



## NEWSLETTER – September 2019

### **Parchments study: Impact of obtaining a residency permit through Operation Papyrus on the health, living conditions and economic situation of migrants**

This unique study in Europe is conducted by the University, the Hautes Ecoles and the University Hospitals of Geneva with the support of the Geneva offices of Caritas, the Contact Center Swiss-Immigrants (CCSI), the Protestant Social Center (CSP), Swiss Protestant Mutual Aid (EPER), Unia and the Interprofessional Workers' Union (SIT). It is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Its purpose is to better understand the life trajectories of undocumented migrants persons, including some who have been regularized through Papyrus.

#### ***How is the study going?***

More than 460 people responded to the first questionnaire (year 1) in 2017-2018 and 39 of them participated in a first in-depth interview. It is a great success and the research team warmly thanks all the participants and the partner associations.

#### ***What are the main results of year 1?***

The first results were presented at a conference on November 7, 2018. They are available online (<https://www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/socio/fr/recherche/projet-parchemins/symposium-parchemins/>). Receiving a residency permit is associated with better health and satisfaction with life in general, but also with housing, income and employment. People who have been granted a residence permit are less likely to show signs of anxiety and depression than those without a permit. Professionally speaking, people with permits have more hours of work and higher incomes.





#### ***What are the next steps ?***

The follow-up of the study will help to better understand and explain the differences in health and well-being that we observe between people who have been granted a residence permit under Operation Papyrus and those who do not had access.

We are now re-contacting participants to invite them to answer a second questionnaire (year 2). Nearly 300 people have already responded and the goal is to complete this second data collection by the end of 2019. Participants will be contacted again in 2020 (year 3) and in 2021 (year 4). In parallel, the in-depth interviews will also be continued.

Participation in the entire study is crucial to understanding the impact of regularization on their living conditions over the years.

**If you participated in the first questionnaire and you were not contacted for the second questionnaire**, we may not be able to reach you, for example if your phone number has changed. In this case, we thank you for contacting us by

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**The Research team warmly thank you for your support send their best regards.**

