

CSOs and NGOs working for the Rights of Migrant Workers¹

Name of Organisation: Business & Human Rights Resources Centre (BHRRC), UK, 2002

Website of Organisation: www.business-humanrights.org

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BHRRC is a non-profit organisation that draws attention to the human rights impacts (positive and negative) of over 7,000 companies, operating in over 180 countries. They engage with companies and governments to urge them to share information publicly. BHRRC's website is relied on by business people, advocates, governments, investors and the UN. They expose reality in a field too often dominated by rhetoric, and help protect vulnerable people and communities against abuses. They also provide guidance materials and examples of good practice

BHRRC help communities and NGOs get companies to address human rights concerns, and provide companies an opportunity to present their response in full. They take up alleged abuse quickly and directly with companies. For example, they have made over 2400 approaches to companies asking them to respond to specific human rights allegations, and the global response rate has grown to 75%. Moreover, they systematically follow up on company responses, pursuing companies that fail to respond adequately to allegations of abuse.

BHRRC's missions :

- Focused on impact : Make a difference for vulnerable people and victims of abuse. Highlight the efforts and struggles of human rights advocates, and take up alleged abuse quickly and directly with companies.
- Collaborative : Seek to strengthen and support the broad business and human rights movement, cooperating with allies and partners around the world. Have a commitment to the global South, opening civic space, and supporting human rights defenders.
- Independent : Independent of any government, religion, or political and economic interest. BHRRC does not accept donations from companies, company foundations or senior executives of corporations.
- Fair and Objective : Commit to represent fairly all sides of debates on business and human rights issues. Highlight good practice as well as criticisms of companies' impacts, and give companies a real opportunity to respond in full to allegations of abuse before posting them.
- Beyond the Headlines : Draw attention to under-the-radar cases and countries and forgotten victims, alongside those in the public eye. Highlight emerging debates and issues.

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of migrant workers more broadly.