

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS ALLIANCE - USA

# GRASSROOTS MIGRANTS AGENDA

1. END THE ROOT CAUSES OF FORCED MIGRATION!
2. ADVANCE THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND FAMILIES, REFUGEES, AND DISPLACED PEOPLE!
3. LEGALIZATION FOR ALL!
4. STOP FASCIST STATE REPRESSION OF MIGRANTS AND ADVOCATES
5. INCLUDE MIGRANTS IN HEALTHCARE, LIVELIHOOD, & SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS!

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# **IMA-USA Grassroots Migrants Agenda:**

- 1. Advance the rights of migrant workers and families, refugees, and displaced people**
- 2. Stop fascist state repression of migrants and advocates**
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- 5. End the root cause of forced migration**

# IMA-USA Grassroots Migrants Agenda:

## 1. End the root cause of forced migration

We organize to fight imperialism and all the ways it drives the forced migration of hundreds of millions from our homelands. This includes the imposition of neoliberal economic policies and unequal free trade agreements, political and military intervention, war and sanctions, labor and human trafficking, and the climate crisis, all of which benefit multinational corporations and the richest countries through the exploitation and repression of our people and our homelands.

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## 1. End the root cause of forced migration

As economic and health conditions in our homelands worsen under imperialism and the COVID pandemic, the U.S. continues its support of fascist regimes and bloody repression in places like the Philippines, India, El Salvador, Honduras, and Palestine with billions in military and economic aid, exacerbating the displacement and massive forced migration of our people.

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## **2. Advance the rights of migrant workers and families, refugees, and displaced people**

In the context of the COVID pandemic and the increased xenophobia and scapegoating of migrants in host countries around the world, we uphold and push forward the rights of migrants, refugees, and displaced people against the intensified policy and physical attacks on their well-being, especially the most vulnerable (children, women, elderly, LGBTQIA - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual) and those facing blatant racism and repression such as Black and brown migrants in countries like the U.S.

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## **2. Advance the rights of migrant workers and families, refugees, and displaced people**

This includes their right to safely migrate, gain asylum, and remain or return home and their rights as migrant workers to living wages, health and safety protections, and equality. Now is the time to welcome, strengthen and support migrants who are forced to leave their families, homelands, and communities, instead of blaming, excluding, attacking them and eroding their basic human rights and rights as migrants and fellow workers in the U.S.

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## **3. Stop fascist state repression of migrants and advocates**

Under Trump, the U.S. has reinforced, militarized, and unleashed the fascist and brutal system of repression of migrants including Customs & Border Protection (CBP), Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); privatized detention facilities; collaboration with local law enforcement, the military industrial complex, and racist vigilantes; and including the courts and legal system that railroad migrants and even children into the detention and deportation pipeline that profits off the misery it creates.

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## **3. Stop fascist state repression of migrants and advocates**

We are demanding to free all migrants in prisons and immigration detention facilities, especially under the COVID epidemic, and an end to raids, family separation, and all deportations. We also oppose joint military exercises and the deployment of border and immigration enforcement in our homelands (Migrant Protection Protocols, 3rd Safe Country) and in local communities throughout the U.S. who are fighting against racist and political repression by the state.



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While we fight for community control, demilitarization, defunding, and ultimately the dismantling and abolition of ICE, CBP, DHS, police and prisons, we also demand immediate transparency, accountability, and an end to the killings of migrants, refugees, undocumented, Black and Indigenous people and the community-led reinvestment of these billions of taxpayer dollars into the health and basic needs of local and migrant communities.

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## 4. Legalization for all

We call for Legalization for All, including migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and migrant workers who deserve an accessible, humane, and simple pathway to regularize their status, free from conditions, discrimination, or exclusion. General amnesty would eliminate the impacts of the discriminatory laws and policies that criminalize more than 11 million forced migrants in the U.S. who can not adjust their status, during a time when Trump attempts to institute income and language requirements, religious and ethnic bans, eliminate Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and asylum protections for gender- and LGBTQIA-based violence, and exploit guestworker programs for big business interests, facilitating labor and human trafficking in the process.

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## 4. Legalization for all

We need to eliminate the second class status of migrant workers or “guestworkers” in the U.S., which contributes to the contractualization and exploitation of all workers. Additionally, we demand the extension of the rights of all workers to industries where migrants are concentrated and often discriminated against such as domestic workers and farmworkers, and we must ensure the safety, protection, and dignity of all migrants in these legalization programs and policies.

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## **5. Include migrants in healthcare, livelihood, & services during the Covid-19 crisis**

Migrants, immigrants, refugees, and displaced people in the U.S. must be included in all forms of support and services needed during the COVID-19 crisis including: mass testing, free medical care, eviction protection, housing assistance, financial and livelihood assistance, food security, and safe passage to their destination or country of origin. Grassroots migrants should also be included in the policy decisions of these programs in the U.S. including the reinvestment of corporate bailouts, military and enforcement budget spending, into universal health care and public benefits for all, regardless of their status.

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## **5. Include migrants in healthcare, livelihood, & services during the Covid-19 crisis**

Companies should also be accountable for healthy and safe workplace conditions, including all training, protocols, and protective equipment needed for migrants and all workers, and they should adequately compensate frontline workers for the hazardous conditions they face every day under COVID-19 conditions. Lastly, the U.S. must also provide resources to protect the civil rights, due process, and human rights of all migrants and refugees as they struggle to survive this pandemic and demand the justice they deserve.

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