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Rapporteur 's Report





Main Points

- Migration in itself is a determinant of maternal and child health
- Need to invest in migrant children who make up the future Europe through innovative strategies
- Holistic multi sector policies based on evidence needed
- Promotion of best practices
- Need for more research on different migrant groups
- There is no quick fix /one fit all solution



Main Points

- Migrants need to be empowered
(Communities, parents, mothers, children)
Advocacy at all levels
Different roles for International
organizations, NGOs and Civil society
Need for cultural change in community,
health and social services and among
professionals



Recommendations

- Clear EU guidelines needed for maternal and child health and social services
- Monitoring system
- Coherent policies
- Specific evidence for policy makers