



**Human Rights Council – 58<sup>th</sup> Session**  
**Item 3: ID on adequate housing as a**  
**component of the right to an adequate**  
**standard of living, and the right to non-**  
**discrimination in the context of migration**

**Oral Statement**

Make Mothers Matter welcomes the Special Rapporteur's report on the global housing crisis and migrants. However, we are deeply concerned about the growing issue of single mothers' homelessness, which is intensifying as one global crisis follows another.

While the situation is worsening for many, it is even more dire for migrants who face complex barriers in all areas of life. We regret that the report fails to address the unique vulnerabilities of migrant single mothers and their children to homelessness.

These women carry the heavy responsibilities of both unpaid domestic and care work and earning an income, making them particularly vulnerable to poverty. Moreover, single mothers often face societal stigma and discrimination, further complicating their access to housing. For migrant women, these challenges are even more pronounced.

Single parenthood, especially maternal, is a growing social reality that policies have yet to adequately address. For migrant single mothers, the challenges are even more severe. The harmful long-term effects of homelessness on children are well-documented: from physical and mental health problems to developmental delays, abuse, neglect, and poor educational outcomes.

The time to act is now. Policymakers must urgently recognize the gravity of this issue and create solutions that protect the rights and dignity of single migrant mothers and their children.

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