

# Family Homelessness Research Project

## *Our Research Facets*

### Partnerships

UNANIMA International Board  
SOPHIA Housing  
NYU  
St Johns University  
Member States

### Expert Knowledge

Academics  
Service Practitioners  
United Nations  
Lived Experience

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Interviews  
Focus Groups (Currently on hold)  
Written Testimonies

### Others

Observations  
Informal Conversations  
Quantitative Analysis  
Literature Review

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Former President of Ireland Mary McAleese-  
CSocD58 Keynote Address

## Research Methodology

As we have found since our research's launch in 2018, Family Homelessness, Displacement and Trauma prove to be pervasive, international issue related to nearly all multilateral issues and focuses of the United Nations (UN). This is seen through the UN's 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Secretary General's selection of the climate as a priority theme, and the upcoming 59th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD59) which is titled: 'the role of digital technologies on social development and well-being of all.' It remains an issue that must be discussed and addressed globally.

After the initial success of our research and advocacy, UNANIMA International's niche in the UN Space as an international expert on the topic of Family Homelessness continues to be reaffirmed, most recently with our participation in the UN's 3rd Committee General Assembly Resolution on Homelessness. While new testimonies have been primarily derived from online interviews and research (due to the COVID-19 pandemic), a mixture of research and advocacy methodologies continue to be engaged by us and our partners, ensuring an ongoing holistic approach to everything we do. With two current research interns (from USA and Spain), and two volunteers (based in Mexico and India) we continue to contribute greatly to Advocacy for Women and Children/Girls experiencing Homelessness through a vast range of facets.

# Intended Research Outcomes

- Identification of good practices in how to serve and engage homeless, formerly homeless, and at risk Families (Women and Children/Girls) to be shared with service providers, including government agencies and NGOs
- Documentation of lived experiences to be shared within the United Nations system and for educational campaigns
- A preliminary analysis of Family Homelessness testimonies, literature, and data, to be organized thematically according to the UN AGENDA 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Initiation of a paradigm shift

## Advocacy Strategy

- Lived experience at the center, and always considered relevant to the discussion
- Emphasis that UNANIMA International's work is ongoing and intersectional. Within the framework of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, we recognize the intersections of the issue of Family Homelessness with each SDG, and consider our work as particularly contributive towards SDG 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development)

## Current & Future Focuses

- Launch of Volume II of UNANIMA International publications
  - SDGs focus: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17
  - Country Cases: Australia, Canada, Greece, and the Philippines
- Trauma (in collaboration with Sophia Housing)
- Paper on the intersections between Homelessness and Trafficking
- Drawing and exploring the link between Family Homelessness and topics of interest including: Migration, COVID-19, Technology and many more
- UNANIMA International 2020 Symposium
- 59th Commission for Social Development
- Family Homelessness Advocacy Toolkit

## Related Actions

- In 2020 UNANIMA International has/will launch two volumes of our two publications "Hidden Faces of Homelessness;" and "International Research on Families and Family Homelessness through the lens of the 2030 Agenda," which present analyses of Family Homelessness within their respective contexts. These publications include the elements of good practices and qualitative testimonies of lived experience.
  - The publications were distributed to NGOs and UN Member States strategically and accordingly;
  - The publications and content have and will be continued to be sited inter alia in further research, presentations and statements;
- Educational events and advocacy actions continue within the United Nations community and beyond for religious organizations and educational institutions, further aiding in initiating a paradigm shift for homelessness to be viewed as a civil rights and human rights issue.
  - Social media activity including sharing of publication content, a CSocD58 highlights documentary, social media storms and organized events, speaking events, news coverage, and other research findings, has bolstered the spread concern for Family Homelessness and attention to our work, especially in the context of the Pandemic;
- UNANIMA International continues to share, promote and advocate with and for the most vulnerable peoples, especially in the context of COVID-19
  - Preliminary Findings on Family Homelessness, displacement and Trauma Through the COVID-19 Crisis Paper
  - Working Group to End Homelessness and associated activities
- UNANIMA International's input to the UN's Third Committee General Assembly Resolution on Homelessness