



# Remediation Coordination Cell

## RCC for Bangladesh ready-made garment industry

Following the Rana Plaza collapse in April 2013, the immediate priority was to inspect all export-oriented ready-made garment (RMG) factories of Bangladesh for structural, fire and electrical safety.

Two buyer groups, the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety and the Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety inspected factories from which their members source garment products.

The remaining factories were assessed by a National Initiative supported by the International Labour Organization (ILO) with funding from Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

With the completion of inspections in December 2015 emphasis switched to remediation. Factory owners are now required to carry out remediation based on the findings of the inspection reports and Corrective Action Plans (CAP)s.

A Remediation Coordination Cell (RCC) established in 2017 is now verifying that this work has been completed for garment factories under the National Initiative.

### Why is RCC important?

The operation of the RCC marks a major step towards improving workplace safety in the RMG industry.

RCC is a concrete manifestation of efforts to institutionalize safety reforms which will ultimately benefit all sectors.

The RCC is contributing to building the capacity of national regulators as well as collaboration between them.

Ultimately, the entity which the RCC evolves into will take responsibility for relevant workplace safety issues once support from the Accord, Alliance and development partners ends.

### Who staff the RCC?

The RCC is staffed by seconded members of national regulatory bodies including:



Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments (DIFE)



Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD)



Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK)



Public Works Department (PWD)



Office of the Electrical Adviser & Chief Electric Inspector (EACEI)



Chittagong Development Authority

Initially, they are being supported by private sector engineers hired to provide technical expertise for remediation follow up.

## What is the vision of RCC?

The longer term vision is for the RCC to evolve into an industrial safety unit or agency that provides a one-stop-shop service.

Any entrepreneur would then be able to obtain all licenses needed to establish a factory from a single window.

This will support safety, efficiency and transparency and contribute to an improved investment climate.

Ultimately the RCC will benefit all industries and workers across Bangladesh.

## Who are the RCC stakeholders?

The RCC has been established through the collaboration of the

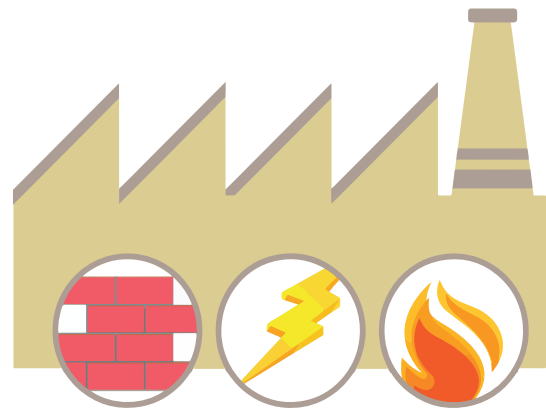
- Government of Bangladesh
- Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)
- Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA)

Trade unions and international buyers have been consulted on its development while technical support is provided by the ILO with funding from Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

## What does the RCC do?

The RCC is a temporary unit focused on overseeing the remediation process of National Initiative factories.

This involves monitoring the implementation of Corrective Action Plans (CAP)s including those with Detailed Engineering Assessment (DEA) requirements.



The RCC will help facilitate knowledge transfer from the Accord and Alliance and build capacity of government officials for a sustainable inspection system.

For more info visit: <http://rcc.dife.gov.bd>