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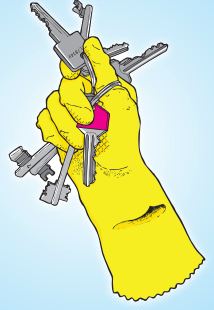
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Support Migrant Domestic Workers in the Netherlands to gain full rights and protection.

Migrant domestic workers in the Netherlands are facing discrimination in the labour law due to their migration status. The Coronavirus has exposed some of them to the termination of their contracts, unpaid and unprotected.

Sign the petition in the link below to join the Mondiaal FNV and support migrant domestic workers to fight for their rights and ratify C.189.



In the Netherlands, an estimated 150,000 domestic workers, 80,000 au-pair helpers and 50,000 PGB care providers work in private households. They take care of children and the elderly, do the laundry and (partially) take over the care of the household. This allows their employers to work, study or provide informal care. In doing so, they make an important contribution to society and the economy.

Most domestic workers fall under the Home Services Regulation and therefore have a poor legal position. Part of them are "undocumented"; they work in the Netherlands without valid residence documents. Their position is therefore extra vulnerable.

The corona crisis has once again made clear how badly the position of these employees is regulated. When the lockdown started in March, many were sent home unpaid by their employer. Unprotected by social security, they suddenly lost their income overnight and ran into serious acute problems.

Domestic workers are not tools that you can take out of the closet when you need it and put away when it doesn't work out. They are real people who do real work. The time when this work could be looked down on because it is mainly done by women and by migrants is over. And with this the time of discrimination in labor law.

The undersigned therefore join the solidarity call of the Parliament of Cleaners of the FNV to end the exclusion and the disenfranchisement of their colleagues who have been fighting for recognition and equal rights for so long.

We call on all parties involved to support the domestic workers who have run into problems.

Government: finally ratify the 2011 International Labor Organization treaty (ILO Convention 189) as so many other countries have already done. This establishes the same rights for domestic workers as for all other workers.

Recognize the important contribution of migrants to society and the economy. And give this a shape.

Work on a structural solution to give domestic workers full rights and protection.

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WORKERS:
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Still a Long Way to Go to Abolish Kafala in Lebanon: the Standard Unified Contract for domestic workers may be the first step!

On September 8, 2020, Acting Minister of Labour in Lebanon, Lamia Yammine issued the revised Standard Unified Contract (SUC) for Migrant Domestic Workers. This step is the product of several efforts by domestic worker and labor organizations coordinated by the ILO calling for their rights.

Lara Nuwayhid, our MENA region coordinator, explains why it is still a long way to go to abolish Kafala in Lebanon and what is needed from the government for migrant domestic workers to have rights and protection.

Click [here](#) to watch the video



In Mozambique, SINED Continues to fight for the C189 Ratification under the Covid-19

In September 18, 19 and 20, Thirty domestic workers of the Sindicato Nacional dos Empregados Domésticos (SINED) participated in the seminar in Manuto to set the best strategies to achieve the ratification of the Convention 189 Decent work for Domestic workers.



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Jordan: The Domestic Workers Solidarity Network affiliates to the IDWF making migrant domestic workers global.

The network is a grassroots organization consisting of domestic workers community leaders from the Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Uganda and many more.

This is the result of continuous organizing, trust building and leadership formation since 2014 with the Solidarity Centre playing a vital role.

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