

Vulnerabilities of working migrants and migrant children in the global economy

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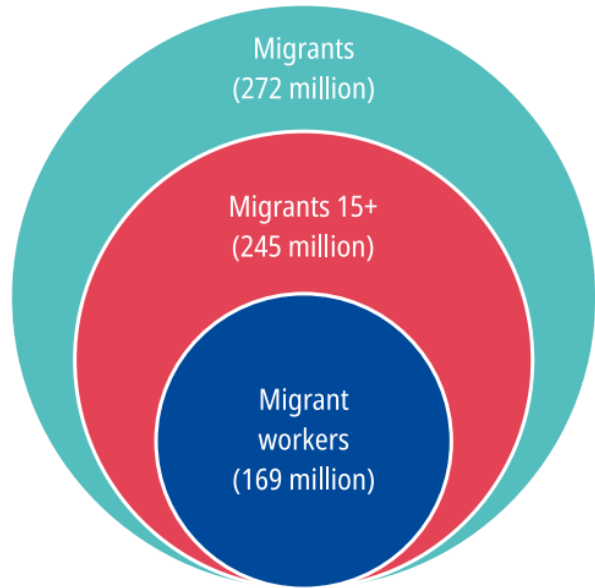
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Who is a migrant worker?

- “a person who is to be engaged, is engaged or has been engaged in a remunerated activity in a State of which he or she is not a national”- Art. 2(1) of the UN Convention on the Protection of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.
- “a person who migrates from one country to another with a view to being employed otherwise than on his own account and includes any person regularly admitted as a migrant for employment”. - ILO C097 - Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97)-
- Internal or domestic labour migrants

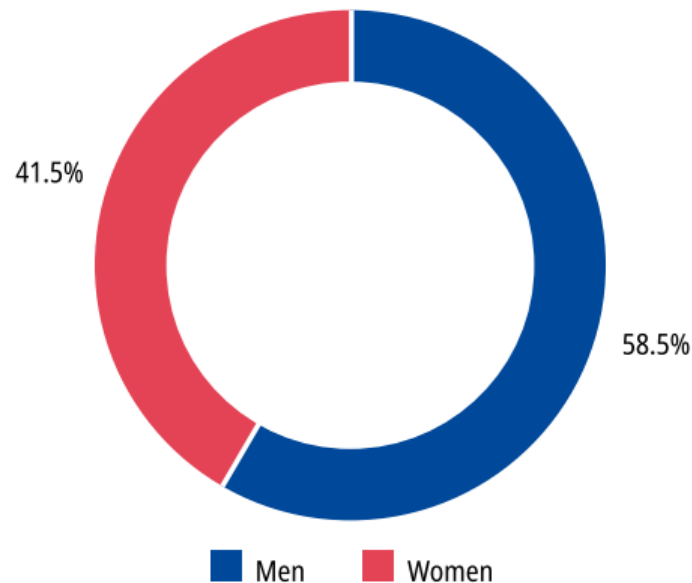


International labour migration: key demographics

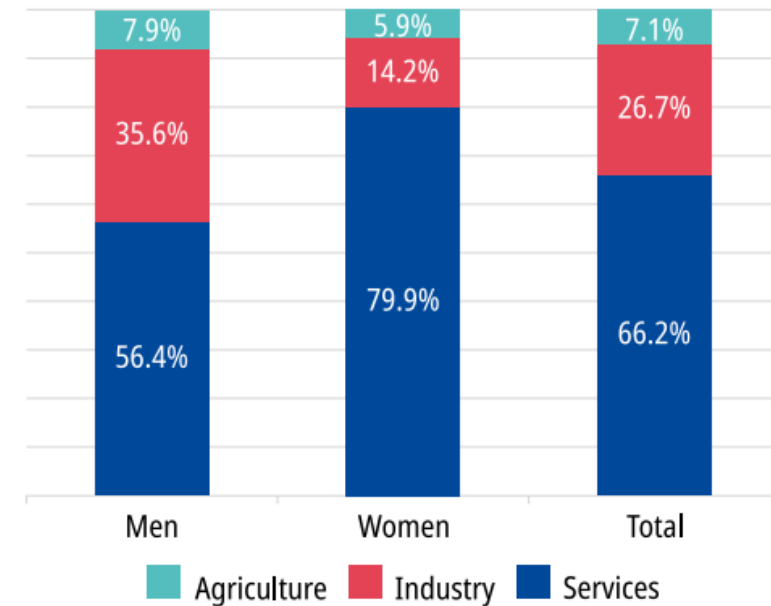


International migrant workers constitute 4.9 per cent of the global labour force

► Global distribution of international migrant workers by sex, 2019

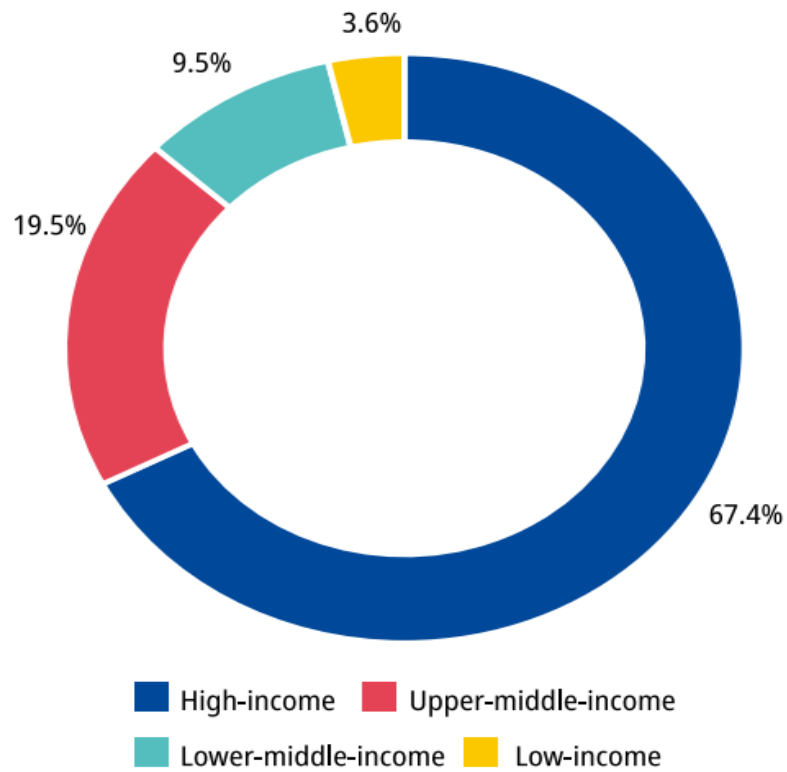


► Global distribution of international migrant workers by broad category of economic activity, 2019

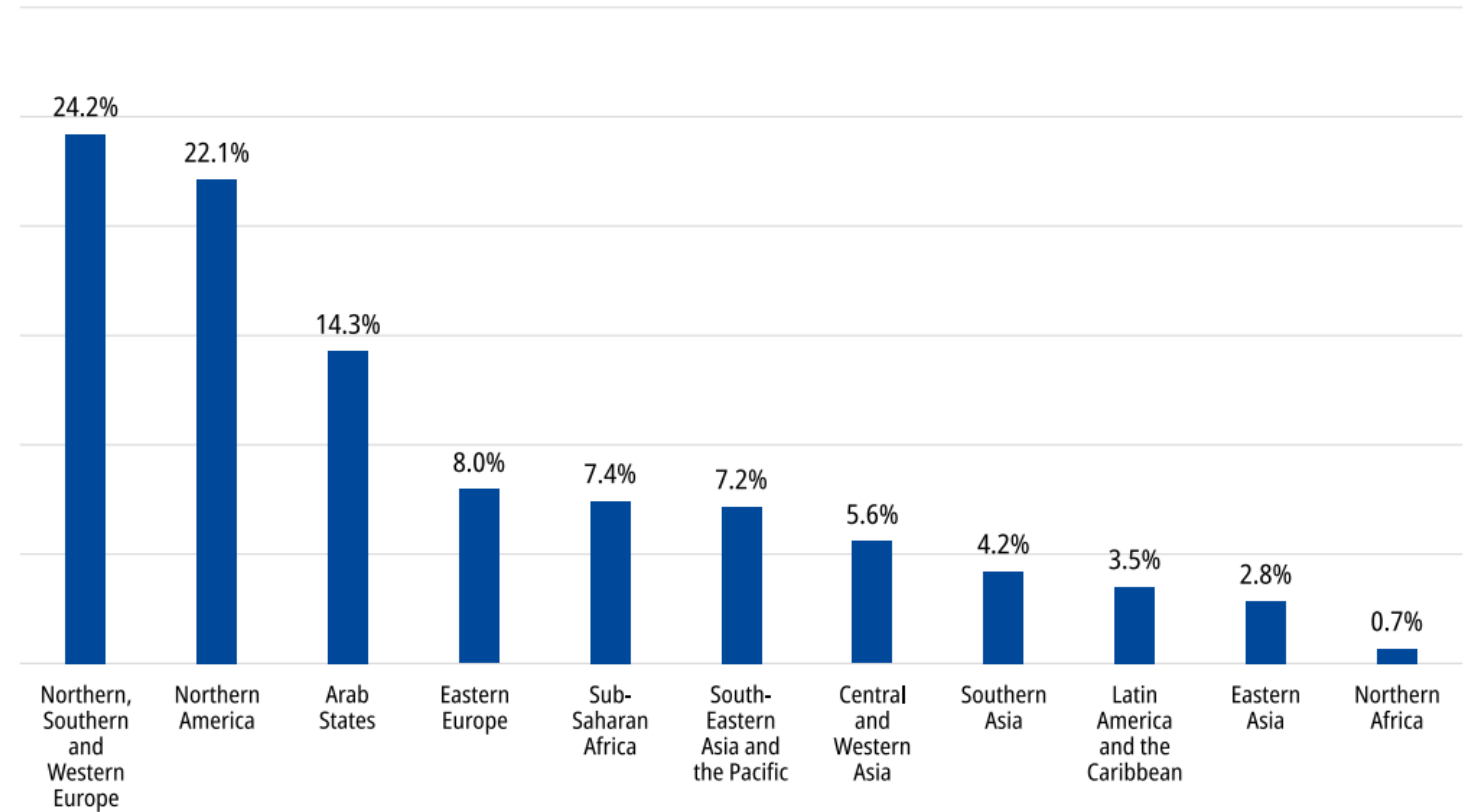


International migrant labour concentration

▶ International migrant workers by income level of countries, 2019

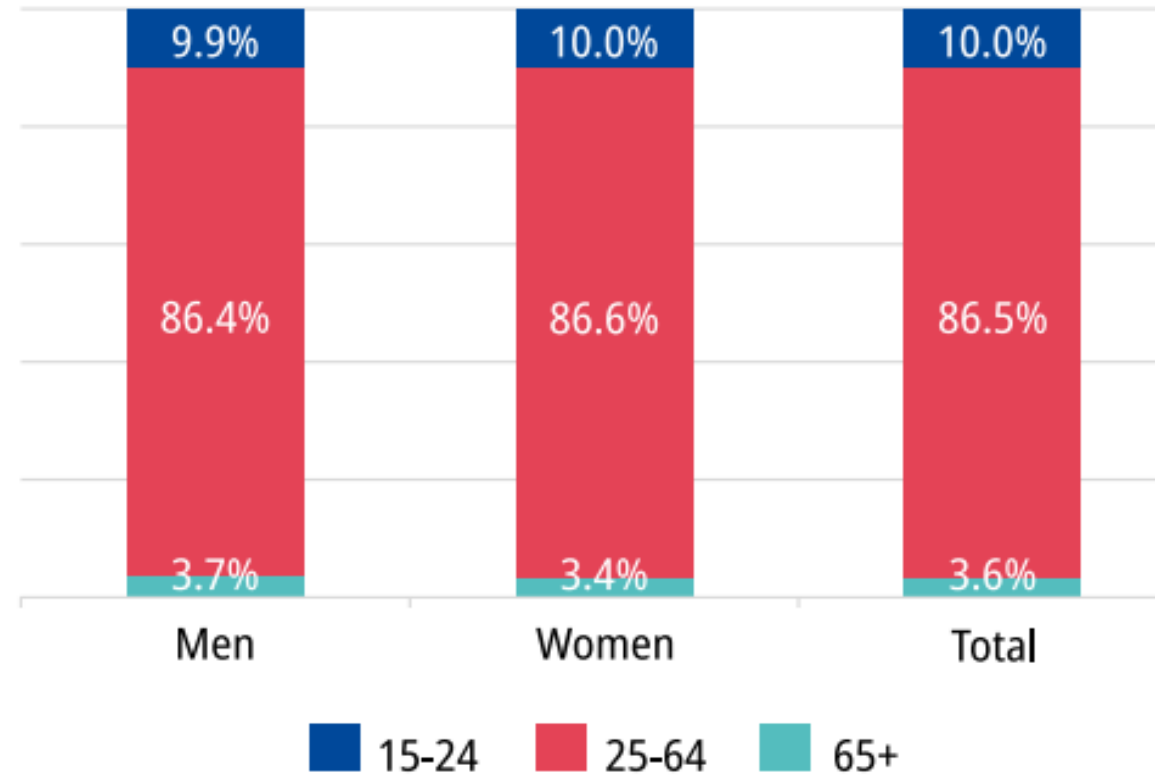


▶ Distribution of international migrant workers by broad subregion, 2019



International migrant labour by age

▶ Global age composition of international migrant workers, 2019



Migrant workers' rights challenges: an overview

- Right to equality of treatment and non-discrimination
- Right to freedom from slavery and forced labour
- Right to freedom of movement
- Right of migrants to form, join and participate in associations and trade unions
- Right to just and favourable conditions of work
- Right to an adequate standard of living (including access to adequate food, clothing, housing and water)
- Rights to cultural identity
- Right to an effective remedy for acts violating fundamental rights

[Source: United Nations Global Compact- Business and Human Rights. International Migrant Workers](#)

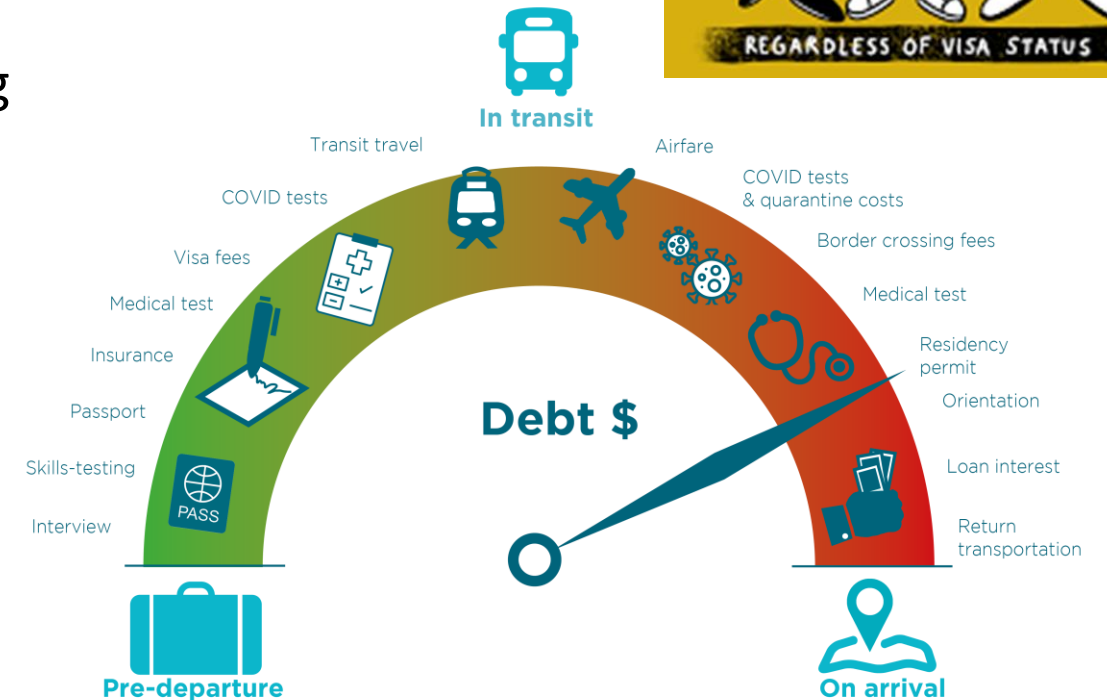
Paper chains - tied visa regimes



“labour migration policies that condition migrants’ visas on employment with a particular employer, thus restricting their access to the labour market”
[\(Niezna, 2022: 362\)](#)

Exploitative recruitment and labour practices

- Charging of unauthorised recruitment fees
- Threats and intimidation, including verbal and psychological abuse;
- Deceptive contracts with relevant information undisclosed
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- Oppressive / depressive working and living conditions
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- Wage theft
- Manipulation, physical and sexual violence
- Hazardous and unsafe working conditions



Deprivation of right to family life, social and cultural rights

Many migrant workers face isolation and social exclusion arising from obstacles to their loved ones joining them and denial of other social and cultural rights



Child migrant workers

Child labour migrants often face heightened insecurities due to their relative inexperience



Reflections: audience participation/ Q&A

Congratulations! You are the new Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants!

- Examples and case studies - which of the issues confronting migrant workers have you witnessed, experienced or heard about?
- What solutions or actions would you propose for addressing the challenges you have identified?
- What is your rationale for this action or choice?
- Got questions? Ask away!



Responses

- Challenging perceptions
- Countering prioritisation of migration controls over human rights
- Adoption and implementation of existing international laws and frameworks protecting migrant workers

Ratification Status for Slovakia

Treaty	Signature Date	Ratification Date, Accession(a), Succession(d) Date	Denunciation Date
CAT - Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		28 May 1993 (d)	
CAT-OP - Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture	14 Dec 2018		
CCPR - International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights		28 May 1993 (d)	
CCPR-OP2-DP - Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming to the abolition of the death penalty	22 Sep 1998	22 Jun 1999	
CED - Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	26 Sep 2007	15 Dec 2014	
CED, Art.32 - Interstate communication procedure under the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance			
CEDAW - Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women		28 May 1993 (d)	
CERD - International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination		28 May 1993 (d)	
CESCR - International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights		28 May 1993 (d)	
CMW - International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families			
CRC - Convention on the Rights of the Child		28 May 1993 (d)	
CRC-OP-AC - Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict	30 Nov 2001	07 Jul 2006	
CRC-OP-SC - Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography	30 Nov 2001	25 Jun 2004	
CRPD - Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	26 Sep 2007	26 May 2010	