

# DOMESTIC WORKERS AT THE FRONT-LINES



Newsletter #27

June 4, 2020

## Webinar series on GBV & COVID-19

Watch the recording of this episode by clicking [here](#).


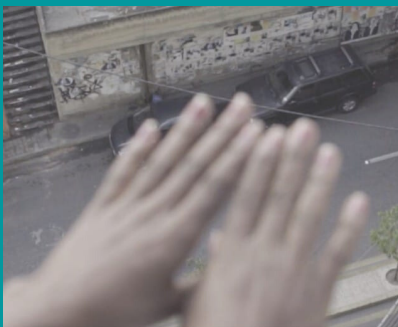


**Stopping gender-based violence in the midst of a pandemic**

**Webinar: 2 June 2020, 2pm CET**

This is the second of a three-part series of webinars, together for a gender equal new normal.

**#GenderEqualNewNormal**



The pandemic is making labor and gender inequalities more explicit. Workers around the world are asking: if not now, when will we raise our boldest demands for dignified lives for all?

Join the IDWF in a Twitter conversation, on Monday, June 8, from 3-6 pm EEST, to discuss the situation of domestic workers under COVID-19.

Let us collectively imagine the change we want to see for those in informal sectors of work, undervalued and made-invisible.

**Let's envision justice we seek.**

Donate for IDWF Solidarity Fund  
<https://idwfed.org/en/donate>

**"Domestic Workers under COVID-19: a Tweetathon"**

#CareForThoseWhoCareForYou  
#CuidaAQuienTeCuida @IDWFED



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Our affiliate Kenya Union of Domestic, Hotels, Education Institutions, Hospitals and Allied Workers (KUDHEIHA) is a trade union established in the year 1951. KUDHEIHA has branches and members all over Kenya! In general, it has dedicated itself to awareness raising and advocacy around safe migration. Specifically related to domestic workers, KUDHEIHA is fighting to promote the formalization of this sector of work and is pushing to convince the government to ratify ILO conventions 189 and 190. KUDHEIHA has recently been focusing on advocacy for safe migration by reaching out to community leaders and local authorities as well as lobbying with the government. It also tries to engage and mobilize organizations to support these efforts.

In these dire times, KUDHEIHA is handling complaints from domestic workers and advising them on dispute handling procedures with relevant bodies and authorities involved in the protection of Kenyan migrant workers. It has also been mobilizing migrant domestic workers through their advocacy on safe labor migration with support from the Solidarity Centre by bringing on board relevant stakeholders including recruitment agencies, civil society networks and county governments.

Check them out on their website by clicking [here](#).

*“The situation here is awfully bad. I have no space to sleep, not enough food, and I am very worried that I may catch the virus here”*

**Click [here](#) for a glimpse of the lives of Ugandan workers in the Middle East.**

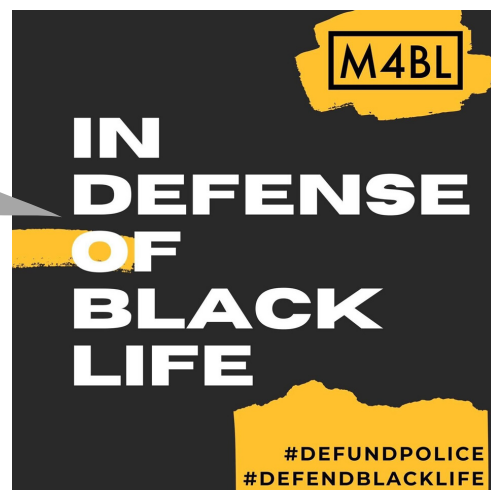
*“She wants to take her own life because she does not want to give her employers the satisfaction of killing her.”*

**Domestic and gender-based violence is rampant and intensified under COVID-19!  
IDWF actively works on addressing not only the labor dimension, but also the gendered dimension of the crisis.**

Click [here](#) to see what Sindicato Servicio Doméstico has posted on this.

**AN INJURY  
TO ONE  
IS AN  
INJURY TO  
ALL!**

Click [here](#) for our statement.



## Summary Report on COVID-19 Solidarity Fund

Click [here](#) to read the whole report.

**CHECK US OUT BY CLICKING ON**

<http://idwfed.org>

[twitter.com/IDWFED](https://twitter.com/IDWFED)

[idwf.tumblr.com/](https://www.tumblr.com/idwf)

[instagram.com/idwfed/](https://www.instagram.com/idwfed/)

[facebook.com/IDWFED](https://www.facebook.com/IDWFED)

[linkedin.com/in/idwf-org-a4ba76145](https://www.linkedin.com/in/idwf-org-a4ba76145)

[YouTube channel/UcTkPxyCkbQvoJmfOVyaSYeg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcTkPxyCkbQvoJmfOVyaSYeg)

