



SITAG - Union of Agricultural Workers, Peru

UNION TO UNION FUNDING APPEAL 2012

SITAG-Peru is a key partner in Banana Link's Union to Union programme. It is a young but rapidly growing union that represents over 4,000 workers involved in the production and export of organic and Fairtrade bananas, mainly from small farms. The union also has members in the mango, sugarcane, grape and avocado industries.



Peru is one the poorest countries in South America and tops the list of countries with the longest working hours, with 50.9% of the workforce working an average working week of over 48 hours. Other key labour rights violations experienced within the banana industry include:

- gender discrimination within the workplace and on hiring
- poverty wages
- excessive production demands and
- severe discrimination and repression of trade unions.

Banana Link is fundraising to support the organising, education, legal and advocacy work of this union. Please

support their work to enable banana workers to exercise their right to safe and secure working conditions free from discrimination and exploitation.

SITAG-Peru's priorities for the next year are:

- Gathering affiliation fees from members to secure financial autonomy
- Increasing women's membership and involvement in union activities
- Training programme for young leaders and women leaders at branch level
- Securing a higher proportion of permanent contracts across the industry
- Preparing collective bargaining agenda(s) with the membership
- Achieving better dialogue with key producer associations

SITAG-Peru has recently received funding from the UNISON International Development Fund, UNISON West Midlands and the GMB International Solidarity Fund. Additional funding will increase the union's capacity to secure Decent Work for agricultural workers in Peru.

Please support this work by making a donation. 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
- Follow us on **Twitter** and like our page on **Facebook**.

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