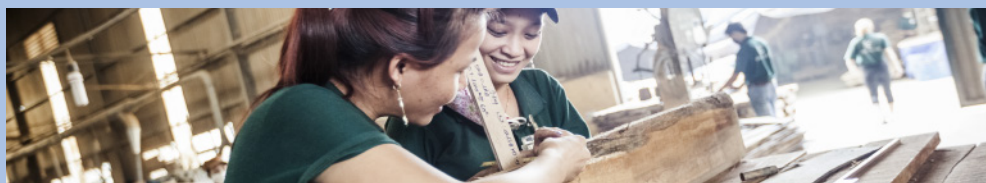


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PROJECT AT A GLANCE

→ Partners

- Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) with its HCM City branch;
- Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) and its provincial affiliates (DOLISAs);
- Viet Nam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL) and its provincial affiliates (FOLs);
- Bilateral chambers of commerce including EUROCHAM, sector business associations (national and international) and FDI firms/MNEs operating in Viet Nam;

→ Beneficiaries

- The ultimate beneficiaries are men and women working in the wood and seafood processing sectors;
- Officials in labour administration at national and provincial levels: Labour Inspectorate, DOLISAs (MOLISA);
- Social partners' organizations (VCCI and VGCL), business associations in wood and seafood processing sectors;
- Policymakers;
- Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and State-owned enterprises (SOEs) operating in the wood and seafood processing sectors;

→ Geographical focus

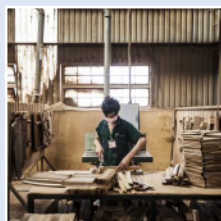
Hanoi and HCM City; provinces with large clusters of wood processing companies (Binh Duong, Binh Dinh, Dong Nai) and aquaculture/seafood processing companies (An Giang, Ca Mau, Can Tho, Dong Thap, Soc Trang, Khanh Hoa)

→ Donors

The European Union through the Partnership Instrument with co-funding from the ILO

→ Duration

June 2018 – December 2020



PROJECT CONTEXT

International production, trade and investments are increasingly organized within global supply chains while the global supply chains for many goods and services in the European Union are based in Asian countries, including Viet Nam.

Encouraging and ensuring corporate social responsibility (CSR) practices and responsible business conduct (RBC) among the business community for sustainable and inclusive growth, in line with international instruments such as the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration), continues to be an important agenda in the country especially when Viet Nam is committed to entering into a series of free trade agreements.

The implementation promotion of CSR/RBC also requires a politically conducive environment.

There are distinctive roles between government and businesses in promoting socially responsible labour practices.

This project will contribute towards equipping the stakeholders such as the officials from government agencies, policy makers, social partners' organizations including employers and workers representatives, engage in multi-stakeholder policy dialogues and to jointly advance decent work through promotion of socially responsible labour practices.



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PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The project **promotes CSR and responsible business conduct** with regard to the **environment, decent work** and the **respect of human rights**.

The overall objective of this action is to promote smart, sustainable and inclusive growth by supporting CSR/RBC practices and approaches adopted in global supply chains in Asia in line with international instruments such as the ILO's MNE Declaration. It is also to create policy environments conducive to promoting responsible conduct and increased opportunities for dialogue on challenges and opportunities. Ultimately, this project will contribute to enhancement of the long term CSR/RBC implementing capacity of business community in Viet Nam, to improving their market accessibility in the context of country's increasing integration into the international economy.

PROJECT OUTCOME/MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **Research:**

Two studies on employment and labour issues in wood and seafood processing sectors conducted. Challenges and the ways forward, including collaboration with MNEs, discussed in evidence-based dialogues aimed at defining areas of joint action in tackling the decent work challenges in the supply chains.

- **Outreach:**

A series of technical roundtable meetings and technical seminars and EU-ILO-OECD High-level Conference organized to promote the adherence to the international labour standards and internationally agreed CSR/RBC principles, and to foster multi-stakeholder partnerships.

- **Policy advocacy:**

A series of seminars conducted for state-owned enterprises, policy makers and parliamentarians on the labour dimension of CSR/RBC, and support provided to the activities of the Business Coalition on CSR and the National Tripartite-Plus CSR Platform including the development of advocacy materials on the labour dimension of CSR/RBC and the Vietnamese version of the ILO Helpdesk for Business on International Labour Standards. Training courses will be organized to strengthen the institutional and operational capacities.

- **Training:**

Trainings courses on CSR/RBC organized to strengthen the capacities of government, workers' and employers' organizations as well as business (MNEs and SMEs) in applying the principles of the MNE Declaration.

"Training of Trainers" organized to ensure project sustainability.

ILO tools translated into Vietnamese and rolled out through the training courses.

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