



MIGREAT

YEAR PLAN 2024



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Introduction

Welcome to MiGreat's year plan for 2024.

Our vision is simple yet radical: we want a world where borders are abolished, and every individual is free to move and thrive without discrimination or persecution. We reject the notion of passport apartheid and the injustices it perpetuates, from wage disparities to unequal access to essential services.

Our mission is to challenge the power structures that uphold these injustices, particularly targeting the neocolonial dominance and exploitation inherent in migration policies. Through direct action, activism and solidarity with other movements, we aim to dismantle the borders that separate us and build a world of genuine equality and freedom.

In this year plan, we outline our strategies for our work in 2024. This involves political change, grassroots resistance, communication, aid, and organisational growth. Our approach is unapologetically confrontational, as we refuse to compromise on people's freedom and equality.

Organisational information

Name: Stichting MiGreat

KVK Registration number: 76116549

Activities: SBI-code: 94997, overige belangenbehartiging

Activities according to statutes:

- Promoting the human rights of migrants, including refugees.
- Promoting safe migration; providing emergency and development assistance to migrants, including refugees.
- Providing information about migration.

Board members

Liz: chair

Sofie: secretary

Pending: treasurer

Our history

From 2018, a group of volunteers were working under the name Aid Brigade in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. We managed a small community centre with hundreds of visitors daily, providing food, medical aid and shelter to people on the move who were trying to cross the EU borders.

Although our work was important, it was also frustrating. We were doing what we could to keep people alive, fed and warm. Meanwhile, the authorities did their utmost best to make living conditions as harsh as possible. Migrants who attempted to cross the border would get caught by EU police, get robbed of the clothes and blankets they had received, beaten up, sometimes even tortured and then pushed out of the EU borders, back into Bosnia. We were papering over the cracks - trying to reduce suffering without addressing the root causes.

When our volunteers were banned from the country, we decided to start MiGreat. We still wanted to support people on the move directly, but we also wanted to work towards systemic change. To make sure that, in the long term, no one needs to risk their lives to move, depend on charity for basic needs, experience police violence or exploitation. We fight for the freedom to move, and equal rights for all migrants.

What we stand for

Problem Statement:

The world we live in today is fundamentally unjust. Passports and borders create and justify racial and class segregation, upholding rampant global inequality and facilitating exclusion. Someone's nationality decides almost every aspect of life - from wage, access to education, health care and work to life expectancy.

People who denounce the place assigned to them at birth and cross borders irregularly to the global North risk their lives - at least 60.620 people have been killed on the European borders since 1993.¹ They also risk their health and wellbeing, facing tough journeys and police brutality, and segregation and

¹ United Against Refugee Deaths, List of Deaths <https://unitedagainstrefugeedeaths.eu/>

exploitation upon arrival. We work towards a world where migration is not deterred, but free.

All over the world, migration policies create and strengthen dominance, power imbalances, discrimination and racism. Therefore, the struggle for freedom of movement is an integral part of the fight against racism, colonialism and capitalism, amongst others. We actively support the liberation of Palestine. We are not free until we are all free.

Vision

At MiGreat, we envision a world where all human beings can move freely and enjoy equal rights wherever they are. Fortified borders and discrimination based on passport & migratory status will cease to exist. All we are asking is for people to be truly free and equal.

Mission

We are working on changing the power structures that systematically oppress and exploit people, mainly from the global South. Our actions aim to shrink the borders into non-existence², to make movement more free and decrease segregation between nationals and non-nationals.

Freedom of movement. We take action to make it easier for people to move. This includes the removal or relaxing of visa requirements, the increase of opportunities to migrate as well as the facilitation of irregular migration and resistance against forced migration.

Equal treatment. Free migration will only help to achieve true equality if migrants have equal rights compared to locals. This includes social rights, such as access to housing, health care, shelter, education, equal labour rights and political rights such as voting. The goal is to abolish any legal difference in terms of rights between nationals and non-nationals.

Our political work is currently focused on the Netherlands and migration into the EU. We also support organisations working on the EU borders.

² Bradley, G. M., & De Noronha, L. (2022). *Against Borders: The Case for Abolition*. Verso Books.

Tactical priorities 2024

All our actions and strategies are driven by our mission: the abolition of borders. History shows that oppression does not just disappear – to confront power, we need to build up counterpower. To do so, we focus on the following:

Tactic 1: Assistance and Resistance

We take direct action to support people who are moving or residing irregularly, and support other groups and individuals offering assistance. We take action to resist the exclusion of migrants, and action to build solidarity and segregation-free spaces. We are building up a grassroots movement to strengthen the access of migrant's rights and the fulfilment of basic needs.

Tactic 2: System Change and Advocacy

We campaign and advocate for law & policy changes that contribute to (more) free movement or (more) equal treatment. We pressure, protest, organise, talk to stakeholders, and build up a stronger, broader movement that is able to achieve lasting institutional change.

Tactic 3: Speak out & Activation

We speak out unapologetically and boldly about border abolition. We take direct action against violent migration policies, and openly talk about it. Our focus is on the systems, not the incidents or individuals. We campaign, speak out, talk at events, use social media and other platforms as a communication strategy to educate and inform people of systemic injustices, and to activate people to resist.

Most successful actions are the ones where at least two or even all three of these tactics come together.

Our work

To ensure the achievement of our three strategic priorities, we have developed programmes, projects and actions that help us achieve our mission and guide us in the long- and short-term as an organisation.

Tactic 1: Assistance and Resistance

1. In 2024, we will continue supporting volunteer-led organisations that work on the EU borders, providing direct aid to people on the move. As part of our support, we collect humanitarian goods, donations, share calls for volunteers and other practical support. We can also restart our own aid projects if large groups of people end up homeless in the Netherlands.
2. Civil disobedience: we take direct action to confront and hinder the execution of border violence.

Tactic 2: System Change and Advocacy

3. Campaigns to challenge the entire system: in 2024, we will organise campaigns to place the idea of border abolition on the agenda. These campaigns also aim to educate people about the inherently discriminatory and oppressive nature of our migration system. We want to put pressure on government institutions and the execution of migration policies, such as the campaign targeting the IND – the Dutch immigration authority, and our annual national demo.
4. We campaign for concrete changes that contribute to shrinking the border. This year, we want to target deportations and the loss of residency rights from third country nationals who fled Ukraine. If self-organised migrants reach out to us for support, as was the case with third country nationals, we help them make the most of their campaign.

Tactic 3: Speak out and Activation

5. Communication: our goals are to grow our audience and to set the tone to delegitimise current migration policies and normalise (the fight for) border abolition. The main priority is social media, the second priority is on in-person speeches, lectures, debates and workshops.

Additionally, we have another organisation wide priority:

6. Organisational & financial sustainability. In 2024, we will improve our financial sustainability by obtaining funds and membership support. We also structure our organisation, sustain the existing teams of paid staff, interns and volunteers, and grow the action & fundraising team.

Organisation

Team

We currently have two paid employees (1.5 fte), around 2-4 rotating interns (2-3 days/wk) and 12 volunteers (2-6 hours/wk) working with MiGreat on a weekly basis. The volunteers often stay long term and bring experience, which is a massive support to both the employees and the interns. The interns and employees have a bit more time at hand to keep things going and quickly respond to emergencies. Our goal is to slowly and sustainably grow the number of volunteers and working groups, so we can simply do more, and at the same time ensure organisational stability.

Director, action, aid, HR	1 x 36 hours per week
Communication, Admin, HR	1 x 24 hours per week
Content volunteers	6 x 2-6 hours per week
Action volunteers	6 x 2-6 hours per week
Fundraising volunteers	1 x 2-6 hours per week

Financial plan

This year, our goal is to work towards a financially stable organisation. We have set budgets for our spendings and goals for our income, as shown in the table below. Every quarter we will monitor our finances to make sure we are on track and to be able to adjust our spendings in time. A big change compared to last year will be our savings in emergency aid, since we stopped working in Ter Apel and have lowered our financial support for the organisations on the European border.

We have set a fundraising strategy to grow and stabilise our funding donations base. Our long term goal is to rely on monthly donations & one-off donations from

supporters, as this means our work is supported by a broad base of people and we do not rely too much on a few funders. We will organise fundraising events this year and call on our community to support us with a monthly donation.

However, we anticipate that building up a broad support base will take time. In the short term, we will apply for non-governmental funds to cover projects.

MIGREAT 2024 - INCOME & EXPENSES (PROJECTION)			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Flexible donations	€ 25.000,00	Emergency aid - total	€ 23.500,00
Donations with purpose	€ 25.000,00	Kompas 071	€ 6.000,00
Donations recurring	€ 22.000,00	Sienos Grupe Vsi	€ 4.900,00
Funds	€ 50.000,00	Other	€ 3.000,00
Other	€ 1.200,00	Emergency fund	€ 9.600,00
		Campaigns - total	€ 93.300,00
		National protest	€ 15.000,00
		IND campaign	€ 3.100,00
		Communications	€ 42.800,00
		Other / general	€ 32.400,00
		Running costs - total	€ 22.100,00
		Administration	€ 14.100,00
		Office	€ 8.000,00
		Other	€ 1.000,00
Total income 2024	€ 123.200,00	Total costs 2024	€ 138.900,00
		Burn	€ 15.700,00