

# Virtual mental health access for refugees

## Principle investigators



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**Kwame McKenzie:** Dr. Kwame McKenzie is a Co-Principal Investigator and the Director of Health Equity at CAMH. He is a full Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. Dr. McKenzie is also CEO of the Wellesley Institute and a member of the National Advisory Council on Poverty and the Expert Advisory on COVID-19 and Mental Health. Dr. McKenzie is an international expert on the social causes of mental illness, suicide and the development of effective, equitable health systems. As a physician, psychiatrist, researcher and policy advisor, Dr. McKenzie has worked to identify the causes of mental illness, particularly in cross-cultural health, for over two decades. He is an active, funded researcher of social, community, clinical and policy issues, and has over 200 academic publications, including five books.