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DIRECTIVE MEMORANDUM ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

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To Whom This May Concern,

On behalf of **The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated**, *an IGO that has served as a critical support system for African refugees and immigrants since 1937*, we would like to disclose this **Directive Memorandum** based on the recent executive orders out of respect by the **47th president of The United States of America, Mr. Donald Trump**. As a non-political organization that seeks to save ourselves from annihilation and promote Unity, Solidarity, Liberty and Freedom, our mission is to help those in need—particularly African migrants / Ethiopian migrants—navigate their resettlement and integrate into their new communities, all while preserving their dignity and honoring their rich cultural heritage.

OBSERVATIONS

- Since April 2022, New York City has become the focal point of a significant **migrant crisis**, with an increasing number of refugees and immigrants, particularly from Africa, seeking asylum.

- This crisis unveiled a broken system that is failing to support an inundation of vulnerable individuals, who are suffering from tremendous psychological and emotional tolls as they attempt to rebuild their lives.
 - Many African migrants experienced profound trauma as they attempted to make sense of their displacement, many due to lack of water, electricity and freedom of speech.
 - The U.S. lacks sufficient trustworthy organizations that merit the ability to prepare Africans for the difficulties of adapting to American culture.
 - The strain on their mental health is exacerbated by a pervasive fear of interacting with authorities, as many of them feel unsafe reporting crimes, seeking help, or engaging with law enforcement.
 - The widespread distrust, whether rooted in past experiences or fear of deportation, creates barriers to their ability to secure essential services, find employment, or even seek medical care.
 - We are particularly concerned about the absence of a safe, trusted space where these immigrants can turn to for guidance and support. As a result, they continue to suffer in silence, unable to access the resources that would help them begin the process of healing and integration.
 - The recent events in New York City, particularly the highly publicized struggles faced by migrants in shelters and in the streets, have only highlighted how critical it is to address these issues with urgency.
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CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

★ 1. December 22, 2024 – Fatal Subway Attack

A 57-year-old woman, Debrina Kawam, was fatally set on fire while sleeping on a subway train at the Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue station in Brooklyn. The suspect, 33-year-old Guatemalan national Sebastian Zapeta-Calil, was arrested shortly after the incident. He faces charges of first-degree and second-degree murder, as well as arson. Authorities indicated that the attack appeared to be unprovoked.

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/12/22/us/nyc-subway-fire-woman-death/index.html>

★ 2. August 2024 – Assault on NYPD Officers

In Midtown Manhattan, Venezuelan migrant Yohenny Brito was arrested for allegedly assaulting two NYPD officers. Brito had been previously apprehended at the U.S.-Mexico border and released into the community. The incident raised concerns about the vetting and monitoring of individuals released into the

city. <https://judiciary.house.gov/media/press-releases/case-one-illegal-aliens-who-attacked-new-york-city-police-officers>

★ 3. February 2024 – Public Disorder and Substance Abuse

Reports emerged of migrants consuming drugs and alcohol in public spaces, particularly in tourist-heavy areas like Midtown Manhattan. This behavior contributed to a perceived increase in public disorder, prompting law enforcement to monitor migrant shelters more closely.

<https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2024/08/30/a-proclamation-on-national-recovery-month-2024/#:~:text=In%20February%202024%2C%20the%20Department,and%20expanding%20access%20to%20care.>

★ 4. September 2024 – Gang-Related Activity

Members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua were implicated in various criminal activities within the city, including shootings, thefts, and drug dealing. The gang's

presence in New York City has been linked to the city's migrant shelters, with reports suggesting that some members may have been recruited from these facilities.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/23/nyregion/a-venezuelan-gang-reaches-new-york.html>

★ 5. January 2025 –On The Deportation Raids

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem participated in deportation raids in New York City, resulting in the arrest of individuals with serious criminal charges, including kidnapping, assault, and burglary. These operations highlight ongoing concerns about undocumented immigrants involved in criminal activities.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/immigration-raids-new-york-residents-surprised-rcna189655>

SOLUTIONS

- **The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated is committed to offering support through our robust programs, but we cannot do this alone. We need the support of local / state leaders and New York City to follow through with offering our New Executive Council a funding package to ensure that these individuals have the opportunity to thrive.**
 - We ask that you all consider working peacefully with the Trump Administration and reduce tax payer spending by refraining to address political strife in court proceedings during this **ongoing international emergency immigration crisis**.
 - We ask for you to save your energy to support and address the systemic issues facing all immigrants, particularly African migrants.
 - We urge you to take action by advocating for improved resources and services for refugees, and to work toward creating an environment where individuals can safely report their concerns, seek help, and access the services they need to rebuild their lives.

- By working together, we can help alleviate the psychological burdens of these immigrants and provide them with the opportunity for a better future.
 - **We cannot address issues of American citizens if the court is distracted by political bickering over new policies making no time to address new avenues and better procedures.**
 - Consider employing organizations like ours that can translate over 3,000 African languages so that authorities can communicate their concerns professionally.
 - Consider advocating in a non partisan manner for programs that demand transparency in return for federal funds if you truly care about immigration reform.
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CONCLUSION

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated is uniquely positioned to assist these individuals. Our organization has a long history of helping African refugees and immigrants, specifically those from Ethiopia and surrounding regions, find their footing in America. Through our comprehensive interviewing process, integration programs, commitment to keeping U.S. citizens safe and engaged we are able to vet new members, assist them with obtaining necessary visas and work permits, education, scholarships and connect them with employment opportunities.

- Our goal is to create a safe and supportive atmosphere with the assistance of the African American Diaspora to share concern for African migrants so that they can begin their new lives with the dignity and respect they deserve.
- It is important to recognize that many African immigrants, while proud and self-reliant, may have misconceptions about the role of African Americans, a distrust for corrupt NGO's, churches, mosques and other support systems in their resettlement process.

- Due to decades of propaganda, false information and unfair media **exploitation of Black People in America**, Africans become vulnerable and hesitant to communicate due to language barriers.
- Africans typically speak between 3-5 languages at a time and it has been reported that there are over 3,700 languages on the continent of Africa.
- Ultimately it has been reported to us by the N.Y.C. Mayors office that they are experiencing issues articulating their educational concerns, health concerns, housing concerns and a mirage of other humanitarian issues.
- The resettlement process is a complex journey, and our concern is that, without proper guidance and assistance, these **non-violent individuals** will continue to face unnecessary struggles psychologically, economically, and socially.

We hope to work alongside local, state and federal governments to make a meaningful difference in the lives of these individuals and to create a more compassionate and just system for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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