

Improving Workplace Compliance, Fostering Preventive OSH Culture



AT A GLANCE

- ➔ **Partner:**
Ministry of Emergency Management (MEM)
- ➔ **Donor:**
Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
- ➔ **Duration:**
November 2017 to October 2020
- ➔ **Target beneficiaries:**
Safety inspectorates, safety inspectors, safety institutions, safety practitioners, workers and employers
- ➔ **Geographical focus:**
China, Zhejiang Huzhou and Beijing Fangshan
- ➔ **Number of enterprises trained:** 500
- ➔ **Number of trainers trained:** 100



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

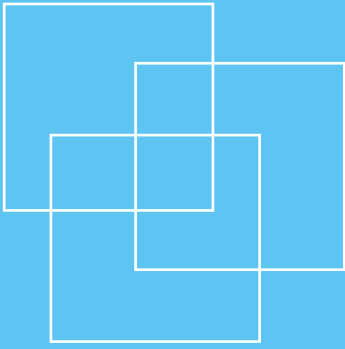
China's efforts in improving workplace safety and health in recent years, backed by top leadership, have yielded remarkable progress. The number of full-time labour inspectors has risen considerably and the reported fatality and injury rates in the most hazardous industries has fallen by a large margin.

However, challenges still remain in further promoting occupational safety and health (OSH) in the country. The hazardous manufacturing sectors with high occupational risks are still the main driver of growth. The increasingly complex employment relationships in a huge labour market pose major challenges to inspectors in handling compliance issues.

In the past several years, ILO supported the actions of the constituents in improving working conditions in the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) through the SCORE project. ILO also supported the efforts of the constituents to improve the OSH protection for health care workers.

Based on previous achievements and in consultations with the constituents and relevant partner organizations, the ILO will focus its interventions on improving workplace compliance through strengthening the service-orientation of labour and safety inspection and fostering a preventative safety culture. The ILO interventions will be grounded in promoting the ratification of key international labour conventions on safety and labour inspection.





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MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Commit to exploring strategy and tools to better assist SMEs to improve their compliance with laws and standards. Working with MEM to strengthen their inspection services and devise means for SMEs to access external consultancy services and information.
- Provide technical support to help the government prepare for the ratification of ILS including C.187 - Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), C.81 - Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81) and C.174 - Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Convention, 1993 (No. 174).
- Improve safety compliance in SMEs and strengthen service function of safety and health inspectors in selected localities through the SCORE project.
- Promote safety preventative culture through high-level advocacy events of the Safe Day events and International Work Safety Forum.
- Improve safety protection for SMEs in precarious sectors such as manufacturing, chemicals and textiles
- Promote and strengthen gender-sensitive safety practices.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- The effectiveness of SCORE Training has been broadly recognized by the government, workers and employers.
- A wide range of good practice has been generated in particular in the sphere of safety inspection, improvement of productivity of SMEs, and engagement of large multinational buyers to improve social performance in their supply chain factories.
- 500 enterprises have participated in SCORE Training under this partnership
- 100 trainers have been trained
- The SCORE pilot project in China has demonstrated a training programme designed for SMEs can be effective in improving safety and health as well as productivity in the workplace (Nanxun and Deqing) generated:
 - 5.100 suggestions for improvement by workers
 - 4.300 improvement projects carried out
 - Saving 50 million RMB
 - Total amount of work safety inspection increased by 260%
 - Number of work accidents decreased by 70%.
- SCORE Training integrated into national and local partner programs:
 - MEM at different levels to incorporate SCORE methodology into work safety standardization program, work safety credit mechanism, and the explorative practices such as 'Sihua Management' in Nanxun, establishment of the hazardous identification and control system in Deqing and informatization construction in Anji.

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