

Response to the Report Published by the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

The Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) is committed to transparency on all FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ projects and responded to questions from the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC) on 14/03/2020, regarding the measures we are taking to protect our workers during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The report published by BHRCC has taken some of the SC's responses out of context and in some cases misinterpreted them which the SC would like to clarify.

The report refers to the SC as “the Qatari organisation in charge of worker welfare on World Cup projects”. The SC is the organisation responsible for the delivery of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 infrastructure, including stadiums and training sites, as well as the tournament's host country planning and operations. The report further highlights workers are being relocated to SC compliant accommodation and questions why they were not in compliant accommodation in the first place. To clarify, all SC workers are mandated by the SC Workers' Welfare Standards to be housed in SC compliant accommodation. There were some workers living in accommodation alongside workers employed on non-SC projects. The relocation refers to moving SC workers to accommodations exclusively catering to SC projects as a prevention measure. Regarding shortage of (PPE) masks, we would like to clarify that the use of personal scarves and bandanas has been endorsed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a good alternative to face masks for non-medical staff when there is a shortage.

The report further raises questions on proper nutrition for workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note that the SC monitors the health and well-being of all its workers, ensuring that they have access to proper nutrition. The list of food items outlined by our in-house doctor refers to foods and drinks that need to be supplied to workers to increase the potency of the immune system and avoiding others that may suppress it, all part of our ongoing efforts to provide proper nutrition.

As the whole world rises to face the unprecedented threat of this disease, the SC will continue to take all necessary measures to protect the health and safety of all construction workers and staff. Qatar remains committed to utilizing the FIFA World Cup™ as a platform to deliver long-term and sustainable positive change, particularly when it comes to workers' welfare.