



Online presentation:
**Final independent evaluation of the Technical
Cooperation Programme in Qatar, 2021 -
*Learning from a large labour standards oriented programme***

25 May 2022, 12h00-13h30 (CET)

- The final evaluation report is available [here](#)
- Registration is necessary – [please register here for the Zoom event](#)

Introduction

The ILO Evaluation Office/ International Labour Standards Department (NORMES)/ILO Regional Office for the Arab States/ILO Qatar project Office, invite you to a dissemination event on the final independent evaluation of the first phase of the Technical Cooperation Programme in Qatar.

The [Qatar Technical Cooperation Programme](#) was set-up in 2017 by agreement between the ILO and the State of Qatar which was endorsed by the Governing Body, following the closing of a complaint under Article 26 of the ILO Constitution in relation to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and the Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81).

The programme is aimed at ensuring compliance with ratified international labour conventions based on the guidance of the ILO supervisory bodies and at facilitating ratification of additional instruments while promoting the realisation of fundamental principles and rights at work. It is one of the largest single ILO technical (development) cooperation projects with the USD 25m budget for the programme funded by the Government of Qatar. The programme covers work on wage protection systems and introduction of non-discriminatory minimum wage; adoption of labour inspection policy and occupational safety and health systems; abolition of kafala, improvement of fair recruitment and working conditions; prevention, protection and prosecution against forced labour; and promoting workers' voice and access to justice.

The project has already entered its second phase since July 2021. The final independent evaluation of the first phase of the project (2018-2021) was carried out in the last half of 2021 based on the [ILO policy guidelines for results-based evaluation \(2020\)](#). A dissemination event is a common feature of independent evaluations in order to communicate the findings to the project stakeholders so that use and follow-up can be identified and implemented within and between the various stakeholder institutions. In addition to the specific project stakeholders invited to the event, the webinar also targets ILO colleagues who are interested in learning from the Qatar experience for other programmes and interventions in order to foster organisational learning.

Programme

▶ Introduction and welcome (5min)

- Guy Thijs, Director, ILO Evaluation Office (EVAL)
- Corinne Vargha, Director International Labour Standards Department (NORMES)

▶ Presentation by the independent evaluation team (20min)

- Dwight Ordoñez (team leader) and Nahla Hassan (evaluator)

▶ Answers and questions, and discussions on the use of the evaluation for next steps (25min)

- Moderators:
 - o Ritash Sarna, Evaluation Manager
 - o Peter E. Wichmand, Senior Evaluation Officer (EVAL)

▶ Closing remarks (10min)

- Guy Thijs, Director, EVAL
- Ruba Jaradat, Regional Director for Arab States (RO-Arab States)
- Mohammed Al-Obaidly, Undersecretary of Labour (Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs - ADLSA)