

Project Information Sheet

Project Title: Migrants' experiences in the Pandemic: An Australian Study

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Introduction to the Project:

The above-mentioned research team from Swinburne Business School, Swinburne University, Australia is studying COVID-19 related experiences of refugee and humanitarian migrants in Australia. The greater purpose of our study is to understand the extent and the nature of structural and socio-economic challenges faced by refugees and humanitarian migrant communities in Australia during COVID-19. Within that we aim to understand how their life experiences, values, beliefs, attitudes impact on their behaviour and the sense of wellbeing during the pandemic. We also aim to explore their employment and labour market experiences during the pandemic. For instance, we are interested to understand main challenges faced by your clients (humanitarian migrants) during the pandemic (physiological, social, emotional and economical), impact of COVID-19 on the employment and general sense of wellbeing of humanitarian migrants in your area.

If you are willing to participate in this study, we would like to send you further information about the study.

What we want to know

For the purposes of this study, we would want to know about your experiences in dealing with newly arrived refugee and humanitarian migrants covering the main purposes mentioned in the section above.

Your involvement

The study will include your participation in an interview which will take up to 60 minutes. The interview will be conducted through zoom/MS teams or telephone depending on your preference.

Free consent and Support available to participants

Participation is voluntary. If any participant feels uncomfortable responding to any of the questions, they have the right to refuse or withdraw from the study. At any point, if participants feel stressed due to recalling loneliness or workplace related experiences for the purposes of this study, they may phone Lifeline (13 11 14), Beyond Blue (1300 22 4636) or Swinburne Health and Wellbeing (03 9214 8483). All participants have the right to withdraw participation, data or any material contributed at any time.

Valid consent will be obtained from all participants in writing, for which purpose they will be requested to sign the participant consent form.

How we keep and publish data?

Confidentiality: All data will be stored electronically in a password protected network drive. Only the investigators identified in this document will have access to data during the duration of the project, after which these will be disposed of as per the 'Guidelines for Data Storage and Retention'.

Research outcome: The outcomes of the study will be published in academic journals and conference proceedings. Anonymity of the participants will be assured and individual participants will not be identified.

Who to contact?

If you would like further information about the project or to participate in the project, please contact:

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Thank you for your time and support.

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