







WE BEGIN WITH A QUESTION, A CHALLENGE AND A PROMISE.

THE QUESTION

Why are people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds relatively invisible in housing policy and strategy and what is the relationship between housing, migration and health?

THE CHALLENGE

Lack of secure housing can result from and lead to a range of health issues. Approximately 13% of people in Western Australia accessing homelessness services in 2016 were born overseas. There is a range of structural inequalities for those from CaLD backgrounds that make accessing and maintaining safe and affordable housing challenging.

THE PROMISE

Journey to Home, funded by Healthway, is an exploratory research project that aims to inform approaches to increase access to secure housing and improve mental health outcomes for people from CaLD backgrounds vulnerable for or experiencing homelessness and social isolation. Underpinned by co-design principles the project and promises to work collaboratively to develop evidence supporting greater focus on the needs of people from CaLD backgrounds who experience housing stress.

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2016 Census findings

On census night in 2016, 116,000 people experienced homelessness in Australia, of which 9,000 were reported in Western Australia (WA).⁴ WA has the highest proportion of people born overseas in Australia (32%) and on census night in 2016, 12.7% of people who accessed homelessness services were born overseas.⁷

Although Australia is ranked third in the world for its resettlement commitments:

74%

Of those born overseas/arrived in Australia within the past 5 years were living in severely crowded dwellings.⁴⁻⁶ 13%

Of those born overseas/arrived in Australia within the past 5 years were living in boarding houses.⁴⁻⁶ **15%**

Of those born overseas or who had arrived in Australia within the past 5 years were estimated to be homeless.4

Top 3 regions of origin:

sub-Saharan Africa (563 people)

Oceania and Antarctica (508 people)

Southeast Asia (444 people).7

BUT:

There are limited statistical data regarding migrants from CaLD backgrounds resulting in challenges determining the extent of homelessness within these populations, and likely under-reporting.

Available data sources and variables are problematic.

Migrants from CaLD backgrounds are relatively invisible in WA policy and strategy and action related to housing (e.g. lack of mention in the Western Australia Strategy to End Homelessness 2018-2028; All Paths Lead to a Home: Western Australia's 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020–2030 and the WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030)









There are additional factors contributing to housing insecurity risk for people from CaLD backgrounds in Australia.

Overcrowding due to cultural obligations

placing responsibility on families of the same community to support others¹¹

Exposure to domestic violence

and associated factors relating to personal shame and safety¹¹

Negativity towards refugees/migrants

as a result of being a humanitarian entrant or racism⁵

Social isolation

stigma and discrimination 14

Lack of job experience

and unrecognised foreign credentials leading to difficulty gaining employment¹²

Landlord discrimination

on the basis of race. immigration/refugee status and family size¹²

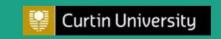
Limited language skills and language barriers

which may contribute to prejudice, social isolation and _{6, 14} marginalisation

Recovery from traumatic events prior to migration

such as sexual assault, violence, unnatural death of a loved one and extreme deprivation¹³









PROJECT OVERVIEW



GOVERNANCE

The project governance model is designed to integrate the research process with the translation of project findings for 'end-users'.





DESKTOP + DATA

The use of literature is pivotal in guiding the study protocol, aim and objectives of the research, the development of project instruments, during analysis and in developing recommendations.

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STORYTELLING

Narratives are sought from target groups through in-depth interviews. As part of the exploration of the lived experiences of participants, journey mapping will be undertaken.





SENSEMAKING

Sensemaking workshops will be held with target groups to consolidate findings, develop recommendations for research policy and practice and possible prototype intervention(s).

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We are interested in collaborating with community services, government departments, universities and research groups to tackle real world problems. We also host interns, volunteers, practicum students, undergraduate, Honours and postgraduate students and those completing higher degrees by research.

Please get in touch.



- · Honours student projects
- · Master of Public Health student projects
- · Practicum student projects
- · Volunteer projects and internships
- · CAPAG member opportunities

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