

FACT SHEET

- Guatemala is a small Central American country with a population of **15.4 million people**
- It is the most **dangerous** country to be a trade unionist, according to the ITUC
- Less than **2%** of all working people **belong to a union**
- 8 in 10 workers are in the **informal economy**
- 62% of all cultivated land is used for exports such as **bananas and sugarcane**. Only 30% is used to feed the Guatemalan people



The tide is turning...

After 25 years of systemic and institutionalised anti-worker and anti-union policies, we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel.

Through consistent and unwavering pressure from the international union movement, the Guatemalan government accepted to discuss with unions ways to eradicate impunity and respect freedom of association.

