



REMEDICATION COORDINATION CELL (RCC)

for Bangladesh RMG Industry

Following the Rana Plaza collapse in April 2013 the immediate priority was to inspect all of Bangladesh's export-oriented garment factories for structural, fire and electrical safety.

Two groups, the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety and the Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety inspected factories from which their members source garments.

The remaining factories were assessed by a National Initiative supported by the International Labour Organization with funding from Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

With the completion of inspections in December 2015 emphasis switched to remediation. Factory owners are now required to carry out remediation based on the findings of the inspection reports.

A Remediation Coordination Cell (RCC) will verify that this work has been completed for garment factories under the National Initiative.

WHY is RCC important?

The operation of the RCC marks a major step towards improving workplace safety in the RMG sector.

It is a concrete manifestation of efforts to institutionalize safety reforms which will ultimately benefit all sectors.

The RCC will further contribute to building the national capacity of regulators as well as collaboration between them.

Ultimately, the entity which the RCC evolves into will take responsibility for relevant workplace safety issues once the Accord, Alliance and development partner support ends.

WHO will staff the RCC?

The RCC will be staffed by seconded members of regulatory bodies including:



Department of Inspections for Factories and Establishments (DIFE)



Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD)



Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (RAJUK)

PWD

Public Works Department (PWD)



Chief Electrical Inspector (CEI)



Chittagong Development Authority

Initially, they will be supported by private sector engineers hired to provide technical expertise for remediation follow up.

WHAT is the vision of RCC?

The longer term vision is for the RCC to evolve into an industrial safety unit or agency that provides a one-stop-shop service.



Any entrepreneur would then be able to obtain all licenses needed to establish a factory from a single window.

This will support safety. It will also be more efficient, transparent and contribute to an improved investment climate.

WHO are the RCC stakeholders?

The RCC has been established through the collaboration of the

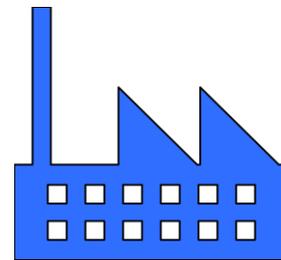
- Government of Bangladesh
- Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)
- Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA).

Trade unions and international buyers have been consulted on its development while technical support is provided by ILO with funding from Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

WHAT will the RCC do?

The RCC will be a temporary unit focused on managing the remediation process for National Initiative Remediation Coordination Cell (RMG) factories.

This will involve monitoring the implementation of Corrective Action Plans (CAPS) including those with Detailed Engineering Assessment (DEA) requirements.



Initially the RCC will work with 1,293 operational factories

However, this number may change as new factories are established and enter the National Initiative or other factories exit the Accord and Alliance.

The RCC will help facilitate knowledge transfer from the Accord and Alliance and build capacity of government officials for a sustainable inspection system.

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