

## BOOKS AND REVIEWS

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### **Refugee Community Health Care**<sup>1</sup>

There are more refugees in the world today than many countries have inhabitants. They need continued health care, not just occasional medical treatment. The book we present in this issue explains how to set up such health care, how to plan the appropriate health services and carry them out; it covers all the aspects, from water supply to vaccination programmes and health and hygiene education for the refugee population.

The book is the outcome of collaboration by about twenty authors, all of whom have many years of experience working with refugees. Many of them are members of the University of London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, others belong to other institutions such as the World Health Organization in Geneva.

The book is a useful guide for all those who work with refugees. It will also be very helpful to those who plan to work, even temporarily, among refugees or the inhabitants of a developing country. Its pages contain an overall view of this kind of work as well as studies on specific points—the yield of practical experience—that will be of great interest to them. Gone are the days when the goodwill of amateurs sufficed; today refugee work requires qualified and knowledgeable people skilled in coping with the enormous difficulties this task presents. The book is an answer to that need.

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<sup>1</sup> *Refugee Community Health Care*, edited by Stephanie Simmonds, Patrick Vaughan and S. William Gunn. Oxford University Press, 1983, 360 pp. Price: £ 2.95. Available only in English.