

LABOUR RIGHTS INDEX 2020



LIMITED ACCESS TO DECENT WORK

QUICK FACTS



Southern Africa



Female Labour Force 48.7% (2019)



Minimum Wage MWK 25,000 per month \$33.87 per month (2020)



Income Group Low Income



Total Fertility Rate 4.2 (2018)



Living Wage (Standard family)



Population 18.62 M (2019)



Informal Employment 67.2% (2018)



Non-Standard Employment

A: 52.5% (2013) B: 70.2% (2013)

51.5% (2016) Source: World Bank;

International Labour Organization;

Poverty Headcount[§]

Labour Force

8.07 M (2019)

GDP per Capita

\$411.60 (2019)

LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE



Indicator Score^{*} Indicator Score 1. Fair Wages 80 6. Safe Work Minimum wage (statutory or negotiated) Personal protective equipment (free of cost) Regular wage Training on health and safety Overtime premium (≥125%) Restriction on work (prejudicial to health of mother or child) Weekly rest work compensation (time-off) **Employment injury benefits** Night work premium 2. Decent Working Hours 80 7. Social Security General working hours (≤48 hours per week) Old age pension Maximum working hours (≤56 hours per week) Survivors' pension Weekly rest (≥24 hours) **Unemployment benefits** Paid public holidays Sickness benefits (≥ 6 months) Annual leave (≥3 working weeks) Invalidity benefits 100 3. Employment Security 8. Fair Treatment Written employment contract 0 Prohibition of employment discrimination Fixed term contract (≤5 years) Equal remuneration for work of equal value Probation period (≤3 months) **3** Prohibition of sexual harassment Termination notice period (1 month) Absence of restrictions on women's employment Severance pay (≥14 days per year of service) Basic labour protections for gig workers 4. Family Responsibilities 9. Child and Forced Labour 75 Parental leave Prohibition on child labour (≤15 years) Paternity leave (≥1 week) Age (employment entry > compulsory schooling) Flexible working arrangements Prohibition on hazardous work for under 18 **3** Nursing breaks Prohibition on forced labour 10 Trade Union 5. Maternity at Work 40 100 Prohibition on inquiring about pregnancy Right to unionise **(2)** Maternity leave (≥14 weeks) Right to collective bargaining 8 Right to strike Cash maternity benefits (≥66.67% of former wage) Prohibition on replacing striking workers Source of maternity benefits (social insurance or state financing) **3** Protection from dismissals (pregnancy/maternity) **2**

- ♦ Non-Standard Employment has been defined as Part-Time Employment (A) and Temporary Employment (B)
- § Proportion of population living below the national poverty line (%), as measured under SDG 1.2.1
- ¶ Share of informal employment in non-agriculture (%), as measured under SDG 8.3.1