## **Research project**

# EGALITE

Joining hands in research on perinatal health of refugees in the Netherlands



Source: Open Society Foundation. *Meet the Somalis: The illustrated stories of Somalis in seven cities in Europe*. (2019)

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# Why?

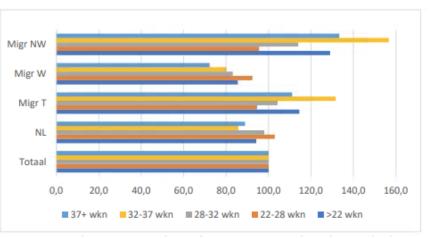
#### **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

## **Open Access**

## Pregnancy outcomes in asylum seekers in the North of the Netherlands: a retrospective documentary analysis



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Relative perinatal mortality per gestational age and maternal origin (2016) Source: RIVM. Beter Weten: Een Beter Begin. (2020)

## The EGALITE project

**Objective**: to contribute to reducing perinatal health inequities between women with and without a refugee background in the Netherlands;

**Target population**: women with pending asylum status or recently granted residence permit who receive pregnancy/birth care in the Netherlands.



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## How?

## Phase 1 (2020-2021)

- Large-scale evaluation of pregnancy outcomes (retrospective quantitative analysis)
- Mapping organization of care, needs and experiences of women & care providers (qualitative explorative study)
- Collect data on the level of care, policy and social factors that impact perinatal health (prospective cohort)

## Phase 2 (2021-2022)

Translate findings into "toolkit" (action research)

## Phase 3 (2022-2023)

Pilot-test of toolkit, develop implementation strategy



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