



Qatar is a leader in the Arab world in supporting human rights within Qatar and humanitarian causes abroad. Qatar coordinates with international watchdogs and other institutions to understand shortcomings in its domestic policy and continuously improve its standard for human rights. The country's National Human Rights Committee plays an integral role in this mission, publishing detailed reports on human rights within Qatar and advising legislation to improve them.

1. Qatar is the first country in the Arabian Gulf to guarantee **asylum to political refugees**. The policy had been praised by Sarah Leah Whitson, the Executive Director of Human Rights Watch's Middle East and North Africa division.
2. Qatar is also the first country in the Arabian Gulf to offer **permanent residency rights to expats**. Permanent residency status allows expats access to Qatar's welfare system and commercial rights generally reserved for Qatari citizens.
3. Qatar is home to the **National Human Rights Committee (NHRC)**, an independent advisory group dedicated to identifying any human rights abuses within the country and advising the government on corrective measures. The NHRC is independent of the Qatari government and is a member of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).
4. Qatar has **abolished the exit visa requirement** for migrant workers, a critical reform in dismantling the kafala system.
5. Qatar has a **minimum wage**, a **Wage Protection System**, and a **ten-hour workday** that includes time for worship and rest.
6. The **International Labor Organization (ILO)** has an office in Qatar. The ILO, an agency within the United Nations, was invited to Qatar to help monitor the conditions of workers in Qatar and provide advisory guidance for legislation and enforcement to promote workers' welfare.
7. World Cup construction workers can report any labor abuses through a **confidential grievance hotline** with support in six languages.
8. Qatar has an especially **empowering culture for women**, who outnumber men in higher education. Qatar's female labor participation rate is the highest in the Arab world.
9. As of October 2017, Qatar has **donated \$2.4 billion in humanitarian aid to Syrians**. The Education Above All Foundation has also helped provide education to 1.2 million Syrian children.
10. Qatar supports **international negotiations as a regional facilitator**, hosting talks between the U.S. and the Taliban, at the U.S.'s request.

