

IDWF *e-Newsletter*

International Domestic Workers Federation

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IDWF: In August this year, the Executive Committee met in Bogor, Indonesia for its annual meeting. We used the opportunity of bringing our leaders together to meet with members of IDWF's Indonesia affiliate, and bring the voices of domestic workers to an important global meeting, "Labor Migration: Who Benefits? Solidarity Center Conference on Worker Rights and Shared Prosperity." See [a brief report here](#) and the full report will be coming next month.



AFRICA/Ghana: "GIVING VOICE TO DOMESTIC WORKERS" - Domestic Services Workers Union [received their Trade Union Registration Certificate](#) on Sept 22 and held the [founding Conference](#) on Sept 23 in Accra.



ASIA/Bangladesh/India: Torture cases of domestic workers in the region continues. In Bangladesh, child domestic workers were found killed or tortured. IDWF affiliate, National Domestic Women Workers Union and Domestic Workers Rights Network organized [protests](#) against these abuses. In India, on September 10, 2015 two women domestic workers, from Nepal were rescued by a police team from the residence of a Saudi diplomat in Gurgaon, Haryana, near New Delhi. IDWF and its affiliate Gharelu Kamgaar Sanghatan Domestic Workers Union of Gurgaon, along with partners in Nepal are calling for justice. Please [sign the petition >>>](#)



LATIN AMERICA/Mexico: National Domestic Workers Union (SINACTRAHO) held its [founding congress on August 30](#) with the aim of representing and defending the labor rights of Mexico's estimated 2.3 million domestic workers. CACEH, the domestic worker support and training center, has been organizing domestic

workers towards this goal and [celebrated its 15th Anniversary on September 10](#), a date that was celebrated with the founding of SINACTRAHO and attended by Juanita Flores and Jill Shenker from the United States, and IDWF General Secretary, Elizabeth Tang.



NORTH AMERICA/USA: [Homecare Workers win minimum wage and overtime protections](#), after over 70 years of exclusion. // From September 15 to 23, 100 women made a pilgrimage from a site of human suffering — an immigration detention center in York County, Pennsylvania— to Washington, DC, 100 miles away, to inspire Pope Francis on his visit to the United States with stories of human dignity and a message of justice for the country's immigrant women and families. Be inspired by the stories of the women and their experience on the pilgrimage in this [summary video](#) and [CNN op-ed](#) by Ai-jen Poo, NDWA Director.



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*Global Fund for Women:

- Countries: <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/what-we-do/where-we-fund>
- Deadline: 31 January 2016
- Grant size: \$5,000 to \$30,000 per year; first-time grant awards generally range from \$5,000 to \$13,000 per year.
- Link: <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org>
- Details can also be found [on IDWF website >>>](#)



*Fund for Global Human Rights:

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