Practical implication of OT works for refugee supports

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Introduction/Rationale

In Afghanistan where the war has continued for many years still there is no prospect of restoration of public security. Many people live as refugees in neighboring Pakistan, Iran and inside the country.

Objectives

This study conducted survey on the lives of Afghan refugees in Iran. Know the strategy of adaptation to their new live and make findings for OTs who work for international cooperation / refugee supports.

Method OR Approach

Qualitative data were collected personal interview, group interview and problem analysis workshop in Afghan refugee communities in Iran.

Results OR Practice Implications

Afghans who came to live as refugees in Iran have been long-lived for over 30 years. The second-generation refugee Iran - born generation has become a major part of the population.

The first generation has nostalgia for Afghanistan and some desire for return. However, most of them think that it is difficult return to the area where the security situation does not improve, and the lifeline has not yet been developed.

The second generation born in Iran has not provided the same educational opportunities as Iranian people, living in an obstructed state without free choice of employment.

Some young people have pride as an Afghanistan, returns to Afghanistan, and shows hope and mission to participate in the rebuilding of his/her country.

Many young people have never been Afghanistan who has an impression of bad public security and being a poor country.

There are not many things that motivate them to return to Afghanistan as their homeland.

They are hoping to migrate to developed countries, such as Europe, Canada, Australia, etc., with an abandoned Iranian life.

Conclusion

You can see some OTs are working in international organizations nowadays, I hope that this study is possible to suggest the possibility of OT activities involved in refugee support.