

Global Action Programme on Migrant Domestic Workers



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Presentation of Global Project

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1. Global context

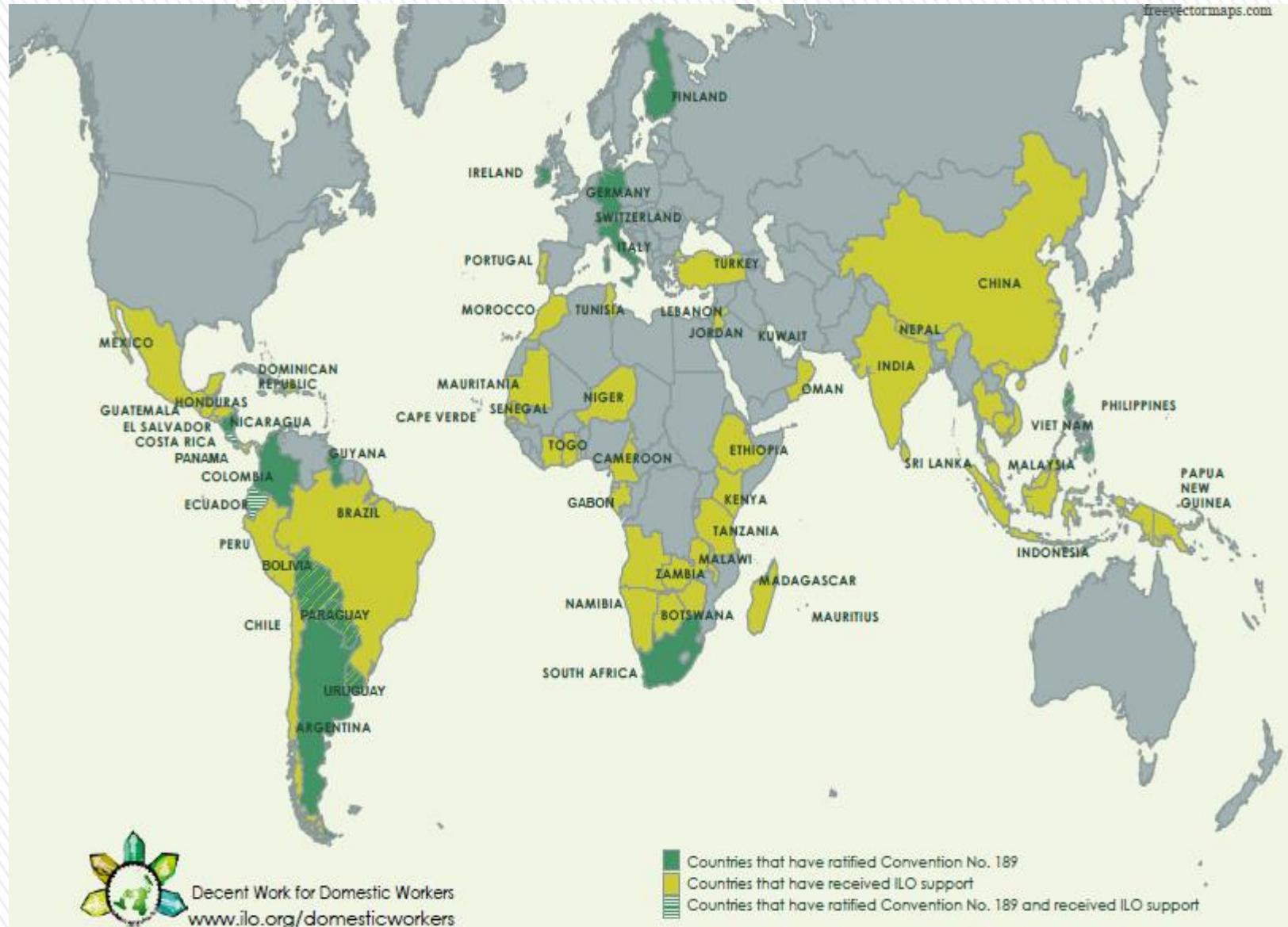
1) **More than 52 million domestic workers worldwide.**

- Contrary to what was expected few decades ago (DW was expected to disappear with modernity) it has increased.
- Precarious labour conditions. In many countries excluded from labour protection, and where they are covered by labour law, high level of informality and non-compliance.

2) This phenomenon is linked to the **crisis of traditional care systems**, due to increasing **women's participation rate**, demographic changes (aging societies, etc) and the "**commodification**" of care (hiring a domestic worker to do care and household work previously done by family members) and **patterns of inequality** at the global level and inside countries.

3) **Convention 189**, adopted by ILC in 2011 recognizes that DW are workers, establishes minimum standards and call for legal and policy action in order to grant them same rights as all workers.

1. Global context



2. The GAP Project

Main objective:

- Project seeks to promote the human and labour rights of migrant domestic workers worldwide by addressing the challenges that make migrant domestic workers particularly vulnerable to the risks of exploitation and abuse

3 specific objectives:

- Enhance research and practical knowledge on migration and trafficking issues with regards to domestic work across global care chains.
- Strengthen the capacities of policy makers, domestic worker and employer organizations, and practitioners to advocate for migrant domestic workers' access to decent work and human rights
- Pilot-test national capacity building approaches to promote rights-based policies and regulations and empower migrant domestic workers throughout all stages of the migration cycle.

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HOW?

- Multidisciplinary, participatory, and evidence-based approach for the purpose of developing and strengthening national labour laws, migration policies, and recruitment regulations and practices that are oriented towards achieving decent work for migrant domestic workers across global care chains

WHERE?

- 11 countries
- 5 corridors: Ukraine-Poland, Zimbabwe-South Africa-Lesotho, Indonesia-Malaysia, Nepal-Lebanon, and Paraguay-Argentina

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RESEARCH

- Country Profile (incl. stats)
- Research report based on original / secondary research leading to identification of policy development needs

ACTIVITIES

- Validation workshops with constituents
- Technical assistance to policy development
- Capacity-building activities with social partners



<http://www.equaltimes.org/in-lebanon-a-new-domestic-workers-trade-union-fights-kafala>

IN LEBANON, A NEW DOMESTIC WORKERS TRADE UNION FIGHTS KAFALA

by Emmanuel Haddad

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