

COVID 19 Statement from the Global Society on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health

The COVID-19 pandemic is an immense global challenge. Individuals, communities, civil society institutions, governments and international organisations must all play their part in overcoming it.

The pandemic is widening inequities, threatening the health of vulnerable and marginalised people everywhere. Ethnic minorities are among the most at risk: they include indigenous, religious and caste minorities, asylum seekers and refugees, temporary and undocumented migrants, and internally displaced people. All must be protected from the virus and enabled to contribute to the struggle against it. They must not be scapegoated or stigmatised. Societies must not allow xenophobia and racism to add to the misery.

National, regional and local governments everywhere, non-governmental and charitable agencies, and international organisations, should empower all able and willing inhabitants to serve during the crisis and its aftermath. Policies and laws hindering this must be amended or replaced, to promote the health and welfare of all.

We concur with the following statements from other organisations and individuals:

COVID 19 and Migration Statements

	Author	Link
1.	EUPHA MEM	https://eupha.org/advocacy-by-eupha
2.	PICUM	https://picum.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-Statement-March-2020.pdf
3.	LANCET MIGRATION	https://www.migrationandhealth.org/
4.	ASPHER	https://www.aspher.org/aspher-comment-phri-statement.html,
5.	PHRI	https://www.phr.org.il/en/health-human-rights-organizations-israel-must-respect-its-obligations/
6.	WHO Europe	https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30791-1/fulltext?rss=yes
7.	EU	https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/news/covid-19s-impact-on-migrant-communities
8.	SOSMORIA	www.en.sosmoria.eu 40,000 signatures, including over 6,000 doctors

