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The Permanent Forum welcomes the importance that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees attaches to the use of indigenous languages when working with indigenous peoples in emergency situations. The Permanent Forum encourages other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes to follow that positive practice. For instance, the Permanent Forum recommends that the World Health Organization (WHO) prioritize indigenous languages as a determinant of health.

Comments

The WHO Gender, Equity and Human Rights Department is developing its Policy and Strategy for Achieving Health Equity, Gender Equality and Human Rights. These documents will guide WHO's action to advance health equity, gender equality and human rights to achieve its vision of a world where all people attain the highest possible standard of health. Members of the UNPFII have taken part of the consultative group of experts for the development of the document for insuring indigenous peoples' rights and perspectives are incorporated.

Area of Work

Indigenous Languages, Health