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ICRC perspectives on the humanitarian needs of migrants





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Description of a migrant

“Migrants are persons who leave or flee their habitual residence to go to new places – usually **abroad** – to seek opportunities or safer and better prospects

Migration can be voluntary or involuntary, but most of the time a combination of choices and constraints are involved

Thus, this policy includes, among others, labour migrants, stateless migrants, and migrants deemed irregular by public authorities. It also concerns refugees and asylum seekers, notwithstanding the fact that they constitute a special category under international law.”



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ICRC vulnerability approach

All migrants

Vulnerable migrants

Migrants in
need of
humanitarian
assistance
and
protection

Asylum seekers

Migrants
seeking
refugee
protection
and other
forms of
international
protection

Refugees

Migrants
fulfilling the
criteria for
refugee
protection



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Words matter!

Migrants
in need of
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Internally
Displaced
Persons
in need of
humanitarian
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and protection



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A multi – disciplinary approach

Assistance



Protection



Prevention



Partnership