



Disability and Refugee Communities Scoping Project

The Disability and Refugee Communities Scoping Project explores the utilisation of Disability Services by refugee communities in the north west region of metropolitan Melbourne.

Aims:

- explore the extent to which refugee communities access disability support services;
- highlight service gaps;
- identify barriers to services;
- provide information relating to cultural appropriateness and relevance of services;
- document the particular and/or unique health needs of refugee communities in relation to disability services;
- explore service system training and information requirements which will facilitate access and cultural appropriateness of services for refugee families/individuals;
- recommend strategies to address issues identified through the scoping study, with particular focus on ensuring equitable health and welfare access to refugee populations

Findings will inform more detailed planning to improve culturally appropriate service delivery and access for refugee populations in DHS north west region.

The project is region wide and will incorporate all disability types (defined in the Disability Act 2006) and all ages.

The project will address 3 regional foci within DHS :

- Improve access to services for refugee communities;
- Improve culturally appropriate service delivery to ensure equitable health and welfare access to refugee populations; and
- Improve knowledge and provide resources for DHS and agencies that actively support refugee communities.

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