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PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY OF MIGRANT WORKERS

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ILO Global Estimates of International Migrants – 2015

Migrant Workers:
International migrants who are employed, or are unemployed and seeking employment in their current country of residence.

Migrant Workers by Income Level of Countries

Of the 150.3 million migrant workers worldwide, an estimated 129.8 million were working in countries classified as "High Income" and "Upper Middle Income".

Low Income	(2.4%)
Lower Middle Income	(11.3%)
Upper Middle Income	(11.7%)
High Income	(74.7%)

Global Distribution of Migrant Workers, by Economic Activity

Over a third of all Migrant Workers engaged in "3-D Jobs"

Agriculture	(11.1%)
Industry	(17.8%)
Domestic Workers	(7.7%)
Other Services	(63.4%)

3-D Jobs (Dirty – Dangerous – Degrading)


Globally, migrant workers have twice the injury and/or mortality rate as native workers.

Factors preventing migrant workers from safe and healthy work

- Employment factors
- Jobs in informal, less regulated sectors of labor-intensive industries
- temporary or seasonal work
- Tendency to accept harsh working and living conditions



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Social factors

- Language barriers
- Lack of access to local health systems and social protection
- Poor health systems in the original country

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Expected outputs of this session



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At the end of the session, participants are

- Equipped with knowledge about the specific health risks of migrant workers
- Aware of international and national policies on the protection of migrant workers
- Know good practices at national and workplace levels
- Motivated to take actions for the improved health of migrant workers as health practitioners

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