



## Concept Note

### Webinar Series on Family Homelessness/Displacement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The United Nations 2030 Agenda is said to address the 5 Ps (People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity, and Partnership) which are essential to sustainable development. UNANIMA International published *Family Homelessness Through the Lens of the United Nations 2030 Agenda* during the 58th Commission for Social Development (CSocD58) in February, 2020; Volume II of this publication is being released in October, 2020. The lens of the UN 2030 Agenda was ideal for analyzing Family Homelessness, because it is - and must be considered - a multilateral issue. These two publications emphasize the many drivers and effects of a universal, yet diverse issue: Family Homelessness.

Addressing and preventing Family Homelessness is absolutely essential for the UN 2030 agenda to be achieved and for neo-colonialism, gender inequality, and social injustice to be countered. With only 10 years remaining to achieve the 2030 Agenda, accelerated action in addressing the inter-linkages between the three pillars of sustainable development: social, economic and environmental, is essential. Just as the SDGs require multi-stakeholder engagement and work towards solving, so does Family Homelessness. These publications in themselves allowed UNANIMA International to progress work towards solving a critical issue through relationship-building, awareness-spreading, paradigm-shifting, and calling to action all political actors. As the IISD SDG Knowledge Hub asserts, "It's clear that the SDGs will not be achieved using the same conventional approaches used in the past. Building the evidence-base on the transitions needed to attain the SDGs is a key area where science and transdisciplinary research can make a tangible contribution."<sup>1</sup> Equally important is the use of a Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) to homelessness solutions, climate solutions, and economic reform.

We need political will in order to end Family Homelessness, and harnessing this towards the 2030 Agenda is one area where advocacy and policy can focus productively. This webinar series will serve to introduce the international community to some of the experts who are breaching the topics of Family Homelessness/Displacement, housing insecurity, and human rights. Many of the speakers will frame their analyses and expertise within the current United Nations Agendas and Frameworks, aimed at achieving the change we need to see in the world in order to truly leave no one behind. Please join us, to become aware of the intersection between Family Homelessness/Displacement and the SDGs, and to rewire our minds, to consider and pursue solutions to housing and social protection floor crises that are based in human and civil rights.

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<sup>1</sup> SDG Knowledge Hub. "Greater Gains for Countries on the SDGs by Addressing All Goals Together." IISD, November 12, 2019.

<http://sdg.iisd.org/commentary/guest-articles/greater-gains-for-countries-on-the-sdgs-by-addressing-all-goals-together/>