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From the editors

bublic health and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) have rarely been as much in the spotlight as they have been since the global COVID-19 pandemic began in late 2019, making our main feature particularly timely. Although a number of articles focus on the pandemic, this feature covers a broader range of topics, from practical improvements to WASH services in camp settings to community engagement around health issues in displacement crises.

The second feature focuses on non-signatory States and the international refugee regime, with authors examining the implications for protection when States are not signatories to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (and/or its 1967 Protocol). In particular, authors explore the role of UNHCR, civil society and legal actors in facilitating access to protection in States such as Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Thailand, Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

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This magazine and the accompanying Editors' briefing are available online at www.fmreview.org/issue67. The issue will also be available in Arabic. French and Spanish. Print copies will be available in English and Arabic but not in French or Spanish; we hope readers will take advantage of the online versions on this occasion.

Forthcoming themes:

In October we will publish an issue with a major feature on 'Externalisation', plus a short feature (in partnership with the TRAFIG research project) on the role of mobility and networks in situations of protracted displacement. We are currently welcoming expressions of interest for the March 2022 feature on 'Climate change: from commitment to action'. In September we will launch a call for articles for the July 2022 feature on 'Localisation of knowledge production', looking how and where research, insights and experiences, particularly those developed in regions most affected by displacement, are communicated, heard and valued. Details at www.fmreview.org/forthcoming.

With best wishes

Marion Couldrey and Alice Philip Editors, Forced Migration Review



Front cover image: On the day this photo was taken in January 2020, in Western Uganda, water was supposed to have been running from 9am to midday and then from 3pm to 6pm. As usual, community members had left their water containers in a queue in anticipation of water being available. However, on this particular day, the water did not start flowing till way past noon by which time the community had been waiting for over three hours. And this was not uncommon. The community said that they have no concerns about the quality of the water but that the supply is neither reliable nor adequate for all their needs. At times the water point operator has to limit each family to two or three jerrycans so that everyone gets water for the day. Credit: Caroline Muturi. Why are the faces pixellated? See FMR photo policy at www.fmreview.org/photo-policy