

SCHAAMTELOZE UITBUITING ARBEIDSMIGRANTEN

Qatar is het gastland van het WK voetbal in 2022. Er wonen zo'n 350.000 Qatari's en meer dan 2.000.000 buitenlandse arbeiders. Toen voetbalbond FIFA Qatar het WK toewees, had het kunnen weten dat arbeidsmigranten er schaamteloos worden uitgebuit.

De arbeidsmigranten worden onderworpen aan het kafala-systeem. De kafeel of sponsor zorgt voor de toestemming om het land binnen te komen en te kunnen werken. Als de kafeel zich terugtrekt, wordt de arbeider illegaal en kan hij gearresteerd worden. Hierdoor heeft de werkgever grote controle over zijn werknemers.

MISBRUIK WORDT NIET BESTRAFT

Om in Qatar te kunnen werken, betalen de arbeiders vaak hoge en illegale bemiddelingskosten. Veel van hen steken zich hiervoor in de schulden door geld te lenen tegen woekerrentes. Geregeld worden lonen te laat of helemaal niet uitbetaald, terwijl families vaak afhankelijk zijn van dit inkomen. Arbeidsmigranten maken vaak extreem lange werkdagen. Ze mogen geen vakbond oprichten en hun accommodaties zijn overvol en vies. En werkgevers die misbruik maken van arbeidsmigranten wordt meestal geen strobreedte in de weg gelegd. Ze kunnen er straffeloos mee doorgaan. Dit moet stoppen.

ROEP DE WERELDVOETBALBOND FIFA OP ERVOOR TE ZORGEN DAT QATAR DE MENSENRECHTEN VAN ALLE ARBEIDSMIGRANTEN BESCHERMT.

Stuur de petitie **vóór 1 november 2021** naar:

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To Gianni Infantino, president of FIFA

Dear Gianni Infantino,

I am writing to you as a football supporter who cares greatly about the impact of our beautiful game on society and human rights. Despite some progress achieved on human rights in the lead up to the 2022 World Cup, I am deeply concerned about the ongoing abuse of migrant workers in Qatar.

With less than two years to kick-off, Qatar's labour reforms remain poorly implemented and enforced. This means the very people who are making this World Cup possible for us to enjoy, continue to be exploited, while FIFA is not doing enough about it.

FIFA has a clear responsibility to act when workers on World Cup sites are at risk of exploitation. When FIFA decided to host the World Cup in Qatar it knew – or should have known – that there are inherent risks in holding the tournament there, and that migrant workers working in all business sectors related to the success of the World Cup, whether linked to the official sites directly or not, would suffer to make it possible. Football fans will travel to Qatar for the World Cup and will stay in hotels, eat in restaurants, be driven around in taxis and engage with service industries that employ migrant workers and that are vital for the success of the tournament. FIFA must use its influence to urge Qatar to enforce its labour reforms so that no more workers suffer for the game we all love.

I am therefore calling on you, as the President of FIFA, to ensure FIFA:

- Conducts adequate human rights due diligence so that it can properly investigate whether labour abuse is taking place on World Cup-related sites, act quickly to stop it and remediate any harm caused.
- Takes action to ensure human rights abuses on World Cup sites or linked to the tournament are remedied, including in FIFA's supply chain, service or business relationships.
- Uses its influence, publicly and privately, to urge Qatar to fully implement and enforce its labour reforms. This should include Qatar taking further measures to protect all workers, including those employed in service industries essential to the delivery of the tournament, from labour abuse.
- Publicly commits to include human rights criteria and a human rights due diligence process in all future FIFA tournament awarding decisions.

Thank you for your attention. Yours sincerely,