

NGO contribution by KISAM Mothers in the World and Youth in the World, Östergötland, Sweden, to the List of Issues of the Human Rights Committee concerning Sweden

Discrimination of Migrants and Asylum Seekers

The new law 2024, Hyreslagen, JB 12:42, pt 12, allows forceful evictions of the whole family, if one family member has committed a serious crime in or near the apartment where the family lives. This is collective punishment in violation of ICCPR Article 16, about the right of everyone to recognition everywhere as a person before the law, as well as a violation of Childrens' rights to a home, according to the Children's Convention.

Legal changes abolishing the former law about own housing for asylum seekers (Lagen om eget boende, EBO) forces all asylum seekers who receive social welfare, to instead move to asylum housing, also children who are born in Sweden and have lived all their lives in their homes and attend school, are through this new law change by the end of August, 2025, becoming forced to move to wherever the Migration Office decides, if their parents receive social welfare. This violates the Childrens' Convention and ICCPR Article 12, pt 1: "Everyone lawfully within the territory of a State shall, within that territory, have the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose his residence."

Increasingly conditioned social welfare for asylum seekers and migrants from other regions of the world, based on language and status as asylum seekers and dependent on social welfare, is discrimination and a form of undoing of equality and human rights in violation of ICCPR Preamble and ICCPR Article 2, pt 1 and Article 5, pt 1. These changes created by the Swedish Government through new laws concern large groups of peoples.