## **Media Release**

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## Re: The COVID-19 and Mental Health funding for the Centre for Migrant and Refugee Health (CMRH)

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The CMRH would like to acknowledge and welcome the announcement of the funding from the Multicultural COVID-19 Taskforce, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victorian Government. The allocation of these funding to address mental health illness amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic in South Sudanese and other communities is crucial.

The funding will help the centre to:

- deliver sessions with the families, young people, social workers, multicultural aides in schools about the lifting of restrictions and to address the prevalence of mental health and early interventions.
- carry out the surveys to establish mental health data prevalence during and post COVID-19.
- distributing culturally appropriate and sensitive resources or materials about the COVID-19 and mental health issues, and services developed by the Victorian Government for the COVID-19.
- facilitate the referrals of individuals affected to access appropriate mental healthspecific services in Victoria.
- establish a strong partnership and collaboration with mental health-specific services to work with the migrant and refugee backgrounds` people, including South Sudanese and other communities.

We would like once again to recognise the Victorian Government of their tireless support for migrant and refugee backgrounds communities amidst COVID-19 pandemic. The services provided during the COVID-19 does not only show the gestures of commitment. But also justice and duty of care to achieving common good of our Australian's communities.

The centre will advance this commitment with conviction to help our communities during this unpredictable pandemic.

We look forward to working in solidarity to overcome challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

With regards,

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