

The ETI Sri Lanka Project – a multistakeholder comparison of audit approaches.

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Objectives

To investigate ways of companies applying the standards and provisions of the ETI base code in Sri Lanka in the Ready Made Garment sector, by identifying problems, formulating corrective actions and assessing their impact

What does the project hope to learn?

- ❖ What is/are the most efficient and reliable method/s, acceptable to all stakeholders, for inspecting against the ETI Base Code.
- ❖ What are the gaps between the ETI Base Code and business practice in the garment industry in Sri Lanka.
- ❖ What are the corrective actions that may need to be implemented for ETI members to be compliant with the ETI Base Code.

Methodology

- ❖ Education and awareness raising about the ETI Base Code
- ❖ Test four methods of inspection against ETI base code.
- ❖ Development and agreement of Improvement Plans.
- ❖ Follow up inspections
- ❖ Impact assessment and review

Test four audit methods of inspection against the ETI Base code

- ❖ A retailer investigating its own supply chain
- ❖ The multi-stakeholder audit approach
- ❖ A commercial audit firm
- ❖ The apparel exporters association audit firm

How is the pilot managed?

- ❖ There are two groups, one in Sri Lanka and one in the UK.
- ❖ The UK pilot steering group has the ultimate management responsibility for the project.
- ❖ The Sri Lanka Working group is responsible for day to day management of the project. It The group formulates proposals and debates decisions locally prior to feeding them to the UK Steering group for further discussion and agreement.

Membership of the pilot group- UK Steering Group

- ❖ Marks and Spencer
- ❖ Pentland
- ❖ Marsylka
- ❖ Next
- ❖ International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers Federation and its UK affiliate GMB
- ❖ Oxfam GB
- ❖ Women Working Worldwide

Membership of the pilot group Sri Lanka Working group

- ❖ Hirdaramani
- ❖ Linea Aqua
- ❖ NEXT
- ❖ Jinadasa
- ❖ Sri Lanka Nidahas Sewaka Sangamaya (SLNSS)
- ❖ Progress Union
- ❖ Jathika Sevaka Sangamaya (JSS)
- ❖ Oxfam Sri Lanka
- ❖ Women's Centre
- ❖ Dabindu
- ❖ Kalape Api

Key achievements to date

- ❖ Brochure for workers
- ❖ Training for workers
- ❖ multi-stakeholder audit methodology
- ❖ First round of audits completed and reports shared with all members

Next steps

- ❖ Analyse results of different audits
- ❖ Revise multi-stakeholder audit
- ❖ Implement corrective action plans
- ❖ Second round of audits
- ❖ Impact assessment

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