

Strategic Sector Cooperation Denmark-Bangladesh

Improving the Health and Safety of Workers in Bangladesh through the Strengthening of Labour Authorities

Dialogue on Inspections and activation of Safety Committees

In September a brand new activity commenced. A good dialogue on inspections is crucial for securing effective interventions at the work place. Lea and Birgitte were together with a team of eight officials from DIFE. Together, they have developed a common understanding of the characteristics and importance of dialogue on inspections. The involvement of OSH committees in inspections was scrutinised.



Another team has finalised the Expert Development Program

August 2017, the General Accident Prevention Team of experts carried out the Pilot training. They trained two times 20 colleagues from district inspection offices. It is the second team to finalise their program.



One of the experts was Mahar, seen here with his certificate, the growth counsellor and the Danish trainer.

Important input to the design of a phase two

Some 20 people from the government, employers organisation, workers organisations and important NGOs met in Dhaka on 13 August. The objective was to discuss and develop ideas on how the project should proceed in a phase two. The participants delivered a number of excellent ideas, such as capacity building and campaigns. They will be a great help in the design and the application for a phase two of the project.



The project builds up capacity in ergonomics among trade unionist.

The project partners conducted a seminar on Ergonomics in the ready made garment sector for trade union representatives. This will enable the trade union representatives to better guide the Occupational Safety and Health Committees at the factories.



This is an exercise on the consequences of elevated arms and fixed working postures.

OSH Unit of DIFE is now re-established

The Inspector General has appointed 16 people to be members of the Occupational Safety and Health Unit (OSH Unit). The OSH Unit will be assisting the Inspector General on developing activities and events. Six of the members have followed a full Expert Development Program.

Inspection Standards for Ergonomics and for Construction Safety have been developed.

Two of the Specialist Development groups, (Ergonomics and Construction Safety) have drafted inspection standards during this quarter. The standards have been presented for the Additional Inspector General (Second in command of DIFE). The final endorsement will follow soon. The standards are written in both English and Bangla.

Plan for Quarter 4 - 2017:

1. Pilot Training program on Construction Safety will be developed and carried out.
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3. Seminar on Chemical Safety for Trade Union OSH officials.
4. Development of a training program and training materials on Ergonomics.
5. Steering Committee Meeting will be held in November