Over **HALF OF THE WORLD’S POPULATION** lives in cities.

Almost all population growth in the foreseeable future is expected to occur in **urban areas**.

Migration, whether **INTERNAL** or **INTERNATIONAL** has always been one of the forces driving urbanization.

Displacement is increasingly an urban reality: around the world, most internally displaced people find refuge not inside displacement camps, but in **communities and often in cities**.

**SDG 11** calls to “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”, a goal dependent on the prosperity of the people, migrants and displaced persons who comprise them.

**IOM** works to support national governments, local authorities and other city **stakeholders** to ensure migrants and displaced persons are **not left behind**.

Migrants are less likely to have access to adequate **housing** and are more likely to live in slums.

In European countries, **44%** of migrants from **non-European Union countries** reported living in **OVERCROWDED HOUSEHOLDS** compared to **18%** of citizens.

Cities are at the frontline for integrating and facilitating the **social and economic inclusion** of migrants and displaced persons.

**Sources:** IOM, 2018 | IDMC, 2023 | Migration Data Portal

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