

There are No arrivals: Points of Departure for Immigrant and Refugee Women's Advocacy

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About the MCWH

- An immigrant and refugee women's organization. Activities include:
 - Multilingual health education in workplace and community locations
 - Access to multilingual information
 - Cross-cultural training customized to your needs
 - Research and advocacy

The Points of Departure project

- A national advocacy project aimed at building advocacy capacity of NGOs
- Project milestones included:
 - Discussion paper mapping key national issues for immigrant and refugee women
 - Paper drew on evidence from literature; NGOs experiences; Women's voices

Key issues in discussion paper

- Challenges faced attributable to ethnicity, gender and cultural diversity
- Settlement related challenges
- Social exclusion in different spheres of life
 - Barriers to social participation
 - Low labor force participation
 - Representation in policy debates

Milestones cont-d

- Consultation with stakeholders across Australia
- National forum – brought together 70 stakeholders
- Identification of key social inclusion indicators at national forum
- Indicators included in advocacy toolkit

The advocacy toolkit

- Contains 5 indicators vis:
 - Social inclusion
 - Sexual and reproductive health services
 - Violence against women
 - Focus on prevention
 - Data management
- Toolkit to be used in developing resources for training immigrant and refugee women
- NGOs to be engaged in relation to use of

Resources

- Points of Departure Discussion paper available on www.mcwh.com.au
- Points of Departure Advocacy Toolkit to be launched soon



THANK YOU!!