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Filling data and knowledge gaps on OSH in global supply chains A Vision Zero Fund project



Vision Zero Fund

The Vision Zero Fund (VZF), an initiative of the Group of Seven (G7) and endorsed by the G20, works to prevent work-related deaths, injuries and diseases in global supply chains (GSCs). To do so, the VZF involves a wide range of stakeholders to address the root causes of the most serious occupational safety and health (OSH) deficits in GSCs.

Currently, the VZF operates in eight countries (Colombia, Ethiopia, Honduras, Lao PDR, Madagascar, Mexico, Myanmar, and Vietnam) and in three supply chains: garment/textiles, agriculture, and construction.

A central component of the Vision Zero Fund strategy

As a central component of its strategy, the VZF seeks to improve the knowledge base on OSH and GSCs and the capacities to collect and analyse OSH data. Knowledge and data on OSH are essential for the development of effective strategies to ensure safer and healthier supply chains.

The Vision Zero Fund is administered and implemented by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and is part of the ILO's Flagship Programme "Safety + Health for All". As one of its strategic components, the Flagship programme strives to build the evidence base upon which effective legislation, policies and interventions are designed, implemented, monitored and evaluated.

Project objectives

To strengthen the VZF's overall approach, the Project seeks to ensure that:

- ▶ **Actionable knowledge** on OSH and GSCs is available to support public and private stakeholders' decision-making and to inform the development of industry-wide strategies to address the most persistent OSH challenges in a sustainable manner; and
- ▶ **Reliable, up-to-date, sex-disaggregated data** on the frequency of occupational fatal and non-fatal accidents, injuries and diseases in VZF project countries is available.

Actionable knowledge on OSH and GSCs

The knowledge gap

While GSCs have contributed to global economic growth and job opportunities, their impact on the safety and health of workers involved in supply chains in developing countries raises important concerns. Yet, research efforts focusing on OSH within GSCs are scarce and remain fragmented. Knowledge on entry points and successful initiatives to leverage the potential of GSCs to improve OSH is limited. VZF's research efforts are aimed at filling some of these knowledge gaps.

GSCs are undergoing profound changes driven by multiple **global disruptive and transformative forces**, including **climate change** and the recent **COVID-19 pandemic**. As a result, the Project will focus its research efforts on gaining a better understanding of the impact of these forces on OSH in GSCs.

Project activities to fill the gap:

- ▶ Develop and implement a strategy to conduct research on OSH and GSCs, following a **gender-sensitive** approach.
- ▶ Conduct **synthesis reviews** of all the available evidence on the drivers and constraints for OSH improvement and on workers vulnerability to occupational risks in the garment/textile and agriculture supply chains.

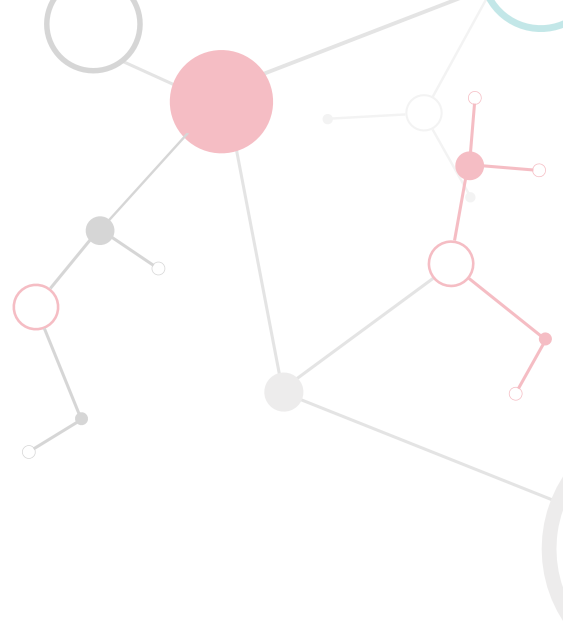
More reliable and gender-responsive data

The data gap

Globally, the available data and statistics on occupational injuries and diseases fail to provide a true picture of the scale and nature of the impact of OSH. Under-reporting of occupational accidents and diseases is common and national reporting systems frequently do not cover all workers such as those in the informal economy. Access to data that is more reliable is essential to raise awareness of the importance of OSH, to foster commitment, for the establishment of priorities, to inform OSH policies, and to develop strategies to prevent occupational accidents, injuries and diseases. VZF's efforts are aimed at improving OSH data collection and analysis of OSH statistics.

Project activities to fill the gap:

- ▶ Conduct a comprehensive mapping and analysis of the different types of surveys (such as household and enterprise surveys) to support countries in the development of such instruments to collect data on OSH.
- ▶ Develop two "quick guides" (i) one on interpreting OSH statistics; and (ii) another to enhance capacity of employers and workers to comply with their respective duties to report, record and notify occupational accidents, injuries and diseases.
- ▶ Support the development of the WHO/ILO joint estimates on the work-related burden of disease and injury.



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The project links directly to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8, and target 8.8 for the promotion of safe and secure working environments for all workers. To monitor progress towards SDG target 8.8, the Project contributes to increased capacity of ILO member States in reporting the frequency rates of fatal and non-fatal occupational injuries (indicator 8.8.1).

Learn more and participate

Individuals, researchers and organizations interested in participating in the Project, and in learning more about its activities, are invited to contact the Project Coordinator.

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