



**SAFETY  
HEALTH  
FOR ALL**



**100**  
SOCIAL JUSTICE  
DECENT WORK

# VISION ZERO FUND

**MAKING GLOBAL  
SUPPLY CHAINS  
SAFER**



# THE CHALLENGE

## EVERY YEAR...

2.78

million workers die from work-related injuries and diseases

160

million workers suffer from work-related diseases

313

million workers suffer from non-fatal injuries

60%

of the world's labour force is ineffectively protected against work-related accidents and illnesses

4%

of the world's GDP is lost as a consequence of work-related injuries and diseases



» I am very grateful to have the ILO as the implementing partner of the Vision Zero Fund«

German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the International Labour Conference 2019



» The Vision Zero Fund will help prevent and reduce the unacceptable number of workplace-related deaths, injuries and diseases. Gaining access to global supply chains can be an important part of strategies for poverty reduction. The Fund will help to make this route safer.«

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder at the G7 announcement of the Vision Zero Fund



» We encourage multinational companies and brands headquartered in G20 countries to support the Vision Zero Fund.«

Ministerial Declaration, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers, May 2017

# OUR WORK DESIGNED FOR ACTION

The Vision Zero Fund (VZF) is an initiative of the G7, and has been endorsed by the G20. The International Labour Organization (ILO) administers the Fund and implements its projects.

VZF brings together governments, employers' and workers' organizations, companies, and other stakeholders to advance towards the vision of achieving zero severe and fatal work-related accidents, injuries and diseases in global supply chains.

We contribute to the achievement of the following United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 3 (to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) and SDG 8 (to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all).

VZF works at global, country and workplace levels in two supply chains: garment and agriculture, but plan to expand to other global supply chains as the Fund grows and evolves

## PARTNERS & GOALS



### GLOBAL STAKEHOLDERS

Strengthened global, regional and national enabling environments for the promotion of safe and healthy working conditions



### GOVERNMENTS

Improved legal and policy frameworks to promote and enforce occupational safety and health, including an effective labour inspectorate and adequate employment injury insurance schemes



### EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS

More effective prevention, protection and compensation mechanisms for women and men working in targeted supply chains

The commitment of local stakeholders (governments, workers and employers) to collaborate with the VZF and to apply principles of relevant ILO OSH standards is a pre-condition for the VZF to operate in a country.

## WHERE WE WORK



# OUR APPROACH

## SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility for solving the most entrenched and persistent safety and health deficits in global supply chains is a shared one. The duty to act should not be placed on companies or governments alone. To implement the model of shared responsibility, the VZF addresses the following four critical components:

VZF uses its convening power to bring together public and private stakeholders at country and global levels to design and develop industry-wide strategies.

**1**  
**FACILITATE**  
**INDUSTRY-WIDE**  
**APPROACHES**

**2**  
**GAIN A FULL VIEW OF**  
**SAFETY AND HEALTH**  
**CHALLENGES IN**  
**SUPPLY CHAINS**

**3**  
**ASSESS COSTS**  
**AND COMMITMENTS**

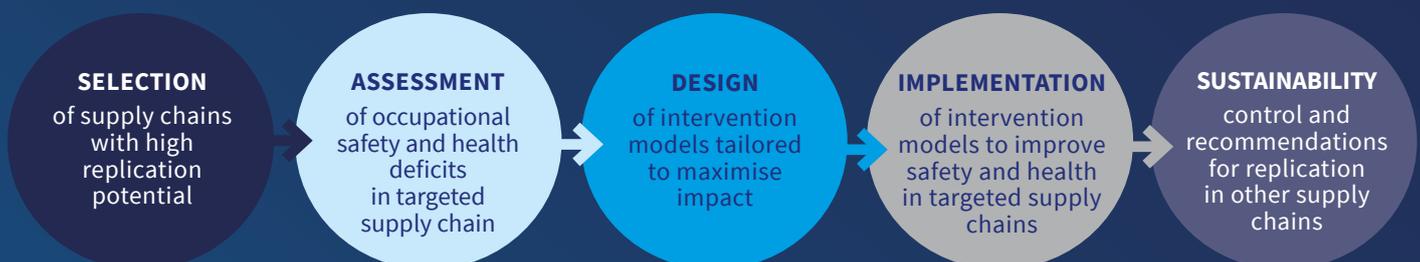
**4**  
**PROMOTE**  
**COOPERATIVE**  
**APPROACHES**  
**FOR ACTION**

All stakeholders, private and public, need to assume some level of responsibility for addressing both the regulatory and financial components of the model. VZF facilitates cooperative approaches based on an equitable sharing of responsibility for action among the key stakeholders, and formalizes such commitments.

The shared responsibility model requires an honest assessment of the true costs and commitments associated with addressing the identified OSH risks, recognizing that neither companies nor governments should assume the burden alone.

Achieving visibility over an entire supply chain is a necessary precondition for managing safety and health challenges at the various stages of production in the supply chain. VZF conducts in-depth assessments in order to design a unique set of interventions.

## OUR METHOD





## VISION ZERO FUND IN ACTION: THE CASE OF MYANMAR

The VZF project in Myanmar was launched in May 2017. On the basis of a comprehensive assessment of the safety and health needs of workers in the ginger and textile supply chains, targeted public and private actions are being implemented to improve working conditions as well as raise new business opportunities and increase productivity. In order to ensure local ownership and sustainability, a multi-stakeholder project consultation committee composed of relevant ministries, workers and employer organizations was established.

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- **Labour inspectorate** supported to fulfill their expanded mandate under the recently enacted Occupational Safety and Health Law.
- National Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) System strengthened by facilitating the development of a

business plan for the new **Tripartite National OSH Training Centre** in Myanmar through the involvement of all relevant stakeholders.

- **Employment injury scheme** improved by better awareness and access for workers. The piloting of the enhanced claim process is rolled out in two townships, covering over 100,000 insured workers, the majority of whom are garment factory workers.
- Ginger farmers connected with international buyers and **long-term market connections** facilitated.
- More than 1,000 ginger farmers in Shan State trained on good safety and health practices.
- More than 400 farmers trained on the **formation of cooperatives** that mainstream safety and health as part of their internal control systems.

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