



SOCIAL INCLUSION

Rooted in Mercy hospitality, people and organizations around the Mercy World engage in ministries to welcome migrants into their new communities and help them to adjust to their new surroundings. Social inclusion is a process by which migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers become accepted into society as individuals and as groups.

Integration

In addition to helping migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers access labor markets and basic services, people around the Mercy World contribute to social inclusion by offering opportunities to learn the host community's language, traditions, and customs and **empowering migrants to become engaged in their new communities**.



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Hola!

Language Barriers

For some migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, **language barriers can delay their integration into a new society**, which may lead to further exclusion. Learning the host community's language is important in a practical sense – to access public information about healthcare, housing, education, employment, and more. But more importantly, for the ability to engage in the community and build new relationships and meaningfully connect with their new communities.

Meeting Physical & Emotional Needs

*"We have developed a real focus on facilitating social networks through various activities, events, and gatherings that bring people together across cultural and religious divides. In many instances, **we have witnessed real, supportive, caring relationships develop**."*
(Meredith Evans rsm Australia)



WELCOME



Welcoming Spaces

The Mercy World offers an opportunity for encounter, support, and sharing between migrants and host communities. **Mercy ministries play an important role in focusing on the voices of migrants** and the people who welcome them and creating spaces for welcome, connection, and understanding.

Cultivating Partnerships

Collaboration between governments and Church and civil society partners is necessary to address the many needs of migrants and refugees in their new communities, including access to essential services and decent work to foster inclusive societies and empower migrants and refugees to live to their fullest potential.



Call to Action!

- **Promote** the meaningful participation of migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, and stateless people in policy development, delivery, and reviews.
- **Pursue policies** to eliminate all forms of discrimination, including racism, systemic racism, xenophobia, and related intolerance, and challenge and reframe misleading narratives that generate negative perceptions of migrants and refugees.
- **Ensure migrants can access** basic services and exercise their human rights regardless of their migration status and without fear of immigration enforcement.
- **Be involved** with groups that support asylum seekers in your local community,
- **Create and participate in spaces of encounter**, sharing and understanding between migrants and refugees and local communities

