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- poor housing provision
- poor sanitation and lack of safe drinking water
- long hours
- exposure to toxic agrochemicals.
- lack of women's rights



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- Strengthen union capacity to collectively bargain for better wages and conditions for workers and their dependents
- Empower women to be more active in decision making, ensuring gender issues are raised in the workplace and in collective bargaining
- Enable workers to advocate for a fairer distribution of value and develop relations with other global supply chain actors.

If you or your union made a donation:

- £133 would support 40 staff representatives to participate in a day long training session
- £160 would employ a union staff member for one month to coordinate/deliver the education programme

Other ways you can help:

- Sign up to our International Solidarity Network to receive requests for solidarity action from our trade union partners at bit.ly/vA16FY or below.
- Support Make Fruit Fair — campaigning for fair and sustainable banana supply chains. Visit www.makefruitfair.org
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