

# 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:**

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

**1 NO POVERTY**



**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

