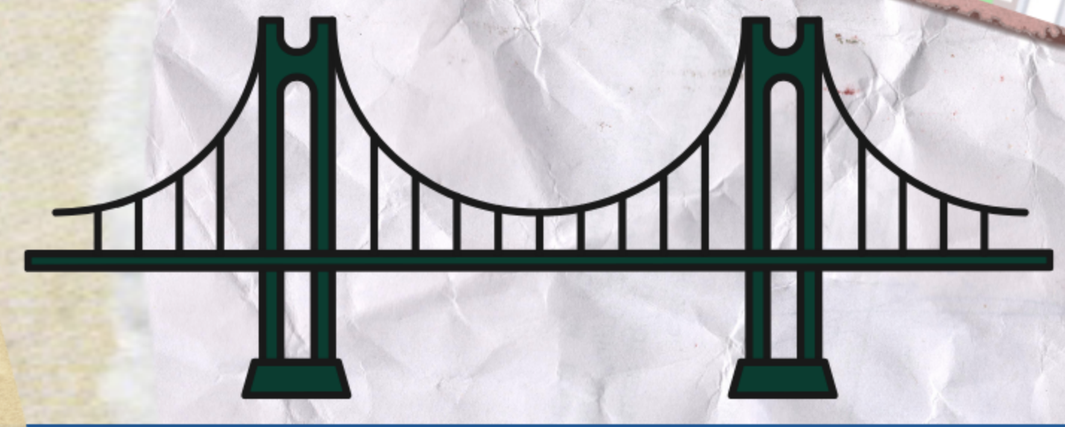
No One Crosses Alone

Migrant trails act as bridges, connecting one unsafe side to the other safer side. Many routes are irregular or hidden, and almost none are safe —but they are walked anyway. These bridges should be made visible, we must look at the migrants who are seeking a better life, and we must see how our actions can either harm or help them. "There is two-way traffic" on these trails. BOTH SIDES have a role in these migrations, and both sides must take responsibility for what happens to migrants who make the journey.



WE HAVE A CHOICE, TO HARM OR TO HELP. TO IGNORE OR TO RECOGNIZE. TO MAKE INVISIBLE OR TO UPLIFT.

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