

### **Statement by NIHR on International Workers' Day**

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On May 1 every year, the Kingdom of Bahrain joins the international community in celebrating the International Workers' Day in recognition of workers' efforts and in honour of their sincere hands and contributions in various labour sectors. This day represents a valuable opportunity to shed light on the enormous sacrifices made by workers, and the great achievements they make, as they are one of the most important axes of production and sustainable development.

On this occasion, the NIHR commends the measures taken by the Kingdom of Bahrain to support and protect workers during COVID-19, especially the royal directives to implement the systems of working-from-home for working mothers, raise the percentage of work-from-home in ministries and government bodies to 70%, and launch a financial and economic package to provide the necessary liquidity to the private sector to deal with the effects of the current conditions to address COVID-19.

On this occasion, the NIHR extends its sincere congratulations and thanks to all workers in the world in general, and Bahrain workers in particular, for their strenuous efforts, as they are the basis for the country's renaissance and construction and the precious treasure that should be preserved for the development and building of the nation.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it follows-up and monitors the extent of commitment to the international agreements and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the promotion and protection of the rights of employees and employers through cooperation with all concerned parties of society, in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 8 on "Decent Work and Economic Growth".