

Appendix C: Abuses Documented by Human Rights Watch

Number of domestic workers interviewed: 65
Ages of domestic workers interviewed: 20-53

Because of the limited time some domestic workers had to participate in an interview, a few were unable to respond to all of the points below. Some women were still in their debt repayment period and therefore could not answer questions about whether they received their wages regularly. The numbers presented here most likely under-represent the actual number of abuses against the sixty-five women interviewed.

Abuse experienced from an employment agent	Number of interviewees
Six or more months of initial pay cut from salary	37
Threats, confiscation of personal items, overcharging, refusal to remove from abusive workplace, or physical abuse	27

Working conditions and abuses experienced from a current or former employer	Number of domestic workers
Reported twelve or more hours of work per day	51
Reported sixteen or more hours of work per day	32
Reported one rest day per week	7
Reported one to two rest days per month*	21
Reported no rest days	31
Did not receive full salary	12
Reported verbal abuse or threats	33
Reported physical abuse	13
Reported sexual abuse	6
Reported inadequate food	15
Restrictions on leaving the workplace	29
Conditions amounting to forced labor, debt bondage	15

* Several of these workers reported receiving one rest day per month only after six months to two years of employment.