SPAIN – update from FeSP-UGT – 15 April

Actions have been taken on several fronts.

UGT Confederal:

In March a joint document was drawn up by the UGT and CCOO trade unions and the CEOE and CEPYME business organisations to tackle, by means of extraordinary measures, the labour problems generated by the incidence of the new type of coronavirus, which was presented to the Government.

https://www.ugt.es/sites/default/files/propuestas conjuntas coronavirus parrafo1.pdf

On March 30th we contributed along with CCOO, the Ministry of Labour and a significant number of Prevention Services to a document, "Procedure for action by the Occupational Risk Prevention Services in the face of exposure to SARS-COV 2". On April 8, this document was updated but UGT and CCOO did not sign it as they considered that some groups that we considered to be at risk were excluded.

Press release of April 7 proposing a State Pact for the National Health System: https://ugt.es/ugt-propone-un-pacto-de-estado-para-el-sistema-de-salud

Other recent initiatives:

16 March

• UGT report and press release denouncing situation of workers in home care

17 March

- Letter to secretary-general of health to report the lack of PPE for all health care personnel, including those who work in hospital health care settings
- Letter to state secretary of social rights calling for PPE for all workers in social services, residences and home care

18 March

 UGT report and press release demanding ministry of health take urgent measures to protect workers in the sector

23 March

- Further letter to secretary general for health demanding that all staff in sector be tested
- UGT report and press release on testing for all staff

March 25

• UGT report with new demand for PPE for all health workers

27 March

Video sent to media asking for PPE for health sector and assistance for elderly

1 April

 Press release on lack of PPE for all health workers who work within one metre of infected patients

2 April

 New video calling for protection measures for health sector and for assistance for elderly set to media UGT press release alerting to impact of delay in providing personal protective equipment on health, care and other health staff

7 April

- Joint (FeSP-UGT, FEFE AND UTF) communication on material to protect patients
- Collaboration in press release: "UGT proposes a state pact for the health system"
- Opinion piece for international health day: "Individual and community health, its value and the right to health care

An article entitled "UGT appeals to reason to face the health crisis and highlights the role of Primary Care" has been published in a specialized media: https://www.actasanitaria.com/ugt-razon-crisis/

EPHF-UGT Secretariat for Women and Social Policies

An information campaign called "FeSP-UGT answers your questions" has been launched, consisting of a series of infographics that are being updated.

https://www.fespugt.es/sectores/ertes-bajas-y-dudas-covid-19/noticias/26966-preguntas-y-respuestas-ayuda-a-domicilio

Legislation

To date, the Government has published a Royal Decree 463/2020 in the Official State Gazette declaring the state of alarm, 13 Ministerial Orders and a Resolution to guarantee the quality of the centres and services of the System for Autonomy and Care for Dependency (SAAD).