

# State of play

## MIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS IN QATAR AT FIFA WORLD CUP KICK-OFF

The FIFA World Cup 2022 kicks off in Doha on 20 November.

For over a decade since the World Cup was awarded, Gulf researchers and civil society have sought to shed light on the labour conditions for migrant workers in one of the most opaque contexts for company operations.

Ahead of the tournament, we break down what labour abuse looks like for the millions of migrant workers employed by the private sector in Qatar. Our data shows migrant workers across Qatar continue to suffer exploitation at the hands of employers and recruiters, despite reforms that have sought to improve their employment conditions and claimed to abolish the exploitative kafala system. Hundreds of thousands of migrant workers are working to make the World Cup happen, but their experiences are too often unheard.

Data based on publicly reported allegations of labour abuse against migrants by businesses (January 2016 – November 2022). Head to our website for further information.



**Qatar**  
accounts for **46% of all allegations** of abuse we've recorded in the six Gulf GCC states. **350 cases** of alleged abuse have been recorded since 2016

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**95%** of private sector workforce in Qatar are migrant workers

Every World Cup stadium has been associated with at least 3 cases of abuse since 2014...



Which sectors are linked to most cases of abuse?



Most workers are from South Asia and East Africa



What kind of abuse have workers reported?

