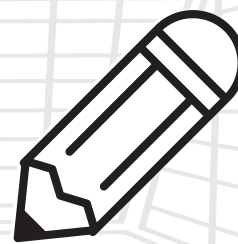


MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR RIGHTS



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The population of Qatar is just over 2.2 million. Approximately 88% of those people are migrant workers who come from African and Asian countries with high rates of unemployment like Kenya, Ghana, India, Nepal, the Philippines and Bangladesh.

Many of those migrant workers are employed in building Qatar's new infrastructure. This construction work is difficult and exhausting, particularly because of the very high temperatures.

Many of the employers are international companies. Some are very aware of their responsibilities for the health and safety of their employees and look after their workers properly. However, there have been numerous reports in the media in recent years highlighting the appalling treatment of many workers.

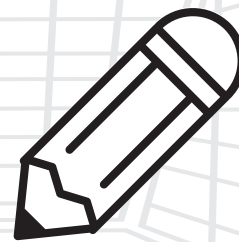
Migrant workers have been employed in Qatar under a system where a worker is sponsored by an employer. The employer held the worker's passport and the worker cannot change employer or leave the country without the employer's permission. When a massive earthquake occurred in Nepal in 2015, many of the Nepalese workers, who wished to return home to search for their relatives or to bury their dead, were refused permission by their employers.

Amnesty International has published several reports on the exploitation of migrant workers. Those reports highlight the facts that workers are sometimes not paid for months, live in very unhealthy accommodation, are not free to change jobs, have poor health care and are not allowed to form a trade union to fight for their rights.

Trade unions have highlighted the manner in which some employers may have failed in their responsibility to protect the health and safety of their employees. If working conditions do not improve, trade unions and human rights groups estimate that between 4,000 and 7,000 workers may have died before the first match kicks off in World Cup 2022. These organisations have strongly protested against FIFA for not putting sufficient pressure on the Qatari government to ensure that the rights of workers are respected.



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