

# TWG FCAS - Newsletter



## June 2022

### Introduction

**Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter of the *Thematic Working Group on Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict Affected Settings*, in short TWG FCAS!**

Dear TWG FCAS members,

Our newsletter is one way of engaging and communicating with *you all*, our members. While we will continue to communicate via the [LinkedIn group](#) and the [Google Group](#) (do join there if you have not yet done so!), this **newsletter** features 3 testimonies on how members and / stakeholders have demonstrated resilience to Covid-19 as the TWG FCAS wrap up discussions on “Covid-19 in FCAS” theme covered from last year or so. The newsletter continues to serve a way to make communication between members easier and encourage exchange, and we continue to seek your ideas, contributions, and suggestions to add value and make our next and subsequent **newsletters** relevant to you. Do get in touch with us, at [twgfcas@gmail.com](mailto:twgfcas@gmail.com) and [twgfcascomms22@gmail.com](mailto:twgfcascomms22@gmail.com)

### We hope you enjoy the reading!

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### Theme: COVID-19 and FCAS

As the TWG – FCAS wraps up discussions on “**Covid-19 in FCAS**”, we present a blog covering testimonies from our members and stakeholders (1 in Mali and 2 in Mauritania) to share an account of positive experience in managing/responding to Covid-19 exhibited by their community, a particular group of stakeholders or country at large.

The testimonies were originally in French and translated to English and are presented in the blog found on the [link](#) (French) and [link](#) (English).

### Other recent events and activities

- Webinar: Health systems recovery from COVID-19: Working across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus webinar that took place on 2 June 2022. Details about the webinar are found [here](#)

- Webinar: The role of community health workers in future proofing health systems in fragile and conflict-affected settings. Recording found [here](#)
- Gender and COVID-19: Close-to-community providers in fragile settings and vulnerable communities during crisis and the recording is [here](#)

#### **Other recent events and activities organised by members and stakeholders**

- The launch of humanitarian health evidence reviews by ELRHA on 22 June 2022 recording is [here](#)

*Do you have ideas? Want to follow up on any of these activities and themes, or propose new ones?  
Get in touch with us ([twgfcas@gmail.com](mailto:twgfcas@gmail.com))*

#### **Upcoming events**

**Health System Research Symposium 2022 in Bogota** - <https://healthsystemsresearch.org/hsr2022/>. The TWG FCAS is also preparing an organized session and a “business meeting” as an opportunity to network during the HSR2022 in Bogota. An online member meeting will be organized prior to HSR2022.

**Health in Humanitarian Crises Centre Annual Lecture 2022** with Dr Esperanza Martinez, a Senior Advisor to the Office of the Director-General of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), will deliver this year’s HHCC Annual Lecture on Thursday 7 July 2022, 18:00 BST. During this event, Dr Martinez will address the question: “In an era of compounded crises, what is the role of humanitarian action?”. Further details [here](#).

[Equinet](#) 2022 Regional Conference will be held online and more details available on the conference website [here](#)

#### **Opportunities**

- Don’t forget our **ELDIS Collection on Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings** <https://www.eldis.org/collection/health-systems-fragile-and-conflict-affected-settings>
- Health in Humanitarian crises course run by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on future learn [link](#)
- Health systems through crisis and recovery course offered by The Dirpolis Institute of the Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa to be held from 26 September to 07 October 2022 and more details are found [here](#)
- Analysing Disrupted Health Systems in Countries in Crisis (ADHS) course jointly organised by KIT Royal Tropical Institute, Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Save the Children and the World Health Organisation (WHO) from 15 to 26 August 2022, Amsterdam, The Netherlands and more details are found [here](#)

#### **Publications by TWG FCAS members and collaborating partners**

- Nair S, Attal-Juncqua A, Reddy A, *et al* Assessing barriers, opportunities and future directions in health information sharing in humanitarian contexts: a mixed-method study *BMJ Open* 2022;**12**:e053042. <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/12/4/e053042>
- Handbook of refugee health [link](#)

*Remember to share your publications, events and opportunities  
with us to be featured in the newsletter!*

### **Leadership, management, and coordination**

The TWG FCAS is managed by a Steering Committee made up of 5 members and supported by an expert advisory group made up of 7 members and a volunteer Communications Coordinator. More details are found [here](#).

### **Contact details**

Members are welcome to contribute to the TWG with ideas or supporting specific activities and tasks.

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