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## Abstract

The large numbers of migrants arriving from North Africa and the Middle East to Mediterranean countries pose new challenges to the recipient health systems, which must adapt and respond to the needs of both migrants and residents. This requires an efficient policy dialogue between the main stakeholders to share experiences and identify best practices. The WHO Regional Office for Europe provides advice and technical assistance through the Migration and Health Programme. This was established in 2012 as the Public Health Aspects of Migration in Europe project in response to the 2008 World Health Assembly resolution WHA61.17, the 2010 Global Consultation on Migrant Health and Health 2020. A joint assessment mission in Spain in 2014 involved all relevant stakeholders with the aim of strengthening the country's capacity to address public health implications of large immigration flows. The WHO toolkit was used during interviews and field visits. This report summarizes the results under the six functions of the WHO health system framework.

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## Abbreviations

CCAES	Health Alert and Emergency Coordination Centre (Centro de Coordinación de Alertas y Emergencias Sanitarias)
CETI	temporary immigrant detention centre (Centro de Estancia Temporal de Inmigrantes)
CIE	immigrant internment centre (Centro de Internamiento de Extranjeros)
EU	European Union
EUROSUR	European Border Surveillance System
FRONTEX	European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union
INGESA	National Institute for Health Care Management (Instituto Nacional de Gestión Sanitaria)
MIG	Migration and Health Programme
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NHS	National Health System
PHAME	Public Health Aspects of Migration in Europe
SASEMAR	Maritime Safety Agency (Sociedad de Salvamento y Seguridad Marítima)

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