



BETTER WORK
Bangladesh

ABOUT US

IN YOUR FACTORY

HOW WE WORK

We build capacity at your factory to improve working conditions, productivity and quality through labour-management cooperation. We partner with international buyers to support our work. We promote improvements in labour laws, enforcement, and interaction between government, employers' and workers representatives to improve fairness and stability in the labour market.

WHO WE ARE

A partnership programme between the International Labour Organization (the labour specialists of the United Nations) and the International Finance Corporation (the private sector development specialists of the World Bank).

WHAT WE DO

Improve the working conditions in, and the productivity, quality and competitiveness of factories in global supply chains.

WHERE WE WORK

The garment sectors of Bangladesh, Haiti, Indonesia, Jordan, Lesotho, Nicaragua and Vietnam and the garment and footwear sectors in Cambodia and Vietnam.

WHY PARTNER WITH US?

Working with Better Work can improve your bottom line by, for example reducing absenteeism, improving productivity, reducing buyer audit duplication, and improving worker satisfaction.

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

TRAINING

When you want to learn more about a specific issue of importance to you and your workers, such as fire safety or grievance procedures, we deliver training. This can be factory-specific or subject-specific, delivered for a single factory or a group of factories, and factory-based or classroom-based. Our training takes into account your production needs by ensuring manager and worker time off from production is limited.

FACTORY ASSESSMENTS

We undertake assessments and help you use self-assessments against a single set of standards that are the same for all factories that participate in our Bangladesh programme. These assessments help you and your workers identify problem areas and measure progress made in addressing them.

ADVISORY SERVICES

We work with you and your workers to help you identify, prevent and address areas for improvement in your factory. We help you build trust and communication between factory management and workers so that together, you can develop and implement plans for improving working conditions, productivity and quality.

HOW TRANSPARENCY HELPS YOU AND US

FACTORY REPORTS

Factory assessment reports provide you with an easy overview of progress made in making improvements and facilitate interaction with (potential) buyers. They are uploaded to our data management system so that you and your authorized buyers can access them whenever you want.

PUBLIC REPORTS

Public reports provide information on compliance levels and progress in compliance over time. They demonstrate progress on a factory-by-factory basis and progress made by all participating factories as a group, enabling tracking of factory and group performance. This helps you and the sector demonstrate your individual and combined commitment to improving working conditions in the garment sector in Bangladesh.

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

We work with internationally renowned researchers to look at the impact that we have by asking questions such as does participation in Better Work improve a factory's ability to attract high-end international buyers? and 'Is there evidence that participation in Better Work improves factory productivity?' If yes, great. If not, we will adjust what we do to ensure we improve our service delivery to you.

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