

WORKER, HELPER, AUNTIE, MAID?

41%

of the world's domestic workers are in the Asia and Pacific region.*

81%

of domestic workers in the Asia and Pacific region are women.*

24.7%

of all domestic workers in the Southeast Asia and Pacific region are migrants.*

It is estimated that at least

50%

of domestic workers in Thailand are migrants from Cambodia, Myanmar and Lao PDR.



There are no regular migration channels open to domestic workers from Lao PDR and Myanmar, leading to irregular migration and increased risks for workers.

Domestic workers are entitled by law to at least one day off each week, but many do not receive even that.

Domestic workers in Thailand are fighting for better social security protection. Migrant domestic workers currently have no access to social security.

Migrant domestic workers in Thailand work on average 11.89 hours daily, while those with care roles work 13.24.**

90%

of migrant domestic workers in Thailand earn less than minimum wage.**



Source:

* ILO. 2016. Social protection for domestic workers: Key policy trends and statistics. (Geneva)

** This is based on a sample of 200 migrant domestic workers surveyed in Thailand for the ILO 2016 report *Worker, helper, auntie, maid? Working conditions and attitudes experienced by migrant domestic workers in Thailand and Malaysia*.