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A VISION ZERO FUND PROJECT

# SUPPORTING SAFER SUPPLY CHAINS IN LAO PDR

## PROJECT AT A GLANCE

**GOAL:** Reduce the exposure to workplace safety and health hazards for women and men in the coffee and garment supply chains

## TARGETED SUPPLY CHAINS

### Coffee Sector: Champasak Province

**44,000** small farmers and plantation workers

USD **72 million** in exports

Main destination: Asia

### Garment Sector: Vientiane Capital

**26,000** workers (**90%** women)

USD **182 million** in exports

Main destination: EU





## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

### 1. Stronger national enabling environments for the promotion of safe and healthy working conditions

- Generate and share knowledge on OSH deficits in the coffee and garment sectors
- Promote cooperation on OSH in the coffee and garment sector through multi-stakeholder dialogue forums and good practice sharing events
- Replicate good OSH practices in the coffee sector in other agriculture sub-sectors (e.g. banana, tea and pepper)

### 2. Improved legal and policy frameworks to promote and enforce safety and health at work and OSH prevention, protection and compensation

- Strengthen dialogue and cooperation on OSH at national and provincial levels to ensure more effective policies, regulations and decision-making
- Support national partners to increase coverage of employment injury insurance mechanisms
- Improve the capacity of labour inspectors to conduct effective inspections in agriculture (notably plantations and coffee processing facilities) and in garment factories

### 3. More effective OSH promotion, protection and compensation mechanisms for women and men

#### COFFEE SUPPLY CHAIN

- Develop training products on OSH and productivity for coffee stakeholders (producers and processors) in line with Lao GAP OSH requirements
- Develop trainer capacity on OSH in agriculture at district and community levels
- Support the rollout of OSH training to farmer groups, cooperatives and plantations in the Paksong District of Champasak province

#### GARMENT SUPPLY CHAIN

- Develop the capacity of OSH Committee members in garment factories to implement their mandate effectively (including trainings on roles and responsibilities of OSH Committees in line with Lao OSH Decree, OSH knowledge, importance of bipartite dialogue on OSH, and communication and facilitation skills)
- Develop trainer capacity on OSH for the garment industry
- Support national partner organizations in rolling out training to OSH Committees in the garment industry

## DETAILS

### Duration

07/2018 to 12/2020

### Budget

USD 1,200,000

## KEY PARTNERS

### Government of Lao PDR:

Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MoLSW), Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Provincial Authorities of Champasak Province

### Employers' Organizations:

Lao National Chamber of Commerce (LNCCI), Lao Coffee Association (LCA), Association of Lao Garment Industries (ALGI)

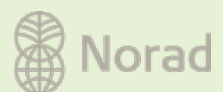
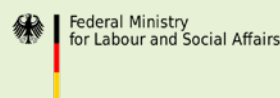
### Workers' Organizations:

Lao Federation of Trade Unions (LFTU)

## ABOUT THE VISION ZERO FUND

The Vision Zero Fund (VZF) works at global, country and workplace levels, bringing 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. An initiative of the G7, subsequently endorsed by the G20, it is administered and implemented by the International Labour Organization. The Vision Zero Fund is part of the ILO's flagship programme Safety and Health for All.

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