Housing aid and poverty in Swiss Cities

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Research Studies

1. „Non-monetary services in the field of housing for people at risk of or living in poverty (published in 2016 )”

Demand for affordable housing exceeds supply in many places
Approach and method

Qualitative Research:

- systematic analysis of documents from 10 selected organizations
- qualitative (group) interviews with experts from different professional and social backgrounds
- expert workshop
Organizations and their range of services

- Advice and support with finding accommodation
- Safeguarding of accommodation to avoid eviction
- Forms of assisted and supervised living

- Casanostra, Biel-Bienne
- IG Wohnen, Basel
- Fondation Apollo, Vevey
- Stiftung Domicil, Zurich
- Wohnhilfe Schlieren
- Wohnenbern, Bern
- Unité Logement, Lausanne
- Wohnen & Obdach, Zurich
- Wohncoaching Luzern
- SAS Lugano
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Profile 1: Advice and support with finding accommodation

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Wohnen und Obdach, Stadt Zürich https://www.stadt-zuerich.ch/sd/de/index/ueber_das_departement/organisation/seb/wo.html
Key findings and impact

- support of people at risk of or in poverty regulated very differently by the municipalities
- gaps in the availability of support
- variety of services ranging from assistance to offers of assisted living
- important complement for the promotion of affordable housing
- non-monetary services need to be expanded
Thank you!