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# High Level Forum



# Year in Review

Since emerging as a global crisis in early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has had profound impacts everywhere. It has also impacted the work of the Vision Zero Fund and that of our global partners.

Nevertheless, we were able to continue to mobilize the best ideas and the most committed partners – globally and locally – to activate smarter solutions to the challenge of worker safety and health.



OCTOBER 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020

# Key Accomplishments



*Above: Training material validation with project partners in Lao PDR, Nov. 2019*

*Left: Ergonomically designed sorting table in Myanmar, Oct. 2019*

## KEY RESULTS SINCE 2016

5.6 million workers benefited (directly and indirectly)

8 countries on 3 continents impacted

100+ tools and knowledge products developed in over 10 languages

10 development partners

USD 28 million invested in improving OSH in GSCs

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

We contributed to numerous high-level events – including a briefing to G20 members – attended by nearly 1,200 policymakers and stakeholders, and published over 100 tools and knowledge products on safety and health in global supply chains. The G20 Labour and Employment Ministers welcomed us as an important instrument to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic in global supply chains, and to better prepare for future public emergencies, and ILO's Governing Body recognised us as one of the “most prominent” programmes in global supply chains that “has helped improve compliance with core ILO standards and national legislation, while also increasing the competitiveness of enterprises.”

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

We reallocated funding and secured new funding to provide technical and financial resources to our partners, including a COVID-19 checklist for SMES (translated into nine languages); a guide for preventing and mitigating COVID-19 in agriculture, which was widely disseminated and implemented by constituents in Latin America, Asia and Europe; and a COVID-19 rapid needs assessment tool for developing response plans. We also expanded our reach by partnering with the ILO-IFC Better Work programme to implement COVID-19 relief measures in the garment supply chain in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia and Vietnam.

## IN ETHIOPIA

▶ **40,593** garment workers benefited from improved knowledge and advice on safety and health

In collaboration with the Better Work Programme, we participated in 22 unannounced assessments and 121 advisory visits to garment factories, resulting in 22 factory improvement plans.

- We provided support to labour inspectors to enforce compliance with laws and regulations on COVID-19 and supported awareness-raising campaigns.
- We conducted disinfection training for 86 cleaning crews in factories that cover a total of 331,494 m<sup>2</sup> of production floor.
- We assisted the labour inspectorate to develop strategic compliance plans to achieve improved compliance outcomes despite limited financial and human resources.
- 1200+ workers, line supervisors, managers and operators received training on OSH, workplace cooperation, and rights and responsibilities, among others.

## IN LAO PDR

▶ **100%** of project pilot factories established bipartite workplace OSH committees  
All 10 project pilot factories established bipartite OSH committee to facilitate social dialogue on safety and health

- 80 trained farmers in the project pilot villages implemented one or more OSH workplace improvement measure
- We assisted the Lao Social Security Organisation (LSSO) in reforming its inspection practices, including developing new guidelines and establishing a social security inspection task team.
- We increased the knowledge of labour inspectors on OSH hazards and risks in the garment and agriculture sectors, provided targeted training on OSH inspection skills, and provided technical input on a national OSH Decree

## IN MEXICO

▶ **5** virtual courses developed to introduce OSH protocols

These protocols with an emphasis on COVID-19 were developed in coordination with the Mexican Association of the coffee production chain and the National Association of Coffee Industries.

- We produced a COVID-19 prevention and mitigation guide for the agricultural sector that was adopted by the Government. Video and radio spots were produced to ensure that the messages reached workers in the field.

## IN HONDURAS

▶ **A virtual OSH course delivered to 47** organizations, companies, & cooperatives

In coordination with the Honduran Council of Private Enterprise (COHEP) and with the support of the Central American Technological University, we developed a virtual course on OSH and COVID-19, with a focus on the agriculture and coffee sectors. The course will be promoted in other countries and adapted to other sectors.

- In coordination with COHEP and the Honduran Coffee Institute, we developed a practical guide for preventing and mitigating COVID-19 in agriculture and in the coffee value chain. The guide informed the development of national COVID-19 protocols in a number of agricultural sub-sectors.

## IN COLOMBIA

▶ **165** agricultural technicians, coffee growers & exporters participated in a course on the prevention and mitigation of COVID-19

With the support of the Colombian Safety Council, we developed a virtual course on the prevention and mitigation of COVID-19. To promote south-south learning, the course was also delivered to 176 members of Peru's National Labour Inspectorate.

- We published a study on perceptions of and good practices on occupational accidents and illnesses in the Colombian coffee sector.

## IN MADAGASCAR

▶ **245** labour inspectors and controllers trained

An OSH training curriculum developed by the ILO was delivered to a 12-person labour inspectors' task force, who in turn used a training-of-trainer approach to train 245 of their colleagues.

- We supported inspection visits to 687 businesses with more than 19,000 workers to help improve safety and hygiene measures.
- Labour inspectors and the National Social Security Fund through a joint "social protection task force" visited garment factories encompassing 558 employers and 12,172 workers.
- We published a comprehensive assessment of drivers and constraints for OSH improvements in the global textile supply chain from Madagascar.
- With our support, employers registered 1,335 seasonal workers in the lychee supply chain with local inter-enterprise medical services, a significant increase over the previous year.

## IN MYANMAR

▶ **198,000** workers benefit from new streamlined employment injury insurance procedures

We developed and piloted a set of streamlined procedures for submission of employment injury claims, which resulted in a 50% reduction in processing time, and a significant reduction in the number of steps and documents required to submit claims for occupational accidents and injuries. The new streamlined procedures were piloted in two townships and benefitted 198,000 workers, 141,000 of whom are garment workers. It is expected to be rolled out nationwide in 2021.

- We worked with numerous partners on a campaign focused on ensuring that workers could return safely to work during the COVID-19 pandemic. By late 2020, the campaign page had been visited 4 million times. The campaign also produced an animated music video by popular Myanmar singer Mi Sandi that reached an additional 1.3 million people and was broadcast numerous times on the national state television channel.
- We recruited 74 master trainers (54% women) from several trade unions to train 800 garment workers on COVID-19.
- We supported the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department (FGLLID) in drafting enabling regulations for the new OSH Law.

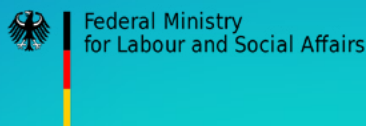
## ABOUT THE VISION ZERO FUND

The Vision Zero Fund looks beyond the ordinary to find real answers to the global challenge of worker safety and health, aiming to create a world with zero workplace deaths, accidents, and disease.

Established in 2016, the Vision Zero Fund works in eight countries on three continents and covers three sectors: garment, agriculture, and construction. We work directly with over 60 partners, including donors, national governments, and employers and workers organisations. We have helped to improve the health safety of more than 5.6 million workers, and provided training and consultation to over 40,000 government officials, employers, and workers.

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