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Passing New Legislation on Domestic Work in Paraguay

A new law on Domestic Work, equating domestic workers' rights with all wage-workers, was approved by the Paraguayan Parliament in March 2015. The law is based on the ILO Convention 189, which was earlier ratified by Paraguay in May 2013 and required harmonization with a national legislation.

According to the Permanent Household Survey 2013, domestic workers in Paraguay account around 220,000 women, which is 16% of workers across the country were seeking to be recognized as equal workers and were looking forward to improvement of their labour rights.

The EU funded Global Action Programme on Migrant Domestic Workers and Their Families (GAP-MDW) provided technical assistance to domestic workers organizations in Paraguay for their informed participation in the discussion of a new bill on Domestic Work. The ILO and UN Women participated in a Public Hearing on November 20, 2014 regarding this matter at the Senate and provided consultations to the Senate Committee deliberating on this bill. The law on Domestic Work was finally approved by the Paraguayan Parliament in March 2015. Consequently, the Ministry of labour of Paraguay required the GAP-MDW to conduct a study to analyse the potential impact of the law on domestic workers employment and identify potential challenges for the MoL to put new law in practice.

