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WORKERS' LIBERATION

**FREE THE
MIGRANTS!**



**ALL WORKERS
UNITE!**

WHAT IS THE FREE THE MIGRANTS CAMPAIGN AND HOW DOES IT ADDRESS THE URGENT NEEDS OF MIGRANTS AND WORKERS TODAY?



The **Free the Migrants campaign** is a **grassroots movement led by migrants and workers**, where migrant workers play a leading role. It creates space for us to **educate ourselves about the economic crisis, understand its root causes, and take action against those who exploit us**—from employers and corporations to immigration systems and governments, where we are neglected, and wars are waged on us.

Through this campaign, we **build connections** across workplaces and borders, across home and host countries, **strengthening solidarity and gaining allies** in the fight for our rights and livelihoods.

Most importantly, it is a campaign through which **we can build our own power** to fight those who live off our misery, and **build a world of unity, justice, and peace** where all have **the freedom to live, work, migrate, and return home on our own terms.**

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS ON US?

We are living through a **deepening global economic crisis** marked by **inflation, low wages, rising debt, and shrinking social services, worsening conditions** for working people.



186 MILLION
unemployed

1.5 BILLION
underemployed

2.1 BILLION
informal workers

Around **186 million people are unemployed** worldwide, **1.5 billion are underemployed**, and **2.1 billion work in the informal sector** with very low pay, minimal protections, and harsh working conditions.

281 MILLION
migrant workers

32 MILLION
displaced refugees



Global markets increasingly rely on migrant labor to cut costs, leaving migrants among the most vulnerable in times of crisis, war, and displacement. As of 2026, there are an estimated **281 million migrant workers** and **32 million displaced refugees worldwide**—numbers that continue to rise.

In the **Global North**, deindustrialization, financialization, and cuts to public spending have made **jobs more insecure** and **weakened unions**. In the **Global South**, debt crises, structural adjustment, and environmental disruption have **deepened poverty** and **instability, forcing millions to migrate** in search of survival.

Across all regions, workers face **declining wages, precarious employment, rising living costs**, and a **lack of social protections**.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE POLITICAL CRISIS ON US?

Economic crises perpetuate political crises, and vice versa. **Economic decline fuels instability**, while **war, political repression** and **rampant government corruption** deepen the crisis for migrants and workers. As trust in governments erode, the **ruling elites intensify exploitation, plunder**, and inevitably **resort to militarization** and **fascism** as strategies **to manage economic decline, secure markets, and maintain global dominance**, all of which are inherent to imperialism.



Rising fascist attacks on working class communities, especially against **migrants**, have only intensified. This has been the case with Trump in the US, encouraging **openly racist and xenophobic violence** against migrants and **tearing apart families through detention and deportation**. Trump's protectionist measures to serve US imperialist interests have intensified war and the political crisis in several regions.

The **current US-Zionist war with Iran** has already had major economic impacts on the people, such as **rising oil prices, inflation** to augment military spending, and has cost billions of dollars. These **imperialist wars** and **political crises** cause more instability in our communities and **force us and our loved ones to migrate abroad or become refugees**.



WHY ARE MIGRANTS WORKERS CONSIDERED THE UNDERCLASS OF THE WORKING CLASS?



Migrant workers are relied upon for the most essential jobs in society, yet face the **most inhumane treatment** of any working people. Concentrated in low-wage, precarious sectors, they provide **cheap and flexible labor** while facing **unsafe conditions, legal vulnerability**, and **exclusion from basic rights**.



In many host countries, migrants occupy the **lowest rung of the working class**, placed in the most precarious sectors of labor, and are **often scapegoated to cause division** among workers, which **masks the roots of the crisis**. They face the most egregious forms of fascist repression, outright terror, including **detention, violence**, and **racist targeting by the state**, rendering them a **disposable workforce**.

Migrants lack the same rights and social protections as workers in the host countries. Driven by poverty and instability in their home countries, many migrants are **forced into debt just to work abroad**, while governments of these sending countries **rely on their remittances**—effectively sustaining a system of **forced migration** and **super-exploitation**. For all of these reasons, migrant workers are truly the underclass of the working class in the world today.

HOW CAN THE CAMPAIGN BE UTILIZED TO BUILD WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY BETWEEN MIGRANTS AND WORKERS?

The **shared livelihood struggles between migrants and workers** provide a basis for **collective unity** and **collective action**, especially as the global crisis pushes us into deeper hardship and exploitation.

Despite this, we **migrants and workers are the main force capable of transforming society**. Migrant workers are part of the **international working class**—linked to both host and home countries—and **must hold all governments accountable** for exploitation and forced migration.



The Free the Migrants campaign affirms that **migrant liberation is inseparable from the liberation of the entire working class**. We can achieve this by **waging shared struggles in every country and locality**, addressing exploitation, labor rights, housing, and access to social services, **to foster working-class unity**.

Through united struggles—**strikes, organizing, and militant action**—we can build working-class unity and confront the system at the root of our oppression.

The path to our liberation is the solidity of an all workers united front to confront and take down the imperialist system that is the cause of our suffering and hardship!

WHAT ARE THE MAIN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN?



1

Conduct widespread education on the current economic crisis and its impact on working people, paying special attention to migrants as the most oppressed section of the working class.

2

Strengthen working class solidarity between migrants and workers to build their own political power. Encourage workers and migrants to **organize themselves**, and **promote cooperation and coordination** among workers associations, migrant organizations and trade unions.

3

Conduct local and national struggles focused on the economic concerns of the working people and take on issues such as living wage, prices of basic necessities, consumption taxes, housing and the economic crisis exacerbated by imperialist wars.

4

Mobilize migrants and workers to take up militant forms of action against their exploiters and oppressors (i.e. employers, traffickers, state governments, financial institutions, etc).

HOW DO WE BUILD AN ALL WORKER UNITED FRONT?



We should develop **a platform for cooperation that unites workers and migrants** to combat the systemic exploitation of the toiling masses. This platform for cooperation should serve to **build a strong united front** of workers and migrants. The Free the Migrants campaign can **support the building of AWU in the localities, neighborhoods and workplaces.**

We should **form All Workers United (AWU)** in the **Global North** and the **Global South** to **coordinate the struggles** of the workers, **organize workers** in every community and workplace, and **hold capital and governments accountable** for the poverty and destitution of workers and toilers.

WHAT IS ALL WORKERS UNITED (AWU)?



All Workers United is a new, **global platform for cooperation and solidarity among workers' organizations and labor unions**. Born from the unity and discussions at the Global Workers Study Conference (GWSC) 2025 in Kathmandu, Nepal, AWU aims **to unite the struggles of workers, unionists, women, and migrants** from both the **Global North** and the **Global South**.

Its core mission is **to coordinate the collective power of workers to hold capital and governments accountable** for the widespread poverty, destitution, and exploitation faced by working people and toilers worldwide. AWU is built on the foundational principle: "**All Workers, Unite!**"

HOW DO WE BUILD AWU?

A local AWU formation can be started by bringing together **at least three (3) or more workers' and migrants' organizations, associations, or trade unions**.

AWU should be **primarily** composed of and **led by workers and toilers from various trades and sectors**, including **migrant workers** and **working women's organizations**.

While all members of the constituent organizations are part of the AWU council, a **core small leadership group** should be designated. The **structure should be determined locally**, ensuring it remains **worker-led** and avoids bureaucracy.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF AWU?



ORGANIZE WORKERS

Unite workers across different sectors, enterprises, and employment statuses (formal, informal, migrant).

COORDINATE STRUGGLES

Facilitate local, national, and global coordination of workers' campaigns, protests, and acts of solidarity.

HOLD POWER ACCOUNTABLE

Challenge and demand accountability from corporations & governments for their role in the plight of working people.

BUILD INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Forge a powerful, cross-border movement to break the power dynamics of capitalist exploitation and oppression.

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CALLS & DEMANDS

Free the Migrants! Fight for Workers' Liberation!

Free the Migrants from capitalist exploitation!

End forced migration!

Migrants fight for the freedom to live and work!

Migrants fight for the freedom to migrate and return home!

Migrants and workers unite to defeat imperialism!

Migrants and workers unite against imperialist war!

