



Spotlight Initiative
to eliminate violence
against women and girls

An initiative of the United Nations funded by the European Union



International
Labour
Organization



Public attitudes towards migrant workers in Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand

In the ASEAN region, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand are the main countries of destination for migrant workers. The ILO has previously conducted surveys in 2011 and in 2019 that measure the attitudes of the public towards migrant workers. The 2023 survey polled n=1,000 members of the public in each country to gauge public knowledge, attitudes and practices towards migrant workers, with a particular focus on women migrant workers.

Public attitudes towards migrant workers

Migrants should have access to the same health services as non-migrants



Migrant workers should not receive the same pay and benefits as non-migrants



Migrant workers should not receive the same work conditions as non-migrants



The influx of migrant workers threatens our country's culture and heritage



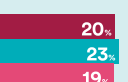
Behaviour towards migrant workers

Have you ever...

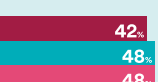
Yes, I have

I'll be willing to

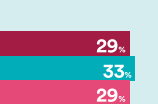
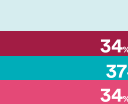
Spoken out against someone who was saying offensive things



Helped a migrant integrate into the community

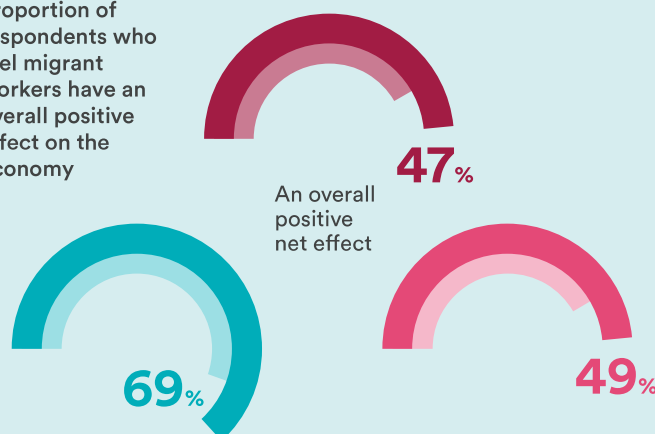


Spoken to friends or colleagues about some positive contribution migrant workers make to our country



Effect on the economy

Between 2019 and 2023, there has been an increase in the proportion of respondents who feel migrant workers have an overall positive effect on the economy



Support for LGBTI migrant workers

LGBTI migrant workers should have...



The same job opportunities with other migrant workers



Equal wages as other migrant workers who are doing the same job



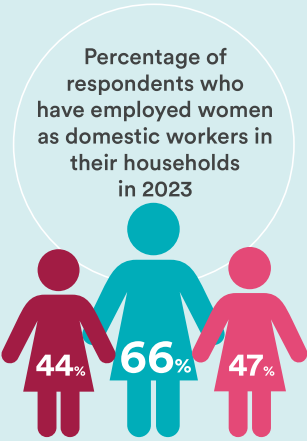
Access to the same rights as migrant workers



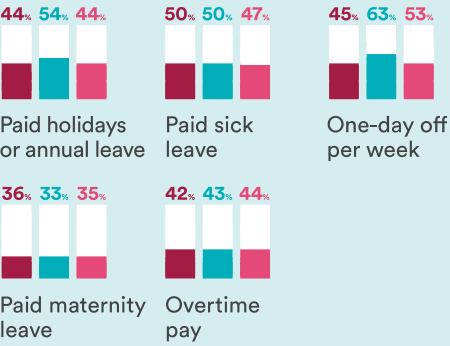
The same work benefits as other migrant workers

Domestic workers and care work

Support for policy initiatives concerning migrant domestic workers and care work



Migrant domestic workers should receive the following benefits



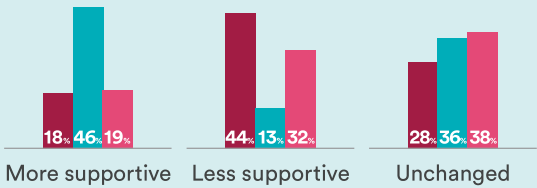
The impact of COVID-19 on public attitudes towards migrant workers

The COVID-19 pandemic has made me more aware of the conditions of migrant workers in my country



The pandemic shed light on the conditions of migrant workers though its impact on increasing public support was more limited

Has the COVID-19 pandemic made you more or less supportive of migrant workers



Public support for women migrant workers

Women migrant workers should have...

