

Declaration of Solidarity and Commitment to the rights of Migrants and Refugees around the world

The situation of millions of migrant people and families around the world continues to worsen. Every day the grabbing and plundering of resources and the destruction of local economies, mainly peasants, by transnational economic power, in addition to wars, terrorism and environmental and climate disasters are increasing, all made worse by global capitalism and colonialism. All of this forces people from their territories. Authoritarian governments and international institutions are complicit, putting in place a regulatory and military structure that stigmatize, repress and murder those who decide to migrate at the borders. Once they reach their destination, these people (many of whom are in the agricultural sector), suffer exploitation, discrimination and racism. Both in economies that take advantage of migrant labor, such as Europe or the United States, and in countries through which migration passes, the segregation and oppression these people face is made worse by policies of hate and violence against the most vulnerable. This is promoted by the extreme right and fascism, and plays into the political and economic power of those who already own our planet.

La Vía Campesina includes many organizations of migrants and rural salaried workers. The movement has spoken out to demand the recognition and support of both the peasants who remain and fight in their territories and those who decide to migrate to improve their lives and of their communities. Both forms of resistance fit into the framework of defending peasants' rights to land, food sovereignty, freedom of movement and equality of civil, labor, social and political rights for all migrants. Through the UN Global Compact, the EU Migration Pact and the United States' xenophobic policies, we see that the control, vulnerability and repression of migrants is increased, in a systematic violation of their most basic human rights that is unacceptable and intolerable for our movements.

In December 2023, at the VIII International Conference of La Vía Campesina in Bogotá, LVC underlines its unwavering commitment to the most vulnerable sector of the peasant society, calling for, together with our allies, a Global Pact of Solidarity on the Rights of Migrants and Refugees. Peasants across the globe, including young people, women, children and rural workers, will continue to resist and fight against all wars, dictatorships, and a trade and agri-food system that destroys our planet and all living populations. Through our peasant unity, we will continue to sow agrarian reform, agroecology, food sovereignty, union organization and mobilization for peasant rights to build a new society in which no one is forced to migrate and full rights are guaranteed to whoever decides to do so.

If we fight together, from the bottom up, we can do away with capitalism, borders and racism. Support and solidarity to migrants and long live peasant farmers across the world!

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