



Beyond the criminal justice response,

what are alternative ways to address exploitation of migrant workers?



Adopt a more migrant-centred lens

Some recommendations:

Use civil law suits to hold employers and recruitment agencies to account

Lobby recruitment agencies and work with brokers to improve accountability to labour migrants

Advance social protections in destination countries

Tailor responses to the local political economy

Some recommendations:

Consider the human rights implications of criminal justice efforts and be realistic about what it is possible for criminal justice to achieve in a given context

Support civic space in differentiated ways

Put regulation of Special Economic Zones on the regional agenda

Recognise and address systemic drivers

Some recommendations:

Lobby and advocate for stronger labour standards with governments and in regional fora

Work with 'positive outliers' – eg employers willing to improve workplace standards

Drive legislative and policy change in donor countries to ensure companies and their supply chains meet high labour standards



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