

The Kick-Off Workshop on Advancing Migrant Health in Viet Nam

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Speaker

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Dr. Hoang Vu Pham is the Deputy Director of GOPFP. He has intensive knowledge and experience in the field of population science, research data processing, statistics and information system. His research interests include family planning, fertility, migration, ageing population, development and demography. He has authored four books on ageing, population and family planning.

Mr. Brett Dickson



Head of Program and Project Development and Implementation
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Mr. Brett Dickson has over 10 years of development experience in the field of migration with IOM. He has managed a diverse migration-related portfolio for IOM, covering migrant protection and assistance, migrant health promotion, labour migration and border management. Some key achievements have been establishing health screenings and referral mechanisms for returned migrant workers, comprehensive direct assistance including psychosocial support for victims of trafficking, produced assessment and research reports looking into the drivers of irregular migration and the health consequences of trafficking. He attended Victoria University for a degree in International Development and graduated with high distinctions in Sociology and International Development.

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Dr. Kidong Park

WHO Representative to Viet Nam
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Dr Kidong Park assumed the role of World Health Organization (WHO) Representative to Viet Nam on 1 September 2017. He has extensive experience in global health, health policy and management, and strategic planning and evaluation. His international career in public health spans from high level representative roles to technical work on communicable disease control and health system strengthening. Before joining WHO in Viet Nam, he worked at WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific as the head of the Country Support Unit.

Dr. Park is a medical doctor and holds a Masters and PhD in Health Policy and Medicine from Seoul National University College of Medicine.



Dr. Ngoc Le Van Truong

Medical Officer
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Dr Ngoc is a specialized doctor on Hygiene, Environment and Epidemiology. She is currently working at the Department of Medical Service Administration, Ministry of Health (MOH) on a wide range of health issues such as non-communicable diseases (NCD), antimicrobial resistance, hospital system and migrant health.

Dr Ngoc is MOH's focal point for migrant health and she has been actively engaged in multiple activities related to migrant health in Viet Nam. She is also the official member of ASEAN task force on mental health, NCD, migrant health. In addition, she was the coordinator for the Situation Analysis of Migrant health in Viet Nam in 2018-2019.

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Dr. Annie Chu

Technical Officer
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Dr Annie Chu is a health economist with focus on health systems strengthening, including health financing, monitoring universal health coverage, and health workforce. Currently, she is a Technical Officer at World Health Organization (WHO), Viet Nam. She has previously worked in the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, Harvard University, and multilateral development banks. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the Fudan School of Public Health in Shanghai, China. She holds a Master of Science and Doctor of Science in Health Economics from Harvard School of Public Health.



Dr. Aiko Kaji

Migration Health Project Development and Implementation Officer
IOM Viet Nam

Dr. Aiko Kaji is Migration Health Project Development and Implementation Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Viet Nam. She is currently leading health promotion projects for migrants in IOM Viet Nam as a public health specialist. Prior to joining IOM Viet Nam, she has worked extensively for Karen refugees and migrants along the Thailand – Myanmar border as well as Vietnamese immigrants and refugees who had been resettled to New Orleans, USA. She holds a Master's in Public Health, and a PhD in Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, USA.

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Dr. Kolitha Wickramage

IOM Global Migration Health Support Unit

Dr Kol Wickramage is the UN Migration Agencies' Global Health Research and Epidemiology Coordinator responsible for providing technical guidance on research and evidence generation across IOM's three health programmatic areas: medical examinations for migrants and refugees; technical cooperation on migration health with member states; and health action in humanitarian, post-crisis contexts and global health emergencies.

He worked with WHO from 2004-2009 in health action in crisis projects, from protracted civil conflict to natural disaster settings, and since joining IOM in 2009, has worked on a broad spectrum of migration health projects predominantly in LMICs- ranging from the West-African Ebola outbreak response, undertaking multi-country research on health impacts of low-skilled migrant workers and their families in Asia, to supporting member states formulate health policies on malaria and migration, refugee vaccination and interventions and research at the nexus of migration and health. He received Presidential honors in Sri Lanka for his research and policy work and advancing a national migration health policy through an evidence-informed, inter-ministerial process. He is also on WHO Director Generals Technical Advisory Board on the global action plan for migrant and refugee health and serves on numerous global and regional expert committees. Dr Kol has authored over 64 peer reviewed publications at the nexus of migration and health, and has co-edited Migration and refugee health series for PLOS medicine (2020), BMJ (2019) and contributor to Lancet migration (2018-current). He co-founded a global migration health scholars' network in 2016 and is passionate about supporting research scholarship, especially within developing regions.

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Prof. Cu Dinh Nguyen

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Prof. Nguyen is a senior expert in the field of population, economics, and health. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Population Economics and Demography from the University of Moscow, Russia in 1987. In 2009, he was appointed Professor of Economics at the National Economics University. From 2003 to 2012 he was Director of the Institute of Population and Social Affairs at the National Economics University. He is the author of 36 books, 23 scientific research projects and 49 scientific articles published on national and international journals. His research focuses on the field of Population and Development. Prof. Nguyen co-authored "*the 2004 Viet Nam Migration Survey: Migration and Health*" funded by the General Statistics Office and the United Nations Population Fund in Vietnam in 2006.