C. PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF COVID-19 IN THE COFFEE VALUE CHAIN IN HONDURAS

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WHAT IS THIS TOOL ABOUT?

This practical guide for the prevention and mitigation of COVID-19 in the coffee value chain in Honduras includes measures to avoid exposure to the virus and to reduce as much as possible the spread of COVID-19, through the adoption of easily applied actions in organizations, centres and workplaces.

WHO IS THIS TOOL FOR?

• Employers and workers of coffee farms, roasters and cooperatives, sellers and exporters of coffee in Honduras.
• Those responsible for the safety and health of the workers of coffee farms, roasters and cooperatives, commercialization companies and coffee exporters in Honduras.

However, the guide was developed for the Honduran context and the coffee sector, but it can be adapted to other countries and supply chains.

HOW TO USE THIS TOOL?

This guide provides support to employers and workers of coffee farms, roasters and cooperatives, sellers, coffee marketing and exporting companies in Honduras, for the development of prevention and OSH activities against COVID-19 and other hazards and risks. The guide:

1. Provides practical guidance for the prevention and mitigation of the transmission of COVID-19 in the different activities and tasks of coffee farms, roasters and cooperatives, marketing companies and coffee exporters in Honduras.

2. Recommends measures to implement prevention protocols against COVID-19 infection in coffee farms, roasters and cooperatives, marketing companies and coffee exporters in Honduras.

3. Disseminates relevant information on individual and collective preventive measures related to COVID-19 for employers and workers of coffee farms, roasters and cooperatives, marketing companies and coffee exporters in Honduras.

4. Establishes competencies on OSH, with an emphasis on biosafety and COVID-19 for employers and workers of coffee farms, roasters and cooperatives, marketing companies and coffee exporters in Honduras.

What is needed to implement this tool?

• Workers and employers' time: To form the working group and develop the intervention plan, workers' and employers' time will be needed.

• Financial resources: Sufficient financial means to purchase all inputs necessary to implement the suggested measures and recommendations.

• Technical resources: technical means to record activities as well as develop and monitor an implementation plan, such as computers, journals, or any other means to record the work.

• Information dissemination: In order to inform every actor involved, means to disseminate information, such as hard copies or virtual communication, will be needed.

What are the key activities to implement this tool?

1. In consultation with workers' representatives, develop and publish a statement of management's commitment and responsibilities to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and transmission of COVID-19.

2. Develop a preparedness and response plan for the prevention of COVID-19 in the workplace, considering all work areas and tasks performed by workers, as well as potential sources of exposure.

3. Regularly consult the occupational health services, local public health authority, or other counterparts who may have developed information materials to promote the risk of exposure to the virus in the workplace or other technical recommendation.

4. Establish a system to provide reliable and up-to-date information on the emerging situation of COVID-19 concerning the information published by the national or local health authorities.

5. Map the hazards and risks of all operations and all jobs.

6. Integrate health and safety into the contingency plan and continuity of operations and consider other work-related needs, including locations where operations must be done with a reduced number of personnel.

7. Promote teleworking for non-essential workers in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. If teleworking is not possible, introduce shifts to avoid large concentrations of workers in the facilities.

8. Develop an action plan to follow if a confirmed COVID-19 case is identified or suspected in the workplace, including reporting, monitoring, and disinfection according to national directives.

9. Establish a monitoring and evaluation system for strategies and plans on the COVID-19.

KEY CONCEPTS

• Hazards
• Mitigation
• OSH
• PPE
• Prevention
• Risk assessment
• Risks

WHERE TO FIND THIS TOOL?

Guía práctica de prevención y mitigación de la COVID-19 en la cadena de valor del café en Honduras (in Spanish only)

Protocol for occupational safety and health in the coffee value chain (summary)

Protocolo de seguridad y salud en el trabajo en la cadena de valor del café (summary)

FURTHER READINGS AND RESOURCES

ILO (2020). Guía práctica para la prevención y mitigación del COVID-19 en la agricultura.

ILO (2020). Herramienta de 10 pasos para un retorno al trabajo seguro y saludable en tiempos de COVID-19.

ILO (2020). Prevención y mitigación del COVID-19 en el trabajo: lista de comprobación.

ILO (2020). Regresar al trabajo de forma segura. Guía para los empleadores sobre la prevención de la COVID-19.

ILO (2020). Guía práctica de prevención y mitigación de la COVID-19 en la agricultura en Honduras. Recomendaciones para empresas agrícolas medianas y grandes.