

## **Background**

The world is currently experiencing the greatest level of forced displacement that has ever been recorded with over 65 million people being forced from their homes in the past two decades. If the WHO's viral hepatitis elimination targets are to be achieved then specialised programs and infrastructure will need to be scaled to specifically improve prevention, screening, and treatment of viral hepatitis among this ever growing and marginalised population.

### **Project Lead:**

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### **Project start:**

July 2018

### **Project Aim:**

In Collaboration with Progetto ARCA, design, implement, evaluate and disseminate a viral hepatitis prevention, screening, treatment, and follow up model for migrants in Milan, Italy.

### **Key outcomes:**

- 1000 high-risk individuals tested and if necessary treated for HCV, HBV (HDV) and HIV;
- A developed and tested infectious disease prevention, screening and treatment model for migrants that can be scaled/adapted;
- Development and dissemination of programme protocols, resources, and materials to aid others in design, and implementation;
- Trained migrant care workers in the prevention of HCV, HBV and HIV in the largest migrant hub in Italy;
- Trained healthcare professionals in the screening, diagnosis, and clinical management of patients with HCV, HBV and/or HIV in the largest migrant hub in Italy;
- Raised awareness of viral hepatitis among migrants, migrant care workers and key stakeholders.

