Agreement signed for harvest temporary workers affected by climate emergency in Metán

At the Casa Rosada, Jorge Capitanich, Cabinet Chief; Carlos Tomada, Minister of Labour; and Juan Manuel Urtubey, Salta Governor; signed an agreement aimed at promoting steps to sustain jobs for blueberry harvest temporary workers, in the face of the climate emergency in San José de Metán city.

By means of this agreement, around 2,200 workers in the blueberry harvest will be paid an ARS 1,100 allowance in December and January after the emergency is declared as a result of the 18 October’s storm and its impact on blueberry growing.

Workers concerned shall prove the following: that they had worked in agricultural activities in October and(or) November 2013, in the blueberry harvest previous period; that they have worked less than 9 months over the past twelve months of data available in the SIPA retirement and pension benefits system.

In turn, the purpose of the agreement signed is that both ministries carry out jointly dissemination and training activities associated with the Law No. 26390 to Prevent and Child Labour and Protect Adolescent Work.

Agreements to sustain jobs in the face of climate emergencies temporarily cover those permanent and (or) temporary workers of small and medium agricultural establishments highly affected by the contingency.

Between 2013 and this year, the Nation’s Ministry of Labour has provided financial support to 30,000 workers across the country affected by the inclemency of weather through its Inter Harvest Programme.

The meeting was attended by Eduardo Costello, Salta’s Ministry of Labour; Matías Barroetaveña, Nation’s Secretary of Employment; and Sebastián Agostini, Coordinator of Competitiveness and Economic Development. Workers’ representatives were present as well.