Breaking Boundaries: A Mercy Response to People on the Move

Access to Housing

"Migrants are particularly vulnerable to human rights violations, the enjoyment of housing being among the most endangered rights."

~ Raquel Rolnik, Former UN Special Rapporteur to Adequate Housing



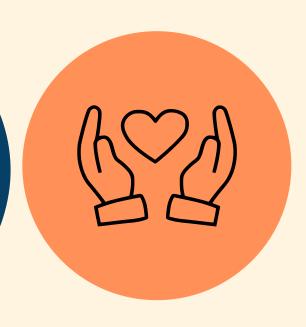
People on the move face many barriers to adequate housing due to their migration and economic statuses



- Growing research has found migration to be among the structural drivers causing homelessness
- Public funding for housing and homeless services is often not provided to those with an irregular migration status
- Mercy ministries globally are called to enable support services and facilities for migrants experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity

Many migrants and refugees are often forced to live in overcrowded and insecure housing conditions

- Migrants who work in low-paid and informal jobs have less stability and often struggle to compete in the housing market, which increases their likelihood of poverty, homelessness, or living in substandard housing conditions
- For those under temporary or irregular migration status, exclusion from the housing market is exacerbated due to a lack of affordable housing and limited access to social safety nets



Discrimination in accessing housing based on language, ethnicity, religion, size of their family, and legal status affects many migrants and refugees globally

CALL TO ACTION

Advocate for governments to:

services.

- Improve access to adequate housing for asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants. With the aim of reducing the number of migrants atrisk of or experiencing homelessness, implement public policies for holistic supportive housing arrangements and services that take into account the specific needs of migrant groups.
- migrant groups.
 Uphold the principles of non-discrimination and equity in housing provision and homeless



