A GLOBAL PROGRAMME FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

Safety + Health for All directly supports member states in implementing key ILO Conventions including the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health, 2006 (No. 187), the Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155), the Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161) and the Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), as well as other international instruments including Safety and Health in Construction, 1988 (No. 167) and Safety and Health in Agriculture, 2001 (No. 184).

Safety + Health for All is making a significant contribution to the 2030 Agenda with regards to the Sustainable Development Goal on decent work and economic growth. It protects labour rights and promotes safe and secure working environments for all workers, by strengthening the national capacities to achieve reductions in work-related deaths, injuries and disease coupled with actions that create a culture of prevention. Safety + Health for All further contributes to SDGs on good health and well-being and on responsible consumption and production.

SAFER, HEALTHIER WORK. TOGETHER.

To learn more about how we can build a culture of worker safety and health, together, visit us at www.ilo.org/labadmin-osh

VISION ZERO FUND

As an integral part of the ILO Safety + Health for All flagship programme, the Vision Zero Fund strives to realize the goal of zero work-related fatalities and severe injuries and diseases in selected global supply chains. The Fund aims at increasing collective public and private action to foster and enhance concrete OSH prevention activities in selected businesses operating in low- and middle-income countries, using tools and intervention models developed under the global programme.

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Safe, Healthy Work Is Everyone’s Right
Safe and healthy work is a fundamental human right and a foundation of sustainable development. Yet, 2.78 million workers die each year from occupational accidents and work-related diseases and another 374 million suffer from non-fatal occupational accidents and work-related diseases. In addition to incalculable human suffering, lost workdays represent almost 4% of the world’s annual GDP. Chemical, biological and other hazardous emissions from work processes deteriorate both the worker’s health and the surrounding air, water, food and land. These environmental risks contribute to climate change which in turn negatively affects workers’ health. Urgent action must be taken to address these risks.

Creating a Global Culture of Safety & Health
We are Safety + Health for All, a flagship programme of the ILO. Governments, employers, workers and other key stakeholders trust us as partners in developing and implementing solutions that work locally, and can be scaled globally, to create exponential improvements wherever they are needed. Safety + Health for All deploys necessary standards, disseminates actionable information, and implements innovative approaches to change attitudes and behaviours and create lasting, measurable change.

Safe, Knowledge + Health for All develops the methodologies and tools for collecting and analysing OSH information and data, and undertakes research to better understand the challenges to effective risk prevention. This includes estimating the work-related burden of diseases and injuries in collaboration with WHO, identifying constraints and drivers to improving OSH in global supply chains, and assessing OSH conditions and fundamental principles and rights at work in micro and small enterprises, notably in the informal economy.

Building Capacities
Safety + Health for All helps countries implement proactive systems-based approaches to occupational safety and health (OSH). Specific interventions include guidance and tools to support countries in drafting laws and regulations that effectively address OSH; implementing strategic intervention models for OSH compliance in the workplace; planning for improved occupational health services; upgrading and disseminating effective approaches to improve OSH in SMEs; scaling up and integrating OSH training in hazardous sectors; mainstreaming OSH into technical education and training, and strengthening employers’ and workers’ organizations’ capacities to address OSH issues.

Our Strategy

Our Objective: Reduce the Incidence of Work-Related Deaths, Injuries & Diseases

A Focused Approach

Safety + Health for All implements targeted solutions focusing on:

- Hazardous sectors, such as agriculture and construction
- Workers with higher vulnerability to occupational injuries and illnesses: young workers aged 15–24, women and migrant workers
- Small and medium enterprises
- Global Supply Chains

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Building Conductive National Frameworks
Safety + Health for All builds sound national legal and policy frameworks as the critical starting point for ensuring safe and healthy working conditions. To this end, we support governments to develop policies and programmes to strengthen national OSH systems and infrastructures to mitigate OSH risks and facilitate coordination among relevant actors. We also provide technical advice for the adoption of effective OSH legislation in line with international labour standards.

Building Demand for Safety & Health at Work
Safety + Health for All provides accessible and practical information to raise employers, workers and other stakeholders awareness and understanding about OSH hazards and risks in workplaces. Achievements include awareness raising materials and campaigns directed to young workers and employers, empowerment of young workers and entrepreneurs to drive improvements through the support of youth OSH champions, and the launch of a global action plan for young workers.

“Deaths, injuries and diseases from work are certainly not inevitable. We can and we must reduce and eliminate them. Precisely for these reasons, safety and health have been at the heart of the ILO from the outset.”

— Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General