

DOMESTIC WORKERS AT THE FRONT-LINES



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The worsening economic and political situation in Lebanon exacerbated by the implications of COVID-19 in the country has placed migrant domestic workers in a tough situation. The IDWF joined a group of organizations working with migrants in signing a letter sent to the General Security office asking them to waive penalties and speed up the repatriation process.

The document is in Arabic and says the following:

We are raising this now as a result of the deteriorating economic situation that has resulted in almost total unemployment for this group that is now unable to sustain its daily needs. Also, the alarming increased number of homelessness will require immediate urgent action.

We ask you to take direct action to exempt domestic workers seeking repatriation from any fines and put in place a repatriation plan that considers the current living and economic situation the country is going through.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Our affiliate Jamaica Household Workers' Union (JHWU) is doing monumental work with relief distribution during COVID-19. They inspire resilience and remind us that:

"In this difficult time we the Domestic Worker leaders in the Caribbean are asking all Domestic Workers to stay focus, stay safe and stay strong. We are also calling on government across the Caribbean to protect domestic workers Rights. Ratify convention 189 and convention 190. Domestic work is work like all other work. Please Care for those who care for you as injustice to one is injustice to all."

Meet Shirley Pyrce, the president of JHWU, by clicking [here](#).

Learn more about JHWU by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for all those who made our Tweetathon such a success!

During the June 8th Tweetathon, IDWF published 70 tweets in the span of 3 hours and reached 49,411 organic impressions. We got 119 retweets, 233 likes, and 110 replies!

#CareForThoseWhoCareForYou



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Domestic workers in the frontlines!

Governments' #COVID19 response packages should cover informal economy workers, including wage & income protection schemes, and cash/non-cash transfer schemes!

#CareForThoseWhoCareForYou #GenderEqualNewNormal #ratifyc189 #RatifyC190 @IDWFED

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We fully agree. Therefore it is important that governments consult with trade unions when developing these response packages. These response packages should reach those that need it most! #CareForThoseWhoCareForYou #socialdialogue

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International Domestic Workers Day planned celebration!

International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF)
Celebration of 2020 International Domestic Workers Day

In Times of COVID-19 : Rising Stronger from the Crisis

Join Domestic Workers' Webinar
Date / 2020 June 14 Sunday
When / 9:00pm - 10:30pm (Hong Kong)
Where / Zoom Webinar
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