

# URGENT ACTION

## PROTECT ROMA FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS

**A group of 150 people, mostly Roma migrants from Romania, including pregnant women and children, have been camping in front of the town hall of La Courneuve, Parisian region, since September. On 27 August, they were forcibly evicted from the informal settlement “Le Samaritain”. In the run-up to winter, these men, women and children must be immediately rehoused.**

On 27 August, about **80 Roma families** (some 300 people) were forcibly evicted from the informal settlement “Le Samaritain”, one of the oldest in France, in violation of international human rights standards.

The families were not genuinely consulted prior to the eviction and they were not informed about the date of the eviction. On the day of the eviction, the families were not given enough time by law enforcement agents to pack their belongings and, as a result, many lost their documents.

Only a dozen people were offered shelter for a few days in hotels. The others were made homeless. Ever since the eviction, about 150 people have been camping in front of the town hall. Many of them hold long term employment contracts and send their children regularly to school.

In the run-up to winter, these men, women and children do not have access to water or sanitation and face obstacles to accessing medical care. They must be provided immediately with adequate housing.

### **Please write immediately in French, English or your own language:**

- Urging the authorities to provide the Roma families with adequate housing, in accordance with international human rights standards, and in genuine consultation with the affected families;
- Calling on authorities to ensure an adequate monitoring of the social and health situation of each family so that they can fully enjoy their human rights, including the rights to education, and to access health care.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 27 NOVEMBER 2015 TO:**

#### Prefect of Seine Saint Denis

Mr Philippe Galli

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**Salutation: Dear Prefect / Monsieur Le**

**Préfet**

#### **Copies to:**

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#### **And copies to:**

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Mairie de la Courneuve

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Forced evictions of Roma continue unabated in France. According to civil society organizations, more than 4700 Roma living in 42 informal settlements were evicted in the first semester of 2015. The majority of them were forcibly evicted.

Name: Roma families

Gender m/f: both

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