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**GLOBAL SURVEY: MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: HOW IS COVID-19 AFFECTING YOU?**

Are you living through the COVID-19 pandemic outside your home country? A global team is trying to find out the impact of the virus on migrants and refugees so that decision-makers and NGOs can provide better support to cope with the crisis.

The Apart Together survey is coordinated by Ghent University in Belgium, together with academics in Sweden, UK, France, Denmark, Portugal, Spain, Greece, US, Netherlands and Italy. The questions mostly relate to the impact of the crisis on the social lives and mental well being of migrants, and ways of coping. The researchers say the results will be used to inform and support organizations and decision-makers on how they can better support migrants and refugees during and after the pandemic.

There are 36 questions in the survey, which take about 10-15 minutes to answer. You can leave at any time or skip questions. It can be filled out on a phone, another handheld device or a computer. It uses relatively simple language and has been translated into 32 languages. Participants have to be at least 16 years old (18 years for France).

The survey is anonymous – you are only asked to give your sex, age, where you come from and which country you are in. The data from the questionnaires will be stored or shared on secure servers and in accordance with EU privacy law.

The survey runs until May 31, 2020. You will find it on <https://www.aparttogetherstudy.org/>

## 1. BASIC RIGHTS

### Secretary of State for J&S: asylum claims will be looked at again

As flow through asylum chains has returned, the secretary of state has decided that new asylum claims will be looked at again. New asylum seekers do not need to spend the first two weeks in quarantine. The location in Zoutkamp that was temporarily served as asylum seekers' initial accommodation is now being used as a quarantine location for residents of the AZC in Sneek where many people have been infected by coronavirus. See [here](#).

## 2. ADMISSION POLICY

### Court: Italian who has lived in NL since 1999 has no legal residence

EU citizens have legal residence in NL if they work or have another source of income, and have health insurance. This Italian has lived in NL since 1999, worked legally for a number of years, had an income from an inheritance, and has received social assistance for several years. Nevertheless, the IND ruled that she is not in NL legally as she has never earned enough and has no health insurance. The judge agrees with the IND. See [here](#).

### Court: for residence with Spanish father in NL, evidence of dependence required

An EU citizen that lives in another EU country can allow his or her partner and children, and other family members that are dependent on him or her, to join him or her. This Spanish father wanted his adult Moroccan son to join him in NL. The father had regularly sent money to his son, but the IND and the judge find that this is insufficient evidence that the son is really dependent on his father for his livelihood. See [here](#).

## 3. CHECK

### Court: entry ban may be imposed, even if there is no definitive conviction.

A strict entry ban can be imposed on aliens with a criminal record. With an entry ban, an alien is barred from entering the EU for five years, and staying in NL is punishable. This alien requested that no entry ban should be imposed on him, as he had no definitive conviction against him. The judge finds that he must assume there will be a conviction, and so an entry ban can be imposed. If the alien is acquitted upon appeal, he can ask for the entry ban to be lifted. See [here](#).

### Court: only aliens with criminal record in alien detention

This judgement makes it clear that, at the moment, only aliens that come from criminal detention or have a criminal past will be put in alien detention (Groningen Court, NL20.9492, 11.5.20).

## 4. ACTIVITIES

### Emergency fund for undocumented people

Fairwork has set up an emergency fund for undocumented people who have lost their jobs. See [www.fairwork.nu](http://www.fairwork.nu).

Undocumented people from the Rotterdam region who no longer have enough money to make ends meet can contact ROS: [www.stichtingros.nl](http://www.stichtingros.nl).

Undocumented people from other towns and cities can, via a organisation working with the homeless, get in touch with Netwerk DAK: [www.netwerkdak.nl](http://www.netwerkdak.nl).

### Transnational Statement on Migrants' Struggles in Pandemic Times: Breaking Isolation, Claiming a European Residence Permit

'... Today, when the EU states are negotiating to intensify the exploitation of migrant labor and the institutional racism which sustains it, it is even more urgent that we speak with one voice. For those who have been living under the blackmail of residence permit for years; for those who are still undocumented after many years; for those who will become illegal because of the pandemic; for those who have just arrived and saw their asylum application denied; for those who are fighting against borders' violence inside and outside of Europe; for those who suffered and are still suffering sexual violence in the Libyan camps and elsewhere: we claim an unconditional and unlimited European residence permit, which is not linked to family status, income and labor. Against racist policies which constantly demand us to provide essential labor whereas our lives can always be sacrificed, it is time to organize across and beyond the borders: it is time to assert out freedom against exploitation.'

Collectif des Travailleurs sans papiers de Vitry

Coordinamento Migranti Bologna

<http://www.laboursolidarity.org/Transnational-Statement-on-Migrants?lang=en>

### DT&V: departure limitations countries list

An overview shows which countries can be flown to. The first tab 'Overzicht' shows the travel options, both for enforced departure without escorts (depu) or with escorts (depa) and voluntary return. More detailed explanation and specifics per country, for example about transits and the quarantine policy, can be found under the 'Detail' tab. The tab 'Toelichting' gives an explanation of the terms used, and sources. See [here](#).

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (the Dutch acronym for 'Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt') has been the knowledge centre for people and organizations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. LOS Foundation devotes itself to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.