That not all migrants are treated equally in SA speaks volumes

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That hostility towards the displaced in South Africa is systemic and not just an issue for migrants, but for all those who are deemed foreigners, is a common theme in the testimonies of many of the people interviewed for this story.

The majority of migrants interviewed said they faced discrimination and hostility from local people. Some of them had experienced physical or verbal abuse, while others had been denied access to basic services such as education and healthcare.

One man, who had been in South Africa for over ten years, said he had experienced discrimination from local people on a daily basis.

"They look at you with suspicion," he said. "They think you are a threat to their community." He added that he had been denied access to public services, such as healthcare and education, and had faced discrimination in the workplace.

Another man, who had been in South Africa for five years, said he had experienced racism and discrimination in his workplace.

"They treat me as if I amless important," he said. "They do not give me the same opportunities as other workers." He added that he had faced discrimination in the form of being paid less than his colleagues for the same work.

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