

SUPPORT MIGRANT WORKERS

Solidarity is the better choice.

Migrant workers are our friends and neighbours working in Canada without permanent resident immigration status.

Migrant workers are racialized, often women, who pay high fees to get jobs in Canada.

They are effectively second-class workers with fewer rights and face greater abuse.

Dangerous and low-paid work for migrant workers impacts all of us. Migrant workers deserve equal protections and immigration status on landing.

Canadian citizens and migrant workers are stronger when we work together.

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Get in touch with info@migrantworkersalliance.org to find out about migrant worker supporting groups in your region.



Much of our food in Canada is grown, harvested, and packaged by migrant agricultural workers from the Global South. Like other low-wage migrant workers, agricultural workers are tied to their employers. Most of them are unable to change jobs and can't say no to tasks even when their health is at risk.

Migrant workers are often housed in substandard conditions, and have very limited access to health services.

When migrant workers get injured or are between permits, they rarely receive adequate care. Migrant workers deserve all basic services, including health care and workers' compensation.



RETIREMENT SECURITY

Many migrant workers in the Caregiver Program take care of elderly Canadians, but they themselves have little access to employment or retirement security.

Migrant workers pay into the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS), and Employment Insurance (EI) but can't fully access them.

It's time to expand the CPP, OAS, and EI, and to ensure that all migrant workers get fair income security in old age.

Knowing that your children are well cared for is essential for peace of mind. A lot of the women taking care of our children are migrant caregivers, but are separated from their own families for years.

Most low-wage migrant workers can never bring their families to join them.

A better child care strategy includes a national child care program and permanent residency on arrival for all migrant workers. Migrant workers must be able to reunite with their families.



GOOD JOBS

Migrant workers are not to blame for unemployment in Canada. Over 1.3 million people in Canada are unemployed, while there are less than 200,000 migrant workers in low-wage jobs. Instead of trying to get rid of migrant workers, which would still mean 1.1 million unemployed Canadian citizens, we need to hold the government and corporations accountable. Getting rid of migrant workers will not address the core issues of precarious conditions that all workers, migrant and Canadian, face.

We shouldn't let misconceptions about migrant workers divide us. Migrant workers must get equal wages and protections from wage theft. They must be able to bargain collectively and assert their rights. Everyone deserves good jobs and full immigration status.