Another Milestone for Domestic Workers: Toward Social Security Rights under Section 33

After years of continuous policy advocacy by the Domestic Workers' Network, a significant breakthrough was achieved on **26 August 2025**. At its 19/2025 meeting, the **Social Security Committee** resolved to approve in principle the amendment of the 2017 Royal Decree

to expand social security coverage to domestic workers, as well as forestry workers, livestock workers, and street vendors. This marks an important step forward, paving the way for these groups of workers to access fundamental social protection rights on par with workers in the formal sector. The next steps are for the draft amendment to be submitted to the **Council of State** and subsequently the **Cabinet** for consideration. If approved, this will lead to a legal amendment, thereby enabling domestic workers to be formally included under **Social Security Act Section 33**.

To reinforce this policy momentum, on **29 August 2025** the Domestic Workers' Network submitted a letter to **Mr. Samas Patamasukhon, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour**, during the INDE-REGIS seminar at the Government Complex, Chaeng Watthana. The letter urged an accelerated process for the legal amendment.



This action reflects the Network's strong commitment to ensuring that all domestic workers gain access to **secure social protection** and enjoy their **human dignity without being left behind**.

Although approval in principle has been secured, the Network still faces several challenges. The amendment process must pass through multiple stages, posing risks of delay. Even if the law is enacted, major issues remain around registration and enforcement. Furthermore, the current political situation is marked by instability, which could affect the process.

Nevertheless, this **small step today marks the beginning of a major change** — one that the NDWT is determined to continue pursuing.



