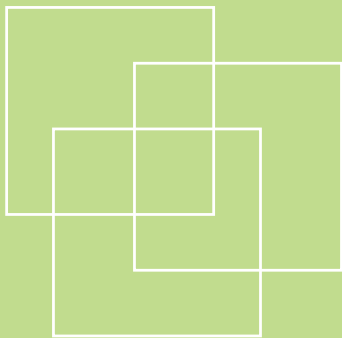




Safety and Health in Hazardous Work in Viet Nam

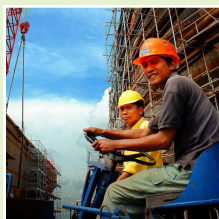


AT A GLANCE

- **Main partner**
Bureau for Safe Work, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA), Viet Nam
- **Donor**
Japanese Government
- **Duration**
2012 - 2014
- **Target beneficiaries**
Occupational safety and health officials and labour inspectors in five selected target provinces and those in central government, and employers and workers, in particular, in small and medium-sized enterprises, either in formal and in informal sector as well as in rural workplaces.
- **Geographical focus**
Central government, Bac Kan, Hai Phong, Ha Tinh, Quang Ngai and Dong Nai provinces.



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PROJECT CONTEXT

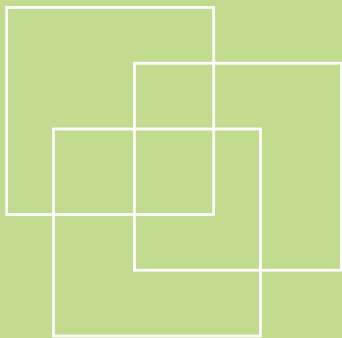
Protecting workers from occupational accidents and diseases and promoting safe and healthy working environments are becoming increasingly important in the Vietnamese Government's agenda.

The reported occupational accidents in Viet Nam rose by more than 8 times to 6,777 cases in 2012 from 840 cases in 1995. The number of fatalities also surged to 606 cases from 264 within the period.

It is believed that the actual numbers of accidents and fatalities are much higher because many cases that happen in small workplaces are often not reported.

In Viet Nam, construction, mining, and chemical sectors are among the top hazardous industries because of their high occupational injury rates and potentials to cause major industrial accidents. Workers in these industries are also prone to work-related diseases.





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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aims to promote occupational safety and health in Viet Nam through the effective implementation of policy framework in hazardous industries and encouraging vulnerable people to ensure sustainable occupational safety and health practices. Its immediate objectives include:

- Improving the implementation of occupational safety and health standards in hazardous industries (construction, mining and chemical) in Viet Nam in the framework of the second National Occupational Safety and Health Programme.
- Preventing occupational health hazards and risks including asbestos and chemicals in hazardous industries in Viet Nam in cooperation with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Occupational safety and health legal frameworks strengthened to address the hazardous industries through promoting tripartite consultation and discussion on technical and legal interventions;
- National occupational safety and health training systems to construction workers developed;
- Inspection tools and systems to mining strengthened and strategic inspection implemented;
- Chemical safety standards upgraded in line with ILO Chemical Convention;
- National survey on the use of hazardous substances including asbestos carried out in cooperation with the WHO and the MOH;
- The policy to ban asbestos in line with ILO Asbestos Resolution promoted;
- Capacity of workers and employers built to reduce risks by hazardous substances including asbestos;
- Occupational injury and disease reporting systems strengthened in conjunction with the development of the National Employment Injury Insurance System;
- Hazardous sectors in small businesses, informal economy workplaces and agriculture identified and adequate occupational safety and health protection extended by ILO's participatory training programmes.

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