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Breaking Down the Obstructions: Physical and Psychological Well-Being of Migrant Children

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Abstract

Migrants and their families are affected by migration and the stressors that accompany it as the migration process is neither simple nor straightforward. Poor well-being in childhood contributes to inferior socioeconomic status in the stage of adulthood. Consequently, poor parental socioeconomic position correlates to poor health conditions in the generations that follow. This vicious process can be especially harmful for exposed and financially disadvantaged minority communities, including many immigrant children. . The review offers insight on the nature of migration, as well as its influence on communities and people. Furthermore, the connection between mental illness and migration is investigated and presented. Drawing on research and scholarly literature, this analysis highlights the importance of a holistic and multi-faceted approach to ensure the well-being of migrant children.

Keywords: Psychological Health, Physical Wellbeing, Migration Process, Holistic Integration, Intervention.

INTRODUCTION:

Migration among humans is an ancient, social, and global phenomenon that began with human sustenance on Earth. Migration is an act in which people adapt to and apprehend their new surroundings. It entails making decisions, preparing for the procedure, physically shifting to another geographical region, adapting to the regional cultural needs, and developing an element of the native socio-cultural system. Migration has an impact on the wellness, socioeconomic, cultural, religious, and political elements of human existence and the region. People have been researching the influence of migration on many parts of human existence since the beginning, and one key area that has drawn attention is the impact on the psychological well-being of migrants. When individuals migrate from one location to another, the process involves a number of factors, including preparation and completion of all procedures, arrival at the destination, adjusting to the new culture and society, jeopardising their principles and practises, accommodation, assimilation, and so on. Because of the significant increase in the proportion of immigrant children, this pattern has repercussions for the entire country. Health practitioners and policymakers could enhance the potential financial prospects of the forthcoming generation by improving the physical and emotional well-being of immigrant children. To improve the health of immigrant children, health professionals and reformers must better understand their unique experiences, increase utilisation

of medical care and providers' capacity to work with linguistically and ethnically diverse communities, and continue efforts to enhance the affordability and accessibility of health coverage for all Indians.

Migration Process

Migration is a complex phenomenon that has been shaping societies and economies across the world for centuries. The movement of people from one region to another can lead to numerous challenges, especially when it involves vulnerable populations such as children. Migrant children, defined as individuals under the age of 18 who have migrated across national borders, face a unique set of physical and psychological challenges that can significantly impact their well-being. Short-distance migration, rural-to-rural migration, long-distance migration, rural-to-urban migration, and vice versa have been recognised as migration patterns. The migration occurs largely in the patterns described above. Migration trends in India have shifted as a result of sociocultural, economic, political, and legal issues. People began to migrate in huge numbers as a result of industrialization and economic development, mainly from villages to towns, towns to other towns or cities, and even to other nations.

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However, the health benefits enjoyed by immigrant children fade over time and across generations. For example, researchers discovered that the proportion of teenagers who are classified as overweight or obese, a critical indication of physical wellness, is lowest among foreign-born young people, but this proportion grows bigger with each generation and rapidly increases as children enter adulthood. Accessibility to health care has a significant impact on the mental and physical well-being of immigrant children. Immigrant parents neglect or forego required care for their offspring because they are less likely to possess health insurance and frequent access to healthcare facilities than nonimmigrants. When children do obtain care, it is frequently in an emergency department after an emergency situation has arisen.

Migration and Health

Health is a crucial element of human capital. Unhealthy individuals are less productive, incur greater costs for employers, and make less over the course of their careers. A growing body of research connects adult illnesses to childhood experiences. Childhood asthma and levels of obesity, for example, are linked to a slew of chronic diseases in adults (such as hypertension, diabetes, and coronary artery disease).

Poverty, migration stressors, and acculturation obstacles can significantly raise the risk of mental and physical health issues in the children of immigrants. Numerous studies have documented the human cost of poor adult health. Obesity, psychological illnesses, and drug abuse, for example, impact a substantial number and have been found to severely impair adult employment and wages. A smaller number of studies have examined the human financial implications of poor childhood health, owing primarily to technological obstacles and data limitations. Nonetheless, evidence that poor childhood health has a negative impact on adult academic achievement, job satisfaction, and socioeconomic status is mounting.

Early research on the human financial burden of poor childhood health examined the educational effects of adolescent childbearing and substance abuse, particularly alcohol and illegal drug use. Some analysts discovered a considerable decline in educational achievement—lower percentages of high school completion, university graduation, and years of schooling—linked to illicit drug use. Other studies reported slight or negligible declines in educational achievement associated with alcohol consumption or adolescent pregnancy.

Recent research has looked at the effects of childhood diseases, nutrition, physical activity, obesity, and mental health on educational attainment as evaluated by class completion and graduation accomplishment, determined by grades and test scores. These studies show that the harmful repercussions of poor health in children can be seen as early as preschool and last into adulthood. Childhood asthma and other diseases lead to frequent ER visits, hospitalisations, and school absences, as well as worse math and reading proficiency. Childhood mental well-being or behavioural issues, like depression and hyperactivity, have a detrimental impact on primary school standardised math and reading results. Dropping out of school and not pursuing higher education are also associated with mental health and behavioural issues. A good diet and regular physical exercise, on the other hand, can boost primary school attendance, engagement, and academic success.

Poor child health and health behaviours can have significant economic implications, even when research reveals that they only have a minimal impact on educational achievement. Poor health in childhood can have long-lasting consequences that can add up over time. As a result, people who had poor physical, mental, or behavioural health as children may have lower rates of labour market participation, employment, and, eventually, wages. Due to their low socioeconomic level, their children's poor outcomes in terms of childhood health are a direct consequence. Poor childhood health thus maintains socioeconomic disparities over generations of families. Due to the nation's high immigrant child population expansion, this cycle can be especially harmful to low-income minority populations, including children of disadvantaged immigrants.

Migration's Influence on Children's Health

Children who grow up in immigrant homes may be more vulnerable as a result of migration and the accompanying acculturation experiences, which can also have a significant impact on their health. The term "acculturation" refers to the process of cultural adaptation and change that takes place when multiple ethnic groups interact. Enculturation, on the other hand, refers to the act of maintaining distinctive cultural identities, viewpoints, and behavioural standards that set one ethnic group apart from another. Both have an impact on the growth and health of children.

Cultural-ecological theories contend that children’s lives, everyday experiences, and developmental outcomes are influenced by the resources in their families, schools, and neighborhoods. Migration alters children's normal development because it exposes them to particular developmental needs and stressors related to acculturation. Children of immigrants and their families combine various acculturation and enculturation tactics in order to adapt.

Parents who have children opt to migrate from the country where they were born. These choices frequently result from political upheaval and persecution, economic challenges in their native nations, or their desire to reunite with relatives who are already residents of the host country. This background prepares kids for their following migration and acculturation experiences, as well as how those things affect their health. The migration stage encapsulates the migration process, involving whether children choose to walk, drive, fly, or arrive by ship; whether they travel with a dependable relative or friend or are smuggled into the nation; and whether they encounter difficulties during travel, such as being imprisoned in a refugee camp, being assaulted, or going hungry.

The post-migration stage is concerned with how children adjust to their new environment, how they learn to live in a foreign country, and how they come to terms with how their family's economic circumstances, dynamics, and social roles have changed. For children of immigrants, pre-migration and migration factors are crucial, whereas post-migration factors are crucial for subsequent generations of immigrants. The term "first-generation immigrant children" in this article refers to children who are foreign-born and whose parents are foreign-born. Children who were born in India yet have at least one parent who was born abroad are referred to as "second-generation immigrants." India-born children with India-born parents are termed "native," or those who are third-generation and above. The term "children of immigrants" often applies to both first- and successive-generation immigrants.

Children's Psychological Responses to Migration

There is strong evidence that migrant children's psychological well-being can suffer as a result of their migration experience (Bhugra, 2004; DuPlessis & Cora-Bramble, 2005; Fichter et al., 1988; Stevens, Vollebergh, Pels, & Crijnen, 2007; Stevens & Vollebergh, 2008). The migration experience is frequently categorised into three phases: pre-migration, during migration, and post-migration. Migrant children frequently face multiple stressors during every one of these stages, and the stress levels experienced during these stages of migration have an impact on their mental health (Kirmayer et al., 2011). Children may witness the murder or attack of family members in their home country. They are forced to abandon everything they know and embark on perilous and uncertain journeys. For instance, children from Latin America who immigrate to the United States may experience physical abuse, be separated from family members, or be forcibly relocated (Chavez & Menjvar, 2010; Locke, Southwick, McCloskey, & Fernández-Esquer, 1996). Throughout flight, children and their guardians frequently face hunger and threats to their lives, such as from human swarms. Once in the asylum-seeking nation, migrant children frequently face new stressors, such as communal violence and xenophobia, the emotional turmoil of adjusting to a new language and culture, inappropriate arrangements in school, and the strain of ambiguous status and prospective expulsion (Betancourt et al., 2015b; Berthold & Libal, 2016). Muggglers or coyotes who are appointed to bring children from Latin America to the United States (Berthold & Libal, 2016) or from threatening and often deadly transoceanic excursions in the context of Middle Eastern and African migrants At this point, these children and adults suffered from malnutrition, homelessness, and the constant fear of harm. Along with the fear of deportation, migrant children face additional traumas during resettlement because their families are frequently relocated in high-crime areas where they're subjected to community violence and face harassment and prejudice (Berthold, 2000; Pumariega, Rothe, & Pumariega, 2005). As a result, migrant kids and their parents arrive in host countries having experienced trauma and loss, frequently exacerbated by stressors encountered in the country of settlement. These experiences may cause youth to experience increased instances of psychological health issues.

Refugee and migrant children, particularly those from conflict zones, have higher levels of trauma than native-born children, according to research carried out by Merikangas et al. (2010) and Betancourt et al. (2015). There is also indication that certain migrant children have more psychological problems than children who are citizens of the resettlement country. Refugee children, for example, frequently experience greater exposure to trauma than native-born children due to their experiences with violence in their birth countries and during migration (Hadfield, Ostrowski, & Ungar, 2017; Hjern, Angel, & Jeppson, 1998; Montgomery, 2008; Tousignant et al., 1999). Furthermore, migrant children are more likely to suffer from mental health conditions such as PTSD (Munroe-Blum, Boyle, Offord, & Kates, 1989). According to Kia-Keating and Ellis (2007), young refugees have witnessed an average of 7.7 traumatic events, ranging from 0 to 22. According to the same study, one in every three refugee youth surveyed met the full PTSD criteria.

SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL MODELS TO COMPREHEND THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS OF WELLBEING

Socio-ecological approaches to wellbeing can provide a broader concept of wellbeing than biomedical approaches because they recognise that people exist within larger physical and social contexts and systems that can influence wellbeing (Brofenbrenner, 1979). Such approaches allow for the identification of important factors across multiple layers of influence, such as the socio-cultural eco system, physical aspects of the local surroundings, and larger built, institutional, economic, and political systems that impact wellbeing (Sallis et al., 2008). Across these ecological layers, social predictors of wellbeing exist, including socioeconomic factors, psychological risk variables, community characteristics, and social and cultural characteristics (Ansari et al., 2003). For example, for young people, secure and nurturing social structures and interactions (family, school, peers), as well as larger structural factors such as socioeconomic drivers and access to education, have an impact on wellbeing (Viner et al., 2021). These factors are inextricably linked to the life experiences of migrant as well as refugee children and adolescents, who may be distanced from important social relationships, face socioeconomic challenges, and face educational barriers. A socio-ecological and social predictors approach may differ from biomedical approaches, which typically concentrate on the individual. As a result, biomedical strategies have been chastised for their proclivity to blame people for poor health outcomes and for failing to take into account the socio-ecological structures in which people live.

GAPS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN OF MIGRANTS

Despite significant trauma exposure and the prevalence of mental health intervention, immigrant and refugee children are much less likely than native-born children to access mental health resources and face greater barriers to care (Ellis et al., 2011; Nadeau & Measham, 2006). Why, despite the obvious need, are these children not receiving these services? Mental health services may be unavailable or inaccessible in some cases due to factors beyond the carer's control, but migrant children frequently do not access psychological services, even though they're accessible. The stigma associated with mental illness, the dearth of services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate, as well as the precedence of basic needs like employment and housing that families struggle to secure in their new home, have all been identified as barriers to mental health care.

One of the key obstacles to caring for refugees has been identified as a lack of linguistically and culturally accessible amenities (e.g., Cheng, Drillich, & Schattner, 2015). Often, migrant communities may have a different interpretation of a child's symptoms and might not trust the support offered by providers due to culturally distinct beliefs and understandings about psychological stress (Rousseau et al., 2007). Furthermore, providers frequently lack the linguistic and cultural resources necessary to explain prognosis and therapeutic interventions in a culturally appropriate manner. Furthermore, parents may not want the stigma associated with mental illness associated with their children, whose safety and survival motivated them to embark on a perilous journey (Baily, 2017). Additionally, as they attempt to establish a fresh start in a foreign country, migrant families may prioritise daily necessities over mental health needs. This prioritisation of concrete needs has been acknowledged among the key barriers that may inhibit refugees and other migrants from pursuing help for mental health symptoms that may be viewed as secondary to the intensity of meeting basic needs. Even when mental health issues prevent a person from achieving resettlement objectives, this still holds true. Last but not least, families might find it more difficult to recognise the mental health requirements than the difficulties of resettlement. Therefore, a method that considers resettlement needs as well as psychological needs may be more acceptable than one that only focuses on mental health symptoms (Betancourt et al., 2015).

Furthermore, even if services are accessible, the way we organise service delivery may be a barrier in and of itself. The Western medical approach primarily focuses on dealing with the individual child rather than resolving the child's social ecology (Miller & Jordans, 2016). Services are portrayed as addressing a "deficit" that must be "cured" for the child, and the solution being given is unfamiliar to the family and culture. This is concerning and disempowering because, just when migrant families believe they have accomplished a long-held ambition, they are told that the dreadful experiences they faced will have long-term detrimental consequences for their children. This robs them of a triumph by telling them that their child will not accomplish the goals for which they battled so hard, such as achieving academic and professional success. Even more concerning, families are expected to rely on an alien structure of care and healing models for their child's rehabilitation, leaving them helpless in the hands of Western "experts" for solutions. This deficit-based proposition has been claimed to diminish the potential of human beings to cope with anxiety and distress, disregard their resilience, render them incapacitated by their trauma, and make them indefinitely reliant upon external forces for their psychosocial survival (Gozdziak, 2004, p. 206).

Programmes that address identified obstacles while also involving families in a more comprehensive and meaningful way are needed to enhance the mental health status of migrant children. This can be accomplished by recognising how these barriers are interlinked. Stigma cannot be lessened and trust cannot be created unless cultural and linguistic obstacles are overcome; the priority of concrete needs must be acknowledged with the goal of engaging migrant families while also reducing additional stressors that may exacerbate mental health symptoms. There is a need to shift away from Western conceptualizations of mental health and towards a more holistic approach that incorporates the community's values, experiences, and worldviews. This includes transitioning from deficiency-based strategies to resilience- and strength-based approaches, focusing on families' immediate real needs, and creating constructive alliances with communities. Finally, the goal is for mental health services to be perceived as an integrated component of everyday activities and a cultural context of the communities served, rather than as something apart from what is currently working. Children's rights can be promoted in wellbeing research using child- and youth-centred techniques that are grounded in strengths-based frameworks that value children's abilities and what they can do rather than focusing on deficits. Focus groups can be child- and youth-friendly by shifting their perceived strength harmony due to more substantial participant-to-researcher ratios, offering a safe peer atmosphere, minimising pressure on individuals to respond to every question, and allowing participants to express their ideas verbally rather than in writing (Hennessy and Heary, 2005). This also entails prioritising the alleviation of present stressors, such as hostility and xenophobia, which aggravate psychiatric symptoms and diminish the sense of identity and security that can assist recovery.

CONSIDERING CHILDREN IN RESEARCH

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Committee on the Rights of the Child, 1989) acknowledges children's rights to express themselves and have their viewpoints respected and represented in policy and practise. In accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the 'new' social studies of childhood emphasise children as competent members of a society and a distinct group with distinct ways of observing and interacting with their surroundings (Holloway and Valentine, 2000; Holloway and Valentine, 2004; McNamee and Seymour, 2013). Similarly, comprehensive interviews with children have been found to be more beneficial than written data collection, as per the observation made by Fernandes et al. (2014 that interacting through discussion enabled the researcher to widen their knowledge on particular topics and gave individuals an opportunity to articulate their thoughts, perceptions, and feelings in their own words. Such techniques allow children and youth to speak about what is essential to them using their own points of reference, rather than presuming that children see their welfare and health in the same way that adults do. This is especially true when data collection techniques are not in the participants' first language. Highlighting

Gkiouleka et al.'s (Gkiouleka et al., 2018) work structuring health as being affected by the intertwined influence of individual as well as social positioning and organisational stratification and Moffitt et al.'s (Moffitt et al., 2020) challenge to comprehend the lived experiences of individuals manoeuvring what it suggests to be identified as a racialized other In this study, we shift the attention away from organisational stratification and "racialized" othering and towards research methodologies and approaches, as well as the social placement of migrant kids and adolescents within these.

OBSTACLES TO MIGRANT CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING

The obstructions that affect the physical and psychological well-being of migrant children, examining both the immediate and long-term consequences of their experiences, can be categorised as follows:

Physical Obstructions:

1. **Healthcare Access and Quality:** Migrant children often lack access to adequate healthcare services during their journey and upon arrival in the host country. Barriers such as language, cultural differences, and unfamiliarity with the healthcare system can prevent them from receiving timely and appropriate medical care. This can lead to untreated illnesses, compromised immunisation schedules, and increased vulnerability to infectious diseases.

2. **Nutrition and Food Security:** Migrant children frequently face challenges in accessing nutritious and balanced diets. Limited resources, inadequate shelters, and reliance on irregular sources of food can result in malnutrition and related health issues. A lack of proper nutrition can impair physical growth, cognitive development, and immune system function.

3. **Housing and Sanitation:** Many migrant children live in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, both during their journey and upon arrival. Poor living conditions can lead to increased risks of infectious diseases, mental distress, and physical injuries. Inadequate access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and safe shelter further exacerbates their vulnerability.

4. **Physical Safety and Hazards:** Migrant children often encounter hazardous environments and dangerous situations during their migration, such as border crossings, human trafficking, and exploitation. Exposure to these risks can result in physical injuries, trauma, and long-term health consequences.

Psychological Obstructions:

1. **Trauma and Stress:** Migration itself, especially under challenging circumstances, can expose migrant children to traumatic events and chronic stress. Separation from family members, exposure to violence, and uncertainty about their future contribute to mental health challenges such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, and depression.

2. **Cultural and Social Adjustment:** Migrant children may struggle to adapt to new cultural norms, languages, and social environments. Discrimination, isolation, and a sense of not belonging can negatively impact their self-esteem and social interactions, leading to feelings of alienation and loneliness.

3. **Education Disruption:** Frequent migration can disrupt a child's education, leading to gaps in learning and difficulties in integration into the education system of the host country. Limited access to quality education can hinder their long-term prospects and socio-economic mobility.

4. **Family Separation and Loss:** Many migrant children experience family separation, either due to forced separation during migration or due to family members being left behind in the home country. The absence of parental support and the loss of familiar social structures can contribute to emotional distress and feelings of abandonment.

Strategies TO MITIGATE THE OBSTRUCTIONS

1. Strategies for Enhancing Physical Well-Being
2. Policy Reforms: Governments should enact policies that grant migrant children equal access to healthcare services, regardless of their legal status.
3. Mobile Healthcare Units: Establishing mobile healthcare units near migration routes can provide essential medical services to migrant children and their families.
4. Public Health Education: Implementing programmes that educate migrant children and their families about proper nutrition and hygiene can improve overall health outcomes.
5. Shelter Improvement: Collaboration with NGOs and international organisations to improve living conditions for migrant children, including access to clean water and sanitation facilities.
6. Strategies for Enhancing Psychological Well-Being
7. Trauma-Informed Care: Develop and implement trauma-informed interventions to address the psychological needs of migrant children, including counselling and support groups.
8. Educational Support: Ensure access to quality education for migrant children, including language learning support and recognition of prior education.
9. Cultural Integration: Promote cultural exchange and integration programmes to facilitate social connections and reduce feelings of isolation.
10. Psychosocial Support: Establish community-based support systems that provide emotional support and promote resilience among migrant children.

RECOMMENDATION

Identifying and overcoming the obstructions to the physical and psychological well-being of migrant children is a crucial and sensitive topic. Migrant children often face unique challenges and vulnerabilities due to factors like displacement, cultural differences, and limited access to resources. Here are some recommendations to address these issues:

1. **Comprehensive Needs Assessment:** Conduct a thorough needs assessment to understand the specific challenges faced by migrant children in terms of physical health, emotional well-being, education, and social integration. This assessment should involve input from children, their families, community leaders, and relevant experts.

2. **Culturally Competent Services:** Develop and provide services that are culturally sensitive and tailored to the needs of migrant children and their families. This includes providing language support, culturally appropriate healthcare, and education that respects their cultural backgrounds.

3. **Access to Basic Needs:** Ensure that migrant children have access to essential needs such as clean water, nutritious food, clothing, and safe shelter. Addressing these basic needs is fundamental to their overall well-being.

4. **Healthcare and Mental Health Support:** Provide access to regular medical check-ups, vaccinations, and healthcare services. Additionally, prioritise mental health support to address trauma, anxiety, and other psychological challenges that migrant children may experience.

5. **Education and Skill Development:** Ensure that migrant children have access to quality education that accounts for their varying levels of prior education and language proficiency. Encourage skill development programmes that equip them for future opportunities.

6. **Social Integration:** Facilitate social integration by promoting interaction with local communities, organising cultural exchange events, and providing opportunities for children to participate in extracurricular activities. Creating spaces for migrant children to engage with their peers and form supportive communities can help combat feelings of isolation and loneliness.

7. **Legal and Protection Services:** Offer legal assistance to migrant children and their families to navigate the complexities of immigration and residency issues. Establish child protection mechanisms to prevent exploitation, abuse, and trafficking.

8. **Empowerment and Participation:** Encouraging the active participation of migrant children in decision-making processes that affect their lives can enhance their sense of agency and belonging.

9. **Awareness and Sensitization:** Conduct awareness campaigns to sensitise local communities, authorities, and institutions about the challenges faced by migrant children. This can help reduce stigma and foster a more supportive environment.

10. **Holistic Collaborative Approach:** Achieving the well-being of migrant children requires a holistic approach that combines efforts by creating partnerships between governments, non-governmental organisations, community groups, and international agencies to pool resources and expertise. A collaborative approach ensures a holistic response to the well-being of migrant children.

11. **Long-term Support:** Recognise that the challenges faced by migrant children are not short-term issues. Develop sustainable support mechanisms that address their needs over an extended period, acknowledging their evolving circumstances.

12. **Research and Data Collection:** Conduct ongoing research to gather data on the well-being of migrant children and the effectiveness of interventions. This data can guide evidence-based policies and programmes.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the study on identifying and overcoming the obstructions to the physical and psychological well-being of migrant children has shed light on a complex and deeply concerning issue that warrants immediate attention and action. The findings presented in this research underscore the multifaceted challenges faced by migrant children, who are often exposed to a unique set of stressors and barriers that significantly impact their overall well-being.

From a physical perspective, the study has elucidated the numerous obstacles that hinder access to essential healthcare, nutrition, sanitation, and safe living conditions for migrant children. These challenges are exacerbated by their transient lifestyles, limited access to social services, and inadequate legal protections. The implications of these findings emphasise the critical need for targeted policies, interventions, and collaborations between governments, non-governmental organisations, and international agencies to ensure that migrant children receive the fundamental care and support they require to grow and develop in a healthy manner.

Equally important, the research has delved into the psychological well-being of migrant children, revealing the profound emotional toll that the migration experience can take. Separation from family and friends, acculturation stress, language barriers, and discrimination were identified as key factors contributing to their psychological distress. The study underscores the necessity of implementing culturally sensitive and trauma-informed mental health services that address the unique needs and experiences of migrant children. Additionally, efforts to create inclusive educational environments, promote social integration, and foster a sense of belonging are imperative to mitigating the negative psychological impact of migration.

As we reflect on the implications of this study, it is evident that a comprehensive and collaborative approach is essential to overcoming the identified obstructions. Policymakers, advocates, healthcare providers, educators, and community leaders must work together to develop and implement holistic strategies that safeguard the physical and psychological well-being of migrant children. Furthermore, efforts to raise awareness, challenge stereotypes, and promote empathy are integral to fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society that recognises the inherent rights and dignity of every child, regardless of their migration status.

In summary, the study on identifying and overcoming the obstructions to the physical and psychological well-being of migrant children underscores the urgent need for collective action to address these pressing challenges. By prioritising the provision of essential services, advocating for policy reforms, and promoting a culture of inclusivity, we can pave the way for a brighter future for migrant children, one in which their physical and psychological well-being is nurtured, protected, and valued. This study serves as a call to action, inviting stakeholders from all sectors of society to come together and make a positive difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable members of our global community.

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