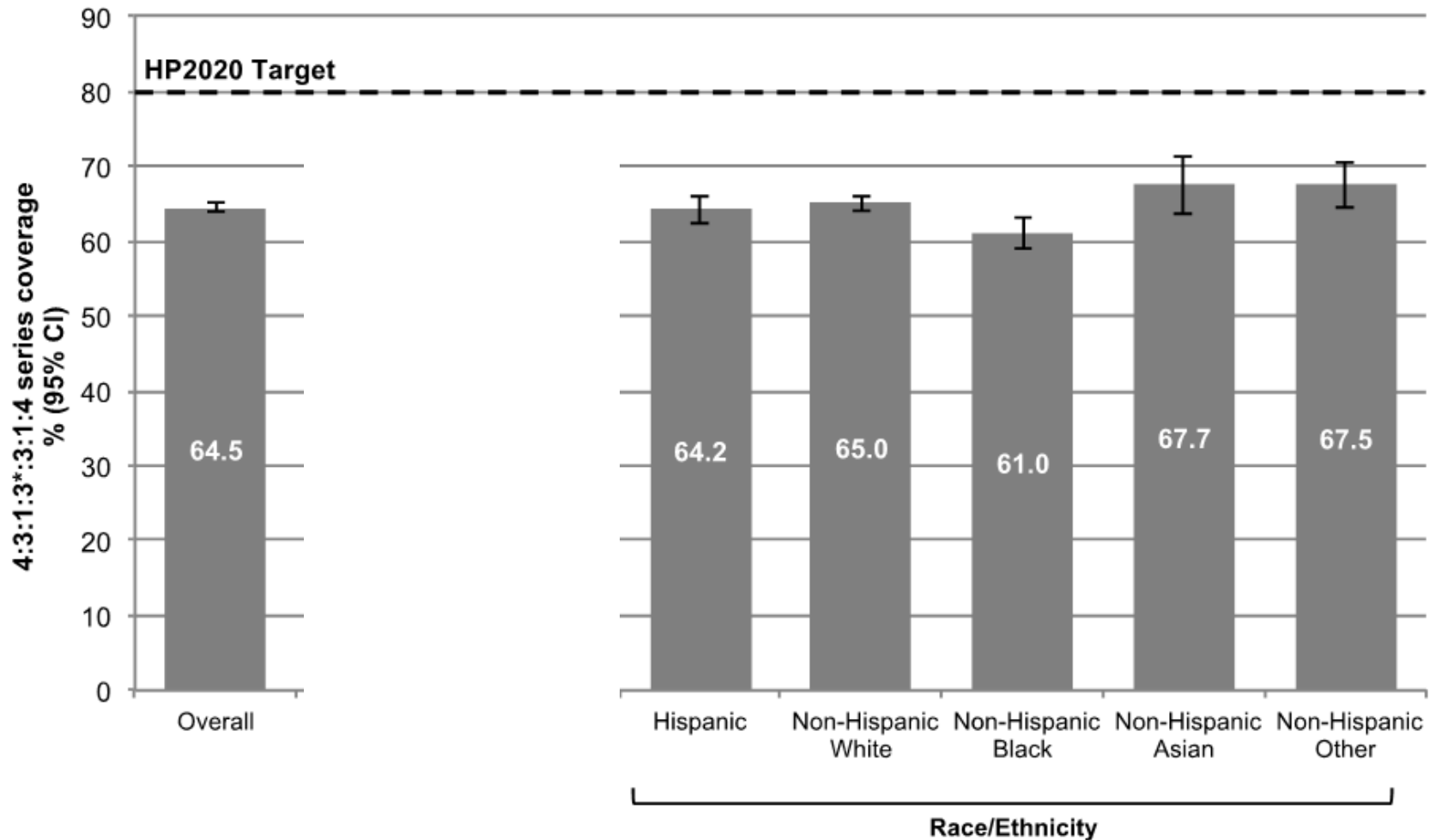
CDC Office of Minority Health and Health Equity

- **CDC Migrant Health Working Group**
- **1st CDC Conference on Migrant Health Disparities (May, 2014)**
- **CDC Health Disparities Reports (2011, 2013)**
 - Included data on the foreign-born

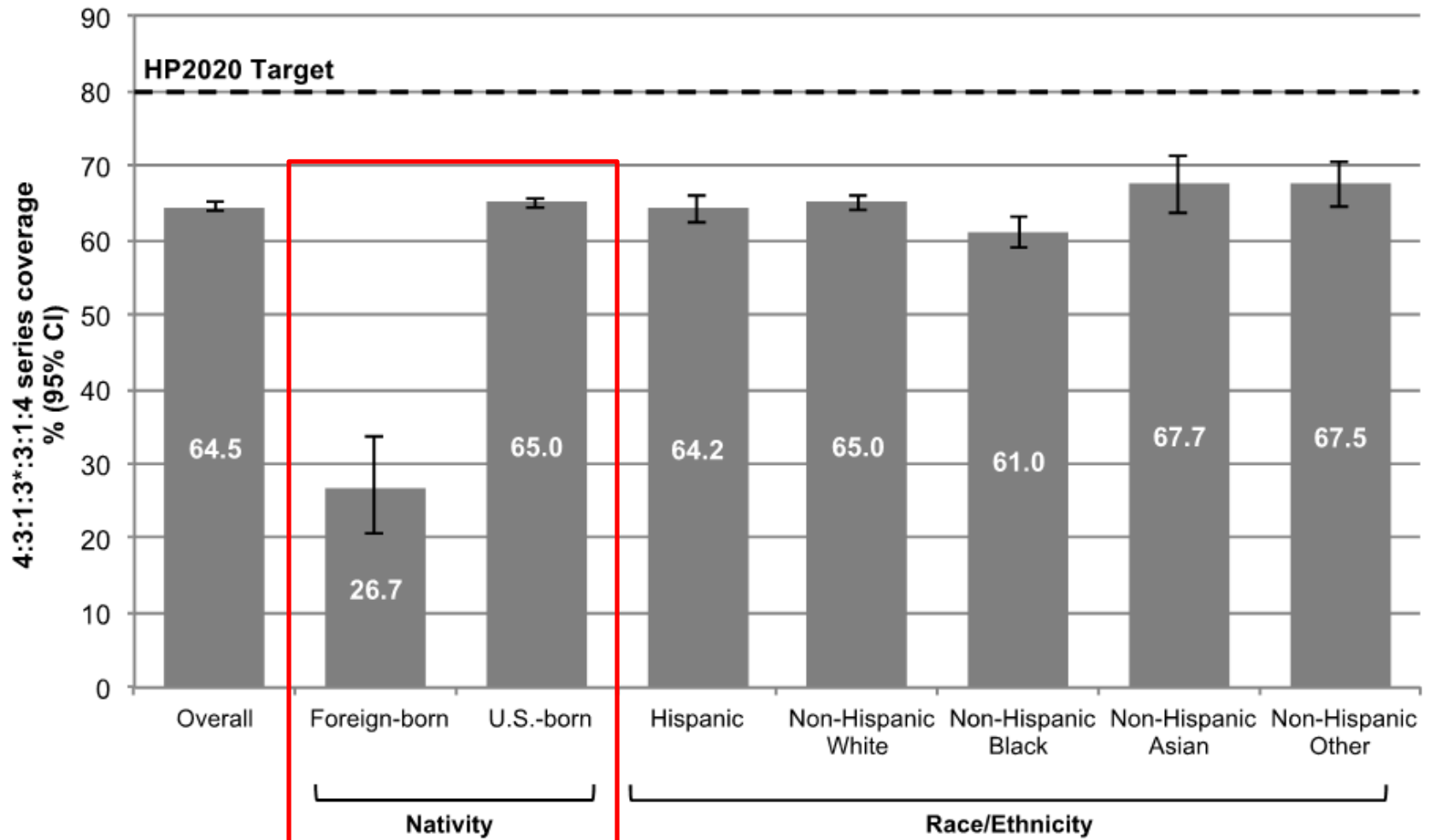
Enhancing monitoring of migrant health

- Analysis of national health data by country of birth
 - E.g., National Immunization Survey

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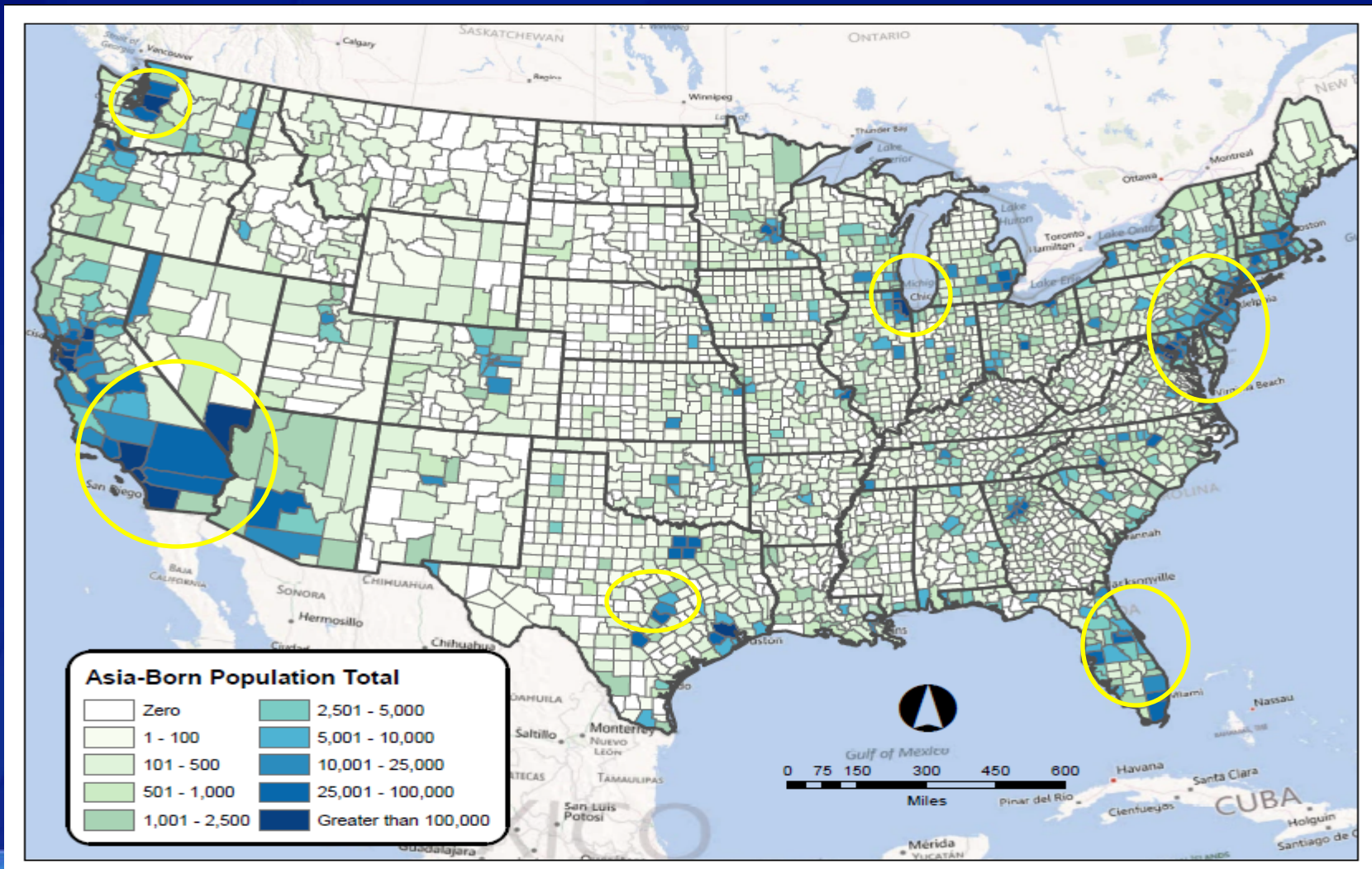
- **Encourage collection of migration-related data** (e.g., country of birth, time in the U.S) in National Data Systems
 - National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System
 - Country of birth (added in 2014)

Opportunities (3)

- **Public health interventions targeting migrant populations with higher risk and/or burden of disease**
- **CDC project: Hepatitis B and Asian-born in the U.S**
 - Partner with community-based organizations to conduct outreach, education, screening, vaccination and referral for care and treatment

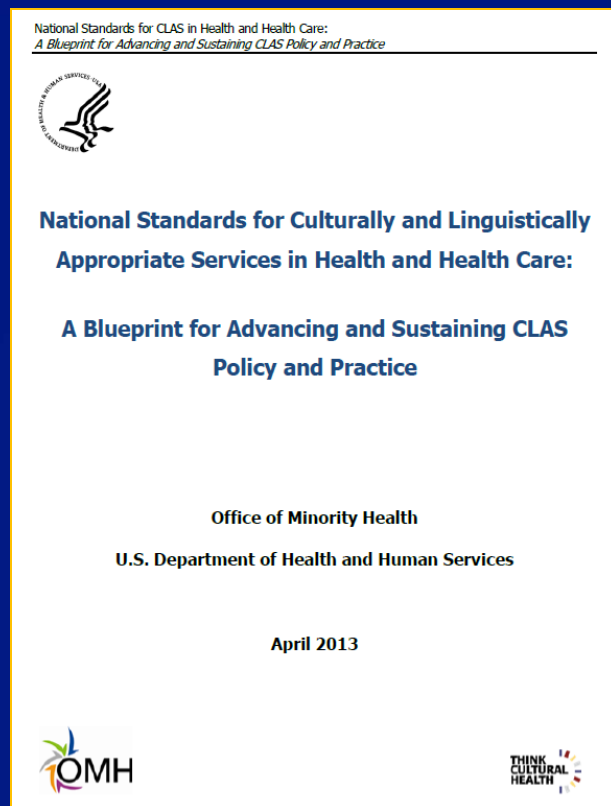
Asian-born populations

Main geographic concentrations



Opportunities (5)

- **Provide cultural and linguistically appropriate health services**
 - U.S National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)



Access to language services

Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
A Federal Interagency Website

- **President's Executive Order 13166 (2000)**
"Improving Access to Services for Persons with LEP",
requires Federal agencies to:
 - **Implement a system** to provide **meaningful access** to services by LEP persons, **without unduly burdening** the fundamental mission of the agency
- **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (1964)**
prohibits discrimination by national origin

Language access

Focus areas

- **Health care organizations**
- **Public health surveillance:**
 - Translation of questionnaires
 - Access to interpreters
- **Emergency risk communication**

Emergency Risk Communication

- SARS, H1N1, Ebola, Zika, ...
- Need to communicate with migrants from affected countries living in U.S.
 - Translation and cultural validation of public information materials
 - Targeted community outreach
 - Addressing stigmatization





Emergency risk communication

- Established CDC work group for communication with Limited English Proficient populations
- Developed (pilot) communication plan for outreach to non-English speakers

Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases



GOING TO THE AMERICAN TROPICS?

MOSQUITOES spread **DENGUE, CHIKUNGUNYA, ZIKA,** and other diseases




Mosquitoes bite day and night. Prevent mosquito bites:

- Use insect repellent
- Use air conditioning or window/door screens
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants



DON'T LET MOSQUITOES RUIN YOUR TRIP

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/travel



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Multilingual translations:
 - Spanish
 - Portuguese
 - Haitian Creole
 - Tagalog
 - Mandarin
 - Vietnamese
 - Korean
 - Arabic

Migrant outreach

- Collaboration with migrant-serving organizations, ethnic media and initiatives
 - E.g., Hispanic-serving organizations
 - Health Initiative of the Americas (HIA)
 - NCLR, LULAC NCFH
 - MCN
 - New America Media
 - Mexican Consulates in the U.S
 - Bilingual Health Week (HIA)



Opportunities (6)

➤ Coordination between U.S agencies and organizations serving migrants



- White House Task Force on New Americans
 - Launched in 2014
 - Multiagency
 - Building Welcoming Communities Campaign



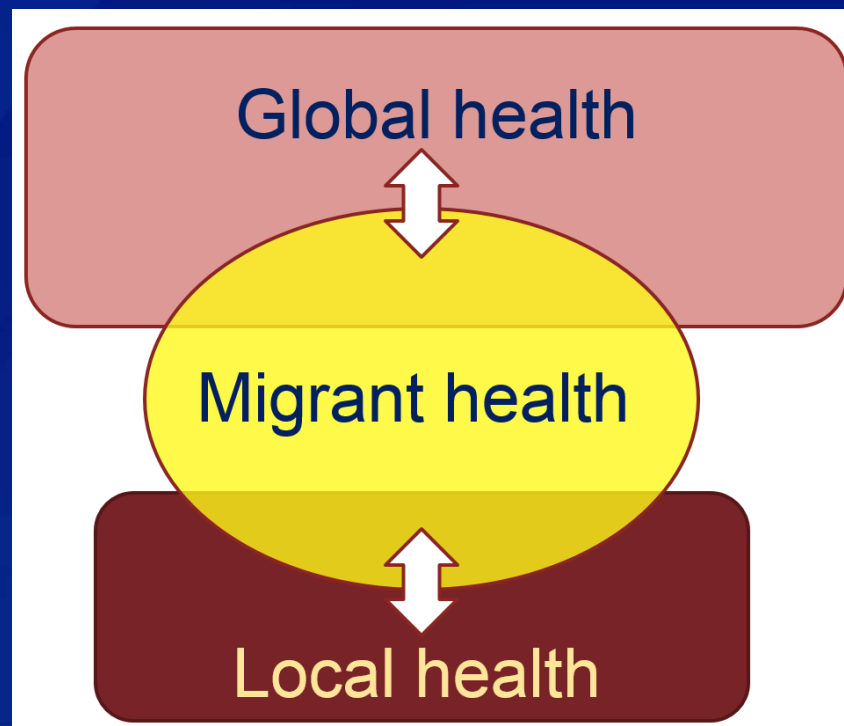
Opportunities (7)

➤ **Collaboration between U.S and international partners:**

- Agencies and organizations in countries of origin (e.g., Mexico's Migrant Health Program)
- International agencies working on migrant health (e.g, IOM, European Union)

Opportunities (8)

- Include migrant health in global and local health initiatives



Migrants: a shared population, a shared responsibility



Thank you!

¡Muchas gracias!

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