

Strategic Sector Cooperation Denmark-Bangladesh

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

Change of guard



DIFE has got a new Inspector General Mr. Shib Nath Roy. The project would like to thank the retired IG Mr. Md. Shamsuzzaman Bhuyian for good companionship while looking forward to working with Mr. Roy. Mr. Roy will chair the project steering committee alternating with the Danish chair Mr. Troels Danielsen.

Targeted inspections – a new way of working – with focus on certain risks in a certain sector in a selected district.

In May the first project with targeted inspections will take place. It will be targeting selected risks in the construction sector, e.g. risk of falling from heights and risk of electrocution. The project will take place in Dhaka District. The construction sector has been chosen because it is a very dangerous sector with big potential in prevention.

The project will train a selected group of DIFE inspectors in Dhaka District in inspection of construction sites, within the chosen focus areas. Hereafter the Dhaka district will keep the focus for 4 months, where a high number of construction sites will be inspected. After finishing the project, DIFE will use the gained experience in other districts.



Part of the concept is reaching out to the social partners as important partners, who can create a real impact in the sector. In this case it is the plan to have a cooperation with Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB) and Bangladesh Association of Construction Industries (BACI). Corresponding to this, a cooperation with relevant trade unions will be sought.

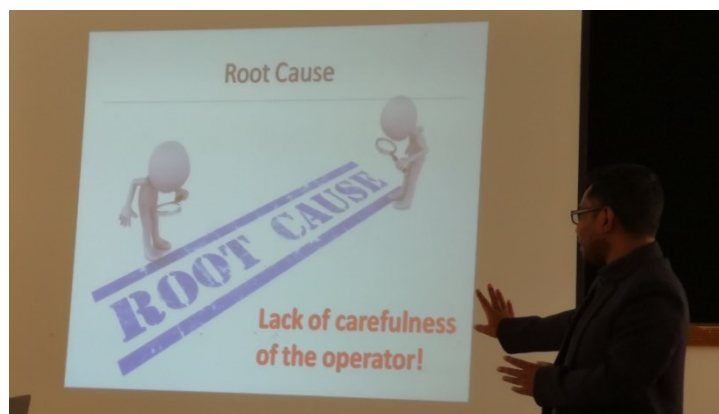
A manual for targeted inspections will be developed, and later on, the project will replicate the process in another sector and district, and with other relevant focus areas. It might be tanneries, ship breaking, rice mills or similar.

Steering Committee meeting 7 March

The first Steering Committee meeting in Phase 2 was held 7 March. The meeting went through the plans for Phase 2 with special attention on the internal training plan (DIFE2DIFE), the organisational position of OSH in DIFE and the coming OSH Institute.

Additional trainings

Due to a major participant turn over, an extra module on accident prevention was held in January. The Accident Prevention Team trained their own skills and held a pilot training of 20 DIFE colleagues in Narayanganj DIFE Office. An important message is explained below by the DIFE trainer: Do not attribute work accidents to the careless workers, but always dig deeper to find the root causes.



An extra training in training methods has also been held for new DIFE trainers included in the program.

Plan for Quarter 2 - 2019:

1. DIFE2DIFE training will start up.
2. Training on boiler safety – module 2
3. Targeted inspections in the construction sector – module 1
4. Seminar for the RMG sector on boiler safety