

Abstract

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Fighting for domestic workers rights around the globe

In recent years, the problems faced domestic workers have drawn increasing attention. Campaigns have been launched around the world to help to win liveable wages and working conditions and overcome abuse and harassment.

Until recently, the situation of domestic workers has largely stayed below the radar. Domestic work can be regarded as the largest single female occupational category of workers. As women workers, we contribute significantly to national development through the performance of our paid and unpaid work. We also have to struggle to combine our roles to look after our families. In my presentation I will outline:

- The situation of domestic workers in Jamaica and the Caribbean and the rights violations we face;
- The Jamaica Household Workers Association and what our organization aims to do;
- Good practice examples of our services and their positive impact; and
- Challenges for implementation and strategies to expand and upscale our services.
- International domestic workers movement
- The ILO campaign for C 189, and experiences