

Foundation Netherlands Myanmar Solidarity Platform

Policy Plan 2025 – 2027

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1. Basic data

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2. The foundation's bylaws (Statuten)

The Bylaws are the starting point for our initial policy plans. According to the bylaws:

1. The purpose of the foundation is:
 - a. to promote an inclusive, federal, democratic rule of law in Myanmar;
 - b. to perform all other acts that are related to the above in the broadest sense or that may be conducive to it.
2. The foundation shall endeavor to achieve its object by, among other things:
 - supporting, financially or otherwise, organizations, groups and individuals in Myanmar who are committed to this goal;
 - lobbying, wherever in the world, for this purpose;
 - mobilizing support and raising funds for the realization of the goal;
 - research and publications, in the broadest sense of the word, that support the purpose.
3. The foundation shall serve the public interest.
4. The foundation has no profit motive.

Vision

We aim to create a platform that, through the engagement of a dynamic community of volunteers and coordination by a small professional agency, provides effective support to people and groups working for an inclusive, federal democracy in Myanmar.

Activity plan

The foundation was established on 19 August 2021. Between 2021 and 2024, activities were undertaken according to the foundation's plan and objectives. During 2023-2024, the activities slowed down significantly due to reduction in volunteers. However, we have been able to recruit new active and young volunteers who bring motivation and creativity to the foundation. In the year 2025 – 2027, the organization will focus on:

1. Recruiting new volunteers and board members who can commit more time and capabilities to the foundation (see organizational structure for details on the positions).
2. Continuation and further development of the platform activities, such as:
 - a. regular (on-line) meetings of the (voluntary) platform participants
 - b. fundraising for the purpose of the foundation.
 - c. distributing information and drawing attention to the situation in Myanmar in the Netherlands.
 - d. coordinating lobbying activities aimed at obtaining support for the democratic forces in Myanmar.
 - e. to identify organizations for cooperation and support, which are working in Myanmar for the return of the democratic rule of law.
3. Further elaboration of this policy plan, subject to available resources.
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3. Method of acquiring income

The foundation will acquire its income from donations from individuals and other private parties and subsidies from governments. For this purpose, public actions will be organized, private parties (e.g. foundations and companies) will be approached directly, and applications for subsidies will be submitted to relevant authorities (e.g. Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU). Recruitment will be aimed at building a small organization with at least 1 paid person, who can coordinate volunteer, lobbying and fundraising activities.

4. Management and utilization of assets

The assets of the foundation are managed by the board. Initially, funds will be spent mainly on initial organizational costs (e.g. website, bank account, etc.), communication and public events and support to organizations for the purpose of the statutes. As soon as this becomes possible, salary and office expenses will also be spent, so that a paid person can coordinate the activities of the foundation, and possibly a small continuity reserve will be built up. The board strives to limit the overhead costs to 10% of the expenses. The board members receive no compensation for their board activities other than a reimbursement of incurred expenses.