

Abstract

Socio Economic Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Refugee Women in India

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The arrival of the COVID19 pandemic in India has massively disrupted the lives of life. It has left no one untouched and all sections of society - men, women, infants and the elderly - have been impacted by severe changes to their lifestyle. Nevertheless, the most exposed among them are migrant labourers, daily wage worker and refugees. Particular hit are refugee women. After fleeing from dangerous situations and undergoing hardships to reach the host country, now they are facing socio-economic hardships. In addition to facing joblessness, exploitation and the threat of the virus, they continue to live in cramped refugee settlement camps. Considering the situation this pandemic, the paper examines the socio-economic impact of the pandemic on refugee women using secondary data. With the lack of citizenship and lack of priority given to them, particular consideration needs to be given to these refugee women to ensure that they have access to basic amenities, especially given the worsening Covid-19 situation. It is imperative to build the capacity of frontline workers to stop community transmission and understanding the specific needs of refugee women to deliver appropriate protection in the context of the pandemic.