



# Migrant workers installing photovoltaic panels

Should solar energy manufacturers be forced to work in foreign countries?

The Solar Energy Manufacturing for America Coalition, which represents solar manufacturers based in the United States, has said that forced labor in foreign countries highlights the need for more domestic production.

Are migrant workers victims of forced labor?

First Solar panels in the Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County, Calif., in March 2023. Bing Guan/Bloomberg First Solar, a leading U.S. solar panel manufacturer, said on Tuesday that an audit had found that migrant workers in its operations in Malaysia were victims of forced labor.

Do solar panels have forced labor?

Ms. Murphy provided analysis for one of the recent reports on forced labor in the solar panel supply chain. Walk Free, an international human rights group, estimates that 50 million people around the world lived under forced labor conditions in 2021, about 10 million more than in 2016.

Do Rural solar PV projects impact households' livelihood?

In the view of the whole life cycle of sustainable livelihoods, this paper probes into the internal logic by which rural solar PV projects impact households' livelihood and reveals the heterogeneity in the poverty reduction path of PPAPs for the families with different characteristics and different cognitive dimensions.

Does first solar use forced labor?

First Solar said it will perform periodic reviews to ensure the subcontractors are not using forced labor. It will also limit work weeks at the facility to 60 hours and require workers take at least one day off every week.

Is the demand for clean solar panels outstripping the supply?

"The demand for clean panels is outstripping the supply," Laura T. Murphy, a professor of human rights and contemporary slavery at Sheffield Hallam University in England, said during a recent interview. Ms. Murphy provided analysis for one of the recent reports on forced labor in the solar panel supply chain.

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