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## "We need US\$177"



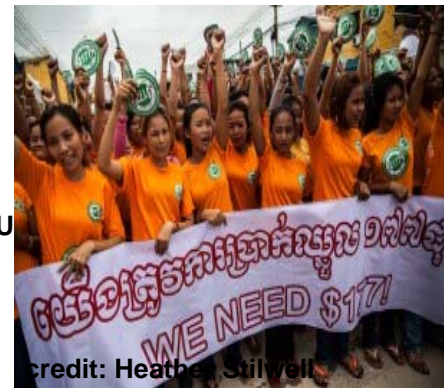
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On September 17th, Cambodian garment workers in 139 factories in 52 areas took part in demonstrations calling for an increase in the minimum wage to US\$177. 10,000 workers wore t-shirts with the US\$177 demand printed on and 100,000 stickers were distributed across the countries capital, Phnom Penh. In solidarity activists from New Jersey to Melbourne via Geneva and Brussels, also took part in actions calling for an immediate increase in the minimum wage.

*"Brands continue to squeeze the already small profit margins. It is high time brands take their responsibility and tackle the issue which lies at the heart of our protests: a living wage. The wage hike to US\$177 is one step into that direction."*

Ath Thorn, C.CAWDU

Since late 2013 [Cambodian](#) Workers have been demanding an increase in the minimum wage in order to take crucial steps towards the payment of a living wage. In early January wage struggles escalated when police and military cracked down on wage protests and 23 workers were arrested. CCC have been supporting the Cambodian workers in their struggle throughout the year you can read more [here](#)



credit: Heather Stilwell

**The wage board in Cambodia is set to reconvene again in October. The Cambodian unions are joining together today to demand a raise in the minimum wage to US\$177 with immediate effect.**

On September 17 tens of thousands of workers across Cambodia took action, wearing t-shirts with the US\$177 demand at their work benches and calling on key brands in Cambodia including H&M to take immediate action to commit to paying the US\$177 and committing to stay in Cambodia before the Wage Board meets.

You can see photos of events as they happened [here](#).

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