



Assessing and Addressing the Effects of Trade on Employment

The effects of trade and trade liberalization on employment is analysed in this project. It aims to support the formulation of effective and coherent trade and labour market policies that address the adjustment challenges that workers and employers face and expand opportunities for the creation of decent employment in developing countries. Actions are taken at the global level and in four pilot countries, to strengthen the capacity of policy makers, researchers and the social partners to assess, address and monitor the effects of trade on employment. The project is implemented by the International Labour Organization and is funded by the European Union.

Growing international trade and foreign direct investment have important effects on employment and working conditions. An adequate awareness and understanding of these effects is essential to formulate effective national employment strategies in today's globalizing world, as well as in identifying feasible policies at the international level that could facilitate employment promotion. The project seeks to promote a fair globalization by supporting the efforts of developing countries to take effective action to address any effects that might arise from trade related adjustment and to take advantage of potential opportunities for the creation of decent employment.

Main objectives of the project

1. Develop global knowledge tools that can support the formulation of coherent trade and labour market policies at the national level, based on sound data and diagnosis, with the involvement of the social partners.
2. Strengthen the capacity of policy makers, researchers and the social partners in pilot countries to assess the effects of changes in trade policy on employment and to design effective and coherent policies that enable countries mitigate any negative effects and expand employment.

The project started in 2009 and runs until 2013. It is implemented by ILO's Employment Sector in close collaboration with the ILO-ITC that develops and conducts training courses and the ILO country offices in the four pilot countries

Bangladesh

Guatemala

Benin

Indonesia

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