





INTERIM ANNOTATED NARRATIVE REPORT

Contribution to the Vision Zero Fund in order to prevent and reduce workplace related deaths and serious injuries



GLO/17/01/EUR

Reporting period: 1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018

Table of contents

1.	De	scription	3
		sessment of implementation of Action activities	
		Executive summary of the Action	
		Activities	_
:	2.3.	Results achieved versus work plan	11
	_	Information on overall progress against objectives of the Action	
	-	Difficulties encountered and measures taken to overcome problems	_
	_	Updated work plan	
		rtners and other cooperation	
_		sibility	_
-		anature	

1. Description

1.1. Name of <u>beneficiary of grant contract</u>:

International Labour Organization (ILO)

1.2. Name and title of the Contact person:

Audrey le Guével (ILO Brussels, leguevel@ilo.org)

1.3. Name of <u>partners</u> in the Action:

Not applicable

1.4. Title of the Action:

Contribution to the Vision Zero Fund in order to prevent and reduce workplace related deaths and serious injuries

1.5. Contract number:

Delegation Agreement: DCI-HUM/2017/387-493

Umbrella Code: GLO/17/01/EUR

DC Symbols: GLO/17/53/EUR; LAO/17/50/EUR

1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting period:

1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018

1.7. Target <u>country(ies)</u> or <u>region(s):</u>

Global, Lao PDR, Madagascar, Myanmar

1.8. <u>Final beneficiaries</u> &/or <u>target groups</u> (if different) (including numbers of women and men):

The ultimate beneficiaries are female and male workers in GSCs, who will benefit from: improved OSH skills levels; improved knowledge and understanding of their working rights; increased respect for and protection of their rights and better working conditions in respect of prevention and protection as well as compensation in case of accident, injury or disease for themselves and their families; and improved livelihoods. Direct beneficiaries include government institutions, employers' and workers' organizations, small, medium and large enterprises within industries operating in GSCs, and international buyers.

1.9. Country (ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7):

See 1.7

1.10 Report coverage:

Clause 2.5 of the project document provides that "technical reports will provide information on progress achieved, problems faced and proposed

corrective action based on monitoring activities and the regular technical progress reports submitted by the specific projects that are funded in the framework of the VZF." At the time of reporting, DEVCO has contributed EUR 1,000,000 to the Vision Zero Fund. This report covers all activities of the Fund although DEVCO contributed financially to only a portion of the activities.

2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

2.1. Executive summary of the Action

According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), 2.78 million workers die every year from work-related injuries and diseases. An additional 160 million workers suffer from work-related diseases and 313 million workers from non-fatal injuries per year. The consequences of those accidents and diseases become even more consequential in light of the fact that approximately 60 per cent of the world's labour force is ineffectively protected if they are injured or become ill as a result of their work.

Against this background, the G7 Heads of State and Ministers for Development and Employment called for more concrete action in low-income sourcing countries to prevent work place-related deaths and severe injuries and diseases in Global Supply Chains (GSCs), as well as adequate compensation mechanisms in case of such contingencies. Notably, it was decided that this was to be achieved through the establishment of the multi-donor Vision Zero Fund (VZF) that will work to reduce the number of work-related fatalities and accidents and occupational diseases in selected developing countries, in sectors that link to GSCs, as well as adequately compensating victims and their families in case of such accidents. The ILO was selected to administer the Fund and implement its sectoral projects in selected partner countries. The Fund is part of the ILO's global Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) flagship programme, and it complements its social protection floors extension strategy, and the ILO-IFC Better Work Programme. It also coordinates with relevant efforts being made by other organizations and institutions as well as draw experience from pioneering initiatives like the Bangladesh Accord and the Alliance.

This Action contributes to the implementation of the VZF, with one priority focus on the textile/garment sector, in line with the EU work on responsible supply chains and the EU Garment Initiative. The Action will be financed by the thematic programme Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) Regulation of the Commission that supports, among other areas of work, "the Decent Work Agenda (DWA) and rights-based approach to employment and labour, including through approaches that take global supply chains into account, to address issues of living wage, rights at work including freedom of association and rights to organise, health and safety at work and the right to social and legal protection, especially for the most disadvantaged workers". The VZF's objectives are in line with those outlined in the European Commission's 2014 Communication: "A Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020", specifically as it intends to "raise labour standards and improve their effective global application (...)" in order to contribute to "reducing work accidents and occupational diseases worldwide (...)."

The **overall objective** of the Action is to ensure that the number of work-related fatalities and accidents and occupational diseases is reduced, and mechanisms to adequately compensate victims and their families in GSCs in selected countries are in place.

The **Specific Objectives of this Action are to ensure that** (1) public and private sector stakeholders have improved knowledge and tools to prevent and reduce workplace-

related deaths, injuries and diseases in GSCs; (2) More workers have access to improved prevention, protection and compensation from OSH risks through adequate policy frameworks, strengthened enforcement capacity and effective occupational health and compensation mechanisms; and (3) Sustainable safe and healthy working conditions and practices at industry and enterprise level are reinforced.

2.2. Activities

Specific objective 1 – Public and private sector stakeholders have improved knowledge and tools to prevent and reduce workplace-related deaths, injuries and diseases in GSCs

Output 1.1: Evidence base on workers' safety and health prevention, protection and compensation is strengthened

	Activity	Description
1	The project piloted, refined and supported the development of a standardized toolkit to: - Select a value chain of focus for projects on OSH in GSCs; - Assess drivers and constraints for OSH in the selected value chain; - Design intervention models to improve OSH in the selected value chain.	The toolkit, developed under the ILO-EU project on OSH in GSCs, and piloted, further developed and refined under the auspices of the VZF in Lao, Madagascar and Myanmar, provides a guide and a comprehensive set of tools for implementers to adapt and implement the methodology in a variety of contexts. The toolkit is composed of a guide as well as a set of tools, training material and illustrative videos. It is available in English, French and Spanish in PDF, on an interactive USB as well as on the E-Campus of the ITC-ILO. Guide available at: https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS 6 35157/langen/index.htm, E-Campus access at: https://ecampus.itcilo.org/course/view.php?id=85 2. This online training portal is already accessible to all project staff as well as all ILO Specialists in Geneva and in the Field, and will soon be available more generally.
2	Publication of brief on OSH in sustainable sourcing policies of Multinational Enterprises (MNEs) and Private Compliance Initiatives (PCIs)	The Brief summarizes the results of the research into the sustainable sourcing policies of multinational enterprises (MNEs) as well as standards adopted by private compliance initiatives (PCIs) in the garment, textile and agriculture supply chains, with a particular focus on OSH. The research benchmarked OSH provisions of 15 certification schemes against the ILO OSH 2001 Guidelines on OSH management systems. The brief built on the research that was conducted under the joint ILO-EU project on OSH in GSCs, which resulted in the compilation of comprehensive company profiles of multinational companies and buyers in these sectors. The

Summary of Findings is available at:

https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS_6
35148/lang--en/index.htm

Output 1.2: Lessons learned on OSH improvement in GSCs are widely disseminated

	Activity	Description
1	Develop private sector engagement strategy to raise awareness and mobilize further support from the private sector to prevent, protect and compensate workers against OSH risks in GSCs	In order to broaden the base of private sector donors to the Fund, the VZF Secretariat is developing a comprehensive private sector engagement strategy, and exploring opportunities to promote VZF to multinational corporations either directly or through industry associations, multi-stakeholder initiatives or national employer bodies. In this regard, a number of initiatives have been undertaken. First, comprehensive company profiles of multinational companies and buyers in the garment, textile and agriculture supply chains have been compiled. Second, the research study referred to Output 1.1 (activity 2) above identified numerous entry points for VZF engagement with the private sector as well as opportunities for further research. Finally, the VZF Programme Manager met bilaterally with a number of multinational companies, and also addressed the G20 OSH Network meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, in May 2018 to explore opportunities for collaboration.
2	Webpages were developed for VZF Global, VZF Lao PDR, VZF Madagascar, and VZF Myanmar. Documenting the implementation of the VZF projects in Lao, Myanmar and Madagascar was developed, updated and disseminated. The webpage of the VZF Secretariat was regularly updated.	Webpages were developed and regularly updated to document and disseminate project developments at both global and individual country levels. This included articles, photographs and reports. The webpages are available at: Global: www.ilo.org/yzf Lao PDR: https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS-646545/langen/index.htm Madagascar: https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS-61666/langen/index.htm Myanmar: https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS-563285/langen/index.htm

Output 1.3: Lessons learned and good practices from country level operations are documented, disseminated and replicated to improve effectiveness of interventions

	Activity	Description
1	Publication of case study on OSH improvement in the ginger value chain in Myanmar	The case study was conducted as part of the Vision Zero Fund (VZF) project in Myanmar, and identifies the drivers and constraints for OSH improvement in the ginger value chain in Myanmar. The case study is available as a web pdf (ISBN: 978-92-2-031285-8) (here), and in print ISBN: 978-92-2-031284-1. The intervention models proposed in the case study formed the basis for the activities undertaken by the VZF project in Myanmar to improve OSH outcomes and competitiveness in the value chain.
2	Carry out learning and knowledge sharing events as well as meetings of experts	VZF co-sponsored the ASEAN Labour Inspection Conference, which took place in Hi Chi Minh City, Viet Nam in September 2018. The theme of the conference was "Strategic Labour Inspection for Decent Work Including in Global Supply Chains". The conference provided an opportunity to promote the VZF to ASEAN governments, worker organizations and employer confederations, and reinforce the notion that labour inspectorates play a vital role in addressing decent work deficits, including OSH. It also provided an opportunity to highlight the fact that the VZF has adopted the ILO's Strategic Compliance Planning Toolkit and promotes its implementation in its project countries. Finally, the conference provided an opportunity to bring together constituents from two VZF project countries, namely Lao PDR and VZF, to exchange ideas, share good practices, and plan future joint activities. These exchanges were facilitated by the VZF project managers in Lao PDR (Kristina Kurths) and Myanmar (Mariana Infante). A global knowledge sharing event is schedule to take place in Geneva in November 2018, and will provide an opportunity for the VZF Secretariat to brief current and prospective donors, global worker and employer organizations, ILO colleagues as well as other stakeholders with an update on achievements to date and look forward to its future plans. All the knowledge products referred to under Outputs 1.1 and 1.2 above will be distributed to all participants. A full account of this event will be provided in the next interim narrative report.

Specific objective 2 – More workers have access to improved prevention, protection and compensation from OSH risks through adequate policy frameworks, strengthened enforcement capacity and effective occupational health and compensation mechanisms

Output 2.1: Drivers and constraints for OSH improvement in supply chains and their legal and institutional environment in selected producing countries are assessed and intervention models are developed to inform country and enterprise level activities.

	Activity	Description
Target supply chains are selected and assessed garment value completed); a completed). It is expected chains will be Ethiopia (Ga		Comprehensive assessments / evaluations of drivers and constraints for OSH improvement have taken place in three VZF project countries, namely Lao PDR (coffee value chain completed; garment value chain in process); Madagascar (lychee value chains completed); and Myanmar (garment and ginger value chains completed). It is expected that assessments in the following countries and value chains will be completed in 2019: Ethiopia (Garment and cut-flowers);
		Tunisia (olive oil); Mexico (coffee) (The assessment of the coffee value chain in Colombia was already completed under the ILO-EU project on OSH in global supply chains)
2	Evidence-based intervention models are developed in a participatory fashion	Based on the assessment of drivers and constraints for OSH improvement, evidence-based intervention models have been developed together with the project stakeholders in the following target countries: Lao PDR: Although the assessment in garment is in process, the assessment in the coffee value chain has been completed and potential intervention models have been discussed with project stakeholders on two occasions. The first stakeholder meeting took place on 28 August 2018, and served as an opportunity to validate the endorsement of the value chains of choice (garment and coffee) and provide the first indication of potential interventions. The event attracted more than 50 representatives from the government, employer and worker associations, NGOs, and the donor community, and was chaired by the Director General of the Labour Management Department of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MoLSW), Lao PDR, Mr. Phongsaysack Inthalath. A full report of the event can be found here: https://www.ilo.org/safework/events/meetings/WCMS 646560/langen/index.htm. The second event took place in Vientiane on 31 October 2018. During the event, the MOU was signed between the ILO/VZF and the government of Lao PDR, and this was followed by the first Project Advisory Committee meeting. A full report can be found here: https://www.ilo.org/asia/media-centre/news/WCMS 648768/langen/index.htm. Press coverage

of the event is available here:

https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS 648851/lang-en/index.htm;

Madagascar: In the case of the lychee sector in Madagascar, the assessment was carried out under the ILO-EU project on OSH in GSCs, and the needs and opportunities for intervention were identified in consultation with the stakeholders in the supply chain. Implementation of these intervention models are ongoing. In respect of the textile sector, the assessment is being finalized, and stakeholders have been consulted on potential intervention models, which will be undertaken during Phase II of the project. A concept note on Phase II will be presented to the Steering Committee at the November 2018 meeting.

Myanmar: The comprehensive evaluation of the ginger and garment value chains have been completed, and intervention models endorsed by the national stakeholders. In the ginger value chain, a stakeholder event to validate the results of the OSH-focused value chain assessment and to discuss and agree on specific interventions was held in Shan State in October 2018. A full report can be found here:

https://www.ilo.org/yangon/press/WCMS_621563/lang-en/index.htm.

In addition to sector-specific stakeholder events, the VZF has also been instrumental in establishing a national tripartite Project Consultative Committee (PCC), which serves as a platform for information sharing, input gathering, and partnership building related to all OSH projects in the ILO Yangon OSH portfolio. This includes the closely related Safe Youth at Work (SY@W) project, funded by the USDOL contribution to the VZF.

Improving occupational safety and health in coffee supply chains: based on knowledge and evidence gained from the indepth analysis of the coffee value chain in Colombia (2016-2017) and evidence from private sector engagement, including multinational enterprises and private compliance initiatives (2017), and building on the initial concept note presented to the VZF Steering Committee in March 2018, a full-fledged project was developed to address OSH constraints and opportunities in coffee global value chains, with an initial focus on Latin America, starting with Colombia and Mexico. It is expected that project activities will start during the first quarter of 2019.

The Colombia report can be found at:

http://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS_613338/lang-en/index.htm

The report Occupational Safety and Health within Sustainable Sourcing Policies of Multinational Enterprises Summary of research findings focusing on agriculture and textile can be found at:

https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS_635148/lang-en/index.htm

The event report Reaching suppliers beyond tier one can be found

at: http://www.ilo.org/safework/events/WCMS_597685/lang--en/index.htm

2.3. Results achieved versus work plan

	Completed	On track	Delayed	Comments
Specific Objective 1: Pub	lic and private sector s	stakeholders have i	mproved	knowledge
and tools to prevent and red			diseases	in GSCs
Result 1.1: Evidence base on workers' safety and health prevention, protection and compensation is strengthened	1. Publication of standardized toolkit to assess drivers and constraints for OSH improvement in global value chains 2. Publication of brief on OSH in sustainable sourcing policies of Multinational Enterprises (MNEs) and Private Compliance Initiatives (PCIs)	Draft studies on the linkages between OSH and productivity; Draft study on gender dimensions of OSH risks in target GSCs		
Result 1.2: Lessons learned on OSH improvement in GSCs are widely disseminated	1. Comprehensive company profiles of multinational companies and buyers in the garment, textile and agriculture supply chains have been compiled. 2. Webpages for VZF Global ad VZF country projects (3) that are regularly updated with photographs and reports.	1. Development of private sector engagement strategy 2. Organize dissemination events (next global event planned for November 2018) 3. Create revamped webpages for VZF Global and VZF country projects and establish a social media profile (Twitter, Facebook) to provide up-to-the-minute updates on project developments and successes 4. Create dashboard which allows for the visualization of project activities, progress, use of funds, etc., by means of infographics and general information that is quick and easy to grasp		GIZ has been contracted by the EC to assist the VZF with the development of the dashboard.

Result 1.3: Lessons learned and good practices from country level operations are documented, disseminated and replicated to improve effectiveness of interventions	1. Publication of case study on OSH improvement in the ginger value chain in Myanmar 2. Co-sponsored ASEAN Labour Inspector conference in Viet Nam in September 2018; promoted knowledge sharing meeting between Lao PDR and Myanmar delegations, facilitated by VZF country Programme Managers from Lao PDR and Myanmar. 3. The project supported the development of one project proposal put forward to the VZF Steering Committee in March 2018 on OSH improvement in the Tea and Coffee Global Value Chains. The proposal also puts forwards an innovative approach to South-South learning, building on the lessons learned under the joint ILO-EU project on OSH in GSCs in Colombia. 4. The project supported the development of the VZF project in Myanmar Phase II through the provision of technical inputs to the logical framework and theory of	1. Organize learning and knowledge sharing events as well as meetings of experts 2. Publish case studies on OSH improvement in garment sector in Myanmar, and coffee value chain in Lao PDR	
	inputs to the logical		

	Completed	On track	Delayed	Comments
Specific Objective 2: M	ccess to improv	ed prever	tion, protection	
and compensation from O	SH risks through a	dequate policy f	rameworl	ks, strengthened
enforcement capacity and e	effective occupationa	l health and con	pensatio	n mechanisms
Result 2.1: Drivers and	1. Comprehensive	1. Value chains		There has been a
constraints for OSH	assessments /	will be selected		delay in the start
improvement in supply chains	evaluations of drivers	and/or assessed		of activities in
and their legal and	and constraints for	in Ethiopia,		Ethiopia, but this
institutional environment in	OSH improvement	Tunisia, and		is in large part

	T	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1 201 -
selected producing countries	have been completed	Mexico.	due to (i) the
are assessed and intervention	in three VZF project		nature of the
models are developed to	countries, namely	2. Based on the	project in that
inform country and enterprise	Lao PDR (coffee	results of the	country (the VZF
level activities	value chain	assessment,	component is part
	completed; garment	intervention	of an overall ILO
	value chain in	models to	Programme in the
	process); Madagascar	inform country	garment / textile
	(lychee value chains	and enterprise	sector, which
	completed); and	level activities	required more
		will be	
	Myanmar (garment		planning and
	and ginger value	developed in	coordination),
	chains completed).	Ethiopia,	and (ii) the fact
		Tunisia, and	that all projects in
	2. Based on the	Mexico.	the country
	assessment of drivers		require
	and constraints for		government
	OSH improvement,		approval, which
	evidence-based		has been delayed
	intervention models		as a result of
			factors beyond the
	have been developed		projects' control,
	together with the		including a
	project stakeholders		change of
	in three project		
	countries, namely		government and
	Lao PDR,		ministers.
	Madagascar,		
	Myanmar and		
	Colombia.		
	3. Based on previous		
	work carried out		
	under the joint ILO-		
	EU project on OSH, a		
	full fledge project		
	was developed to		
	address OSH		
	constraints and		
	opportunities in		
	coffee global value		
	chains, with an initial		
	focus on Latin		
	America, starting		
	with Colombia and		
	Mexico. It is expected		
	that project activities		
	will start during the		
	first quarter of 2019.		
Result 2.2: Legal and policy	mot quarter or 2019.	As most of the	Some of the
			activities that will
frameworks that impact OSH		country projects	
outcomes are reinforced		have either	be reported on in
.		entered	the next progress
Result 2.3: Enforcement		implementation	report are:
mechanisms are strengthened		phases within	
in targeted supply chains		the last year	Myanmar:
		(Myanmar), or	
Result 2.4: Access to		are about to	(i) Support for the
preventive health services is		start	finalization of the
improved in targeted supply		implementation	new OSH law;
chains		activities (Lao	(ii) The impact of
		PDR,	an awareness
Result 2.5: Coordination		Madagascar), it	raising campaign
among prevention, protection		is too early to	in the garment
and compensation		report on these	sector conducted
and compensation	1	report on these	sector conducted

ma ahaniama ia immuuva dii-	immost	i aimtle verith the
mechanisms is improved in	impact	jointly with the
targeted supply chains	indicators in the	labour
	first progress	inspectorate
Result 2.6 : Compensation for	report.	(FGLLID);
workplace accidents and	However, data is	(iii) Efficacy of the
diseases is strengthened in	being collected	training of
targeted supply chains	on a continuous	inspectors from
	basis from the	the Boiler
	country projects,	Inspection
	and it is	Department;
	anticipated that	(iv) Support
	reporting on	provided to the
	these indicators	Social Security
	will commence	Board to
	in the next	strengthen the
	progress report.	employment
	progress report.	injury insurance
		system and
		develop a
		communication
		strategy.
		Madagascar:
		(i) Assessment of
		the occupational
		health services
		(ii) Capacity
		building activities
		on prevention in
		the workplace in
		the lychee sector.

	Completed	On track	Delayed	Comments	
Specific Objective 3: Sustainable safe and healthy working conditions and practices at					
industry and enterprise level	industry and enterprise level in partner countries are reinforced				
Result 3.1: Targeted and		While many		Some of the	
innovative enterprise and		activities have		activities that will	
sector/industry level		already been		be reported on in	
interventions are further		implemented at		the next progress	
designed and implemented		industry and		report are:	
		enterprise levels		_	
Result 3.2: The capacity of		in VZF project		Myanmar:	
constituents to improve OSH in		countries (in			
targeted workplaces level is		particular in		(i) Training of	
improved		Myanmar and		ginger farmers on	
		Madagascar),		the use of low-	
Result 3.3: Mechanisms for		reporting on		cost	
accurate recording and		impact indicators		improvements to	
notification of occupational		(rather than		promote better	
injuries and illnesses are		merely on		OSH outcomes;	
strengthened		activities) will		(ii) Training of	
		require more time		agrochemical	
		since the impact		input providers	
		of the		on the safe use of	
		interventions will		agrochemicals;	
		have to be		(iii) Awareness	
		measured.		raising campaign	
		Country projects		on the safe use of	
		are in the process		agrochemicals	
		of developing		rolled out through	

	:L:	:
	itoring tools	input retailers
	able to	
	ss the impact	Madagascar:
of the		
inter	ventions, and	(iii) Awareness
the d	lata is being	raising campaign
collec	cted by the	on safe harvesting
VZFS	Secretariat. It	practices
is ant	ticipated that	conducted with
	rting on these	seven lychee
	eators will	producers'
comm	mence in the	associations in
	progress	Mizaha Miorika,
repor		Vohitranivona,
		Ambodibonara,
		Fenerive Est and
		Ivoloina /
		Antetezambaro;
		(ii) Production of
		a simple
		monitoring tool
		on incidents,
		accidents, and
		productivity
		adapted to the
		seasonality of
		production for
		lychee treatment
		stations.

2.4. Information on overall progress against objectives of the Action

OVERALL/ DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE

The **overall objective** of the Action is to ensure that the number of work-related fatalities and accidents and occupational diseases is reduced, and mechanisms to adequately compensate victims and their families in GSCs in selected countries are in place.

Narrative assessment:

To support the overall objective, the project supported the development of a standardized toolkit to:

- Select a value chain of focus for projects on OSH in GSCs;
- Assess drivers and constraints for OSH in the selected value chain;
- Design intervention models to improve OSH in the selected value chain.

The toolkit was used in Lao, Myanmar and Madagascar to select, assess and build intervention models respectively in the coffee, ginger, and textile (including cotton) and coffee value chains.

The project has developed a Programme Performance Measurement Plan (PMP), including a description of SMART indicators, baseline, end targets and milestones. All projects that are implemented within the framework of the VZF will also be linked to this PMP. SMART will allow the VZF Secretariat, Steering Committee and Strategy Council, as well as relevant stakeholders at national level, to monitor progress of implementation and

results at the global and country levels. Baseline data will be collected that will provide the initial status of the strategic objectives and related outputs, and also serve as input to set realistic end targets and milestones.

Indicators, targets and milestones will be periodically monitored and assessed, and adjusted as necessary, to ensure consistency with the VZF objectives; to ensure that they are detailed, quantifiable, and result-oriented; and, that they are responsive to the findings of any baseline and feasibility assessments. In addition, country projects are developing context- and activity-specific monitoring tools to be able to accurately measure the impact of their activities / interventions.

It is important to note here that the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) GmbH has been contracted by the EU to support the ILO's monitoring component. GIZ will assist VZF in the following activities related to performance management and monitoring:

- Develop a Theory of Change (ToC) for the global and country level activities of the VZF and a complementary results model;
- Review VZF's monitoring framework (PMP), including selection criteria regarding (1) the choice of VZF project countries, (2) the sectors targeted by VZF activities within the countries, as well as (3) the activities planned in target countries;
- Formulate key performance indicators (KPIs) for both global and country level activities, with specific emphasis on outcomes. These indicators will be derived from the ToC.

It is anticipated that as a result of the GIZ activities, in particular the development of the ToC, the indicators, targets and milestones in the PMP will be modified. More details on the process and results will be provided in the next interim report.

Specific/ Immediate Objective No.1	Evidence base on workers' safety and health prevention, protection and compensation is strengthened
Indicators:	
Number of research products developed	Baseline: 0; current value: 2 (standardized toolkit and brief on OSH in sustainable sourcing policies).
	1. The standardized toolkit is fundamental to the overall work of the project in that it encapsulates the comprehensive methodology that the project has developed to evaluate drivers and constraints to OSH improvement in global supply chains. The toolkit will enable project teams and external collaborators to be trained on the methodology, and also allow the toolkit to be used by other development professionals, thereby extending the reach and impact of the project.

2. The research conducted for the brief on sustainable sourcing policies of MNEs and PCIs also generated comprehensive
profiles of various MNEs in garment and agriculture, and
identified numerous entry points for project engagement with
the private sector as well as opportunities for further research

Specific/ Immediate Objective No.2 Indicators:	
Number of knowledge dissemination materials	Baseline: O; current value 4 Websites have been created for project global activities as well as for each of the country projects (Lao, Madagascar, and Myanmar). However, there is a need for the creation of more dynamic and interactive webpages, which includes a dashboard to provide a snapshot of project progress in a visually appealing and accessible manner. In addition, the project is in the process of creating a social media presence in order to disseminate updates in a more timeous and effective manner. These activities will be prioritised during the next reporting period.
Number of knowledge dissemination events	Baseline and current value: 1 The first global dissemination event will be held in Geneva in November 2018. Consideration will also be given to organizing knowledge-sharing events among project countries as well as to South-South learning events focusing on shared value chains (like coffee). Finally, project staff will continue to participate in global academic and policy conferences and symposia to share VZF impact with a wide range of audiences.

Specific/ Immediate Objective No.3 Indicators:	Lessons learned and good practices from country level operations are documented, disseminated and replicated to improve effectiveness of interventions
Number of good practices replicated in target countries	Baseline: 0; current value 3
	The project published a case study on drivers and constraints for OSH improvement in the ginger value chain in Myanmar. In addition, the project supported the development of one project proposal put forward to the VZF Steering Committee in March 2018 on OSH improvement in the Tea and Coffee Global Value Chains. The proposal puts forward an innovative approach to South-South learning, building on the past work of the joint ILO-EU project on OSH in GSCs in Colombia. Finally, the project supported the formulation of the VZF project in Myanmar Phase II through the provision of technical inputs on the logical framework and theory of change in order to align its objectives with the overall objectives of the VZF, and embed lessons learned into the project Phase II sustainability strategy.

Number of expert meetings	Baseline: o; current value o
	It is envisaged that at least one meeting of experts will take place during the next reporting period as evidence of good practices from project countries become available. In addition, it is anticipated that the project will soon engage in activities in the coffee value chain in Mexico and Colombia, which could create opportunities for South- South learning, especially between Latin America and Asia, in particular Lao PDR, where the

project is also active in the coffee value chain.

2.5 Difficulties encountered and measures taken to overcome problems

Α. **Implementation** (technical as well as management issues)

Problem/Issues

- While the project has developed a Programme Performance Measurement Plan (PMP), including a description of SMART indicators, baseline, end targets and milestones, and while all country projects that are implemented within the framework of the project will also be linked to this PMP, the PMP has been developed without a clearly articulated Theory of Change.
- While criteria for country and sector selection have been developed and implemented in respect of all projects, there may be a need for further refinement, in particular in respect of sectors that form part of global supply chains.

Proposed solutions and action(s) taken or to be taken

The project is working closely with GIZ to develop a Theory of Change and a complementary results model, and on the formulation of key performance indicators (KPIs) for both global and country level activities, with specific emphasis on outcomes.

Part of GIZ's mandate is to review the project's selection criteria regarding (1) the choice of VZF project countries, (2) the sectors targeted by VZF activities within the countries, as well as (3) the activities planned in target countries.

В **External factors** (include particularly those external factors identified as being assumptions in the project document and/or emerging critical external factors)

Problem/Issues

Lack of qualified external collaborators to conduct the comprehensive value chain assessment that is part of every country project.

Proposed solutions and action(s) taken or to be taken

The publication of the toolkit will enable country project staff to train consultants and external collaborators on the methodology to identify drivers and constraints to OSH improvement. The guide

offers a step-by-step guide to the implementation of the methodology, including a list of practical tools and templates. In addition, the project is working closely with the LAB in the ILO's Enterprise Department to create a database of external collaborators.

- In some countries, operations and activities cannot commence until formal Government approval is obtained. This has delayed implementation in some countries, in particular in Ethiopia.
- with ILO country offices in order to expedite the necessary approval processes, including conducting scoping missions prior to formal project implementation as well as facilitating meetings with relevant country delegations in Geneva during the ILC and ILO Governing Body meetings.

C Other major issues/problems

Problem/Issues

Proposed solutions and action(s) taken or to be taken

2.6. Updated work plan¹

Year 2018-2019

Specific objective 1: Public and private sector stakeholders have improved knowledge and tools to

													owledge and tools to
prevent and red	uce v	ice workplace-related deaths, injuries and diseases in GSCs											
			Seme	ster 1					Seme	ester 2			
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
Preparation:													Project Secretariat;
Activity 1: (Study													project teams
on the linkages													
between OSH and													
productivity)													
Implementation													Project Secretariat;
Activity 1													academic researchers
Preparation													Project Secretariat;
Activity 2 (Study													project teams
on gender													project teams
dimensions of OSH													
risks in target													
GSCs)													
Implementation													Project Secretariat;
Activity 2													academic researchers
Preparation:													Project Secretariat;
Activity 3:													consultants
(Development of													consultants
private sector													
engagement													
strategy)													
Implementation													Project Secretariat
Activity 3													1 Toject Secretariat
Preparation:						-							Project Secretariat
Activity 4 (Global													1 Toject Secretariat
dissemination													
event)													
Implementation													Project Secretariat;
Activity 4													project country teams
Preparation Preparation											1		Project Secretariat;
Activity 5 (Create													consultants
revamped													Consultants
webpages for VZF													
Global and VZF													
country projects													
and establish a													
social media profile													
Implementation													Project Secretariat;
Activity 5													project teams
Preparation						1							VZF Secretariat; GIZ
Activity 6 (Create													VZI Secretariat, GIZ
dashboard)													
Preparation													Project Secretariat
Activity 7 (Event													110ject beeretariat
with global buyers													
in value chains of													
focus)													
Implementation													Project Secretariat
Activity 7													110,000 00010141141
Preparation													Project Secretariat
Activity 8 (Meeting													1 Toject occicianat
of experts)													
Implementation													Project Secretariat
Activity 8													2.10joot booletallat
Tictivity 0		1	<u> </u>	1	<u> </u>	1	1	1	1	1			1

¹ This plan will cover the financial period between this interim report and the next report.

Preparation Activity 9 (Publish case studies on OSH improvement in Madagascar and Lao PDR)							Project Secretariat; project teams; LABADMIN/OSH
Implementation							Project Secretariat;
Activity 9							LABADMIN/OSH
Preparation							Project Secretariat;
Activity 10 (Select							LABADMIN/OSH
and assess value							
chains in project							
countries)							
Implementation							Project Secretariat;
Activity 10							consultants;
							LABADMIN/OSH

Year 2018-2019

Specific objective 2: More workers have access to improved prevention, protection and compensation from OSH risks through adequate policy frameworks, strengthened enforcement capacity and effective occupational health and compensation mechanisms

capacity and effect	ctive (occup	atior	iai ne	eaith a	and c	ompe	ensati	on m	ecnai	nisms	5	
			Seme	ester 1					Semest				
Output	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
Output 1: Target supply chains are selected and assessed in Ethiopia, Tunisia, Mexico and Colombia													Project Secretariat; LABADMIN / OSH; project teams in Ethiopia and Mexico
Output 2.2: Evidence-based intervention models are developed in a participatory fashion in Ethiopia, Tunisia, Mexico and Colombia													Project Secretariat; LABADMIN/OSH; project teams in Ethiopia and Mexico
Output 2.3: Legal and policy frameworks that impact OSH outcomes are reinforced in Lao PDR, Myanmar and Madagascar													Project Secretariat; LABADMIN/OSH; project teams in Lao PDR, Myanmar and Madagascar
Output 2.4: Enforcement mechanisms are strengthened in targeted supply chains (awareness raising campaign in Myanmar, strategic compliance workshop and capacity building in Ethiopia, Lao PDR)													Project Secretariat; LABADMIN / OSH; project teams in Myanmar, Ethiopia and Lao PDR

Output 2.5: Access to preventive health services is improved in targeted supply chains (occupational health services assessment tool piloted in Madagascar, and implemented in one additional project country							Project Secretariat; LABADMIN/OSH; project teams in Madagascar and one additional country (to be determined)
Output 2.6: Coordination among prevention, protection and compensation mechanisms is improved in targeted supply chains							Project Secretariat; LABADMIN/OSH; project teams in Lao PDR, Madagascar, Myanmar and Ethiopia
Output 2.7: Compensation for workplace accidents and diseases is strengthened in targeted supply chains (surveys on EII administrative procedures conducted in Lao PDR, Myanmar and Ethiopia)							Project Secretariat; project teams in Lao PDR, Myanmar and Ethiopia

Specific objective 3: Sustainable safe and healthy working conditions and practices at industry and level are reinforced.

Year 2018-2019

	Semester 1									Semes	ster 2			
Output	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
Output 3.1: Targeted and innovative enterprise and sector/industry level interventions are further designed and implemented in Lao PDR, Madagascar, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Colombia and Mexico														Project Secretariat; LABADMIN/OSH; relevant country project teams

Output 2.2: The capacity of constituents to improve OSH in targeted workplaces level is improved in Lao PDR, Madagascar, Myanmar and Ethiopia (to be followed during next reporting period in Tunisia, Mexico and Colombia)							Project Secretariat; LABADMIN/OSH; relevant country project teams
Output 2.3: Mechanisms for accurate recording and notification of occupational injuries and illnesses are strengthened in Madagascar, Myanmar and Ethiopia (to be followed during next reporting period in other project countries)							Project Secretariat; LABADMIN/OSH; project teams in Lao PDR, Myanmar and Madagascar

3. Partners and other cooperation

3.6. How do you assess the relationship between the formal partners of this Action (i.e. those partners which have signed a partnership statement)? Please specify for each partner organisation

A public-private partnership agreement was entered into between the project and **Siemens** in 2017. Siemens is the first private sector donor to the Fund, and is committed to sharing their experience in the field of OSH with the project. Siemens specified that a small part of their financial contribution to the Fund should be allocated to a feasibility study in Ethiopia, examining to identify OSH gaps and potential opportunities for private sector engagement in and around industrial parks in Ethiopia. The study will be discussed at a high-level event in Ethiopia during the next reporting period with representatives from the Ethiopian government, social partners, project donors, private sector actors, and other stakeholders.

In Myanmar, the VZF project VZF is working in partnership with **Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development** (Winrock International), who is supporting ginger farmers and processors to improve productivity and gain access to new and better markets. Joint activities that have been undertaken include trainings of farmers on productivity enhancement and hazard identification as well as the enhancement of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training modules on OSH-related control points, to name but a few. The relationship between the VZF and Winrock International has been constructive and mutually beneficial. Winrock International has established a comprehensive network of ginger farmers in Shan State, and VZF has been

able to tap into the network to enhance Winrock's work on productivity through the delivery of OSH-related services and trainings.

3.7. How would you assess the relationship between your organisation and State authorities and in the Action countries? How has this relationship affected the Action?

The project's main rationale is to mobilize the financial support that is required to foster prevention and increase stakeholder-owned initiatives in global supply chains. Therefore, the joint public-private commitment of businesses, government, the social partners and other relevant stakeholders is a prerequisite for funding. The project will only support those countries and stakeholders that commit themselves to prevention and the implementation of minimum labour, environmental and safety standards. In order to achieve that level of commitment, much effort goes into consultations with State authorities, social partners and other stakeholders, in particular NGOs, in the target countries prior to commencement of project activities. These consultations first take place bilaterally (between the project and the constituents), and then in a tripartite (or multistakeholder) context.

As a result, the project has achieved a degree of legitimacy which is reflected in the existence of effective tripartite Project Advisory Committees (PACs) at project country level, and in the existence of the project Steering Committee Plus (SC+) at global level. In addition to the members of the Steering Committee, SC+ membership includes global worker organizations (in particular the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and IndustriALL Global Union), global employers' organizations (represented by the International Organization of Employers (IOE)), as well as representatives from the ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) and Bureau for Employers' Activities (ACTEMP).

3.8. Where applicable, describe your relationship with any other organisations involved in implementing the Action:

Not applicable

3.9. Where applicable, outline any links you have developed with other actions.

With the assistance of the LABADMIN/OSH Department, the project has been instrumental in bringing together different branches, units and departments in the ILO to ensure that VZF activities are closely coordinated to avoid duplication and overlap. This internal consultation and coordination has informed VZF operations and selection of tools, and resulted in the development of a coordinated ILO programme involving multiple ILO units and departments in Ethiopia's garment and textile sector.

The project's intervention in Ethiopia will be part of a comprehensive and coordinated ILO programme entitled "Advancing Decent Work and Inclusive Industrialization in Ethiopia". The programme was developed in response to a need expressed by the Ethiopian constituents and other key industry stakeholders to advance decent work and inclusive industrialization in key priority sectors identified in the Growth and Transformation Plan II. A commitment to the textile and garment sector is part of

Ethiopia's broad Industrial Development Strategic Plan (2013-2025) to propel the country to middle-income status over the next decade.

The comprehensive ILO programme will be implemented in two, five-year phases. The first phase will focus on the textile and apparel sector. In the second phase, the ILO's support will be expanded further down the supply chain to include cotton production and processing. The intention is to also develop and refine intervention models that could be replicated in other sectors such as construction and agriculture to potentially also move into these sectors in phase two. In addition, the intervention will maintain close links to ILO's ongoing support efforts to implement the government's Jobs Compact, which will expand employment opportunities to refugees, including in identified industrial sectors, among them textile and apparel.

At country level, the project continues to seek out opportunities for collaboration with other EC and other donor funded projects. For example, in Lao PDR, the project is exploring ways in which to develop synergies with the ASEAN Regional Integration Support - Lao PDR trade-related Assistance (ARISE PLUS Lao PDR), funded by the EU. In addition, the project envisages working closely with the ILO Rural Employment Project, which aims to create employment and skills for smallholders and micro enterprises in Sekong and Savannakhet provinces. Small coffee producers in selected districts in Sekong province will be among the VZF project's ultimate beneficiaries, and they will benefit from training material and training implementation on OSH in agriculture.

In Myanmar, the project is collaborating closely with the USDOL-funded SafeYouth@Work project, the USDOL and Disney-funded Youth4OSH Project, and the ILO-Korea Partnership on OSH.

3.10. If your organisation has received previous EC grants in view of strengthening the same target group, in how far has this Action been able to build upon/complement the previous one(s)? (List all previous relevant EC grants).

Effective synergies have been created between the OSH research project in GSCs (ILO-EU project to improve knowledge base on safety and health in global supply chains to support G20 work on safer workplaces - GLO/15/39/EUR), which concluded on 31 December 2017, and this Action in a number of ways.

First, the project adopted the comprehensive assessment tool developed under the EU-funded OSH research project in GSCs to conduct an in-depth diagnosis of the main drivers and constraints of safety and health improvement in each value chain. The tool allows the VZF to identify the most appropriate public and private interventions that will drive sustainable improvements in OSH. VZF has already implemented the methodology in Lao, Madagascar, Myanmar, and anticipates soon doing the same in Ethiopia, Colombia and Mexico during the next reporting period.

Second, in addition to adopting the assessment tool developed under the ILO-EU project, additional synergies have been created between the two projects. In particular, (i) this

project supported the publication of the methodology toolkit in English, French and Spanish for broader dissemination and use; and (ii) VZF is implementing the intervention models designed under the auspices of the ILO-EU project in the lychee value chain in Madagascar, and anticipates doing the same in the coffee value chain in Latin America, in particular in Colombia.

4. Visibility

How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured in the Action?

The Action has published the following publications with the support of the EC.

- Occupational Safety and Health in Global Value Chains Starterkit: Guide for Implementers;
- Occupational Safety and Health Within Sustainable Sourcing Policies of Multinational Enterprises: Summary of Research Findings Focusing on Agriculture and Textile;
- A Case Study of Drivers and Constraints for Occupational Safety and Health Improvement in the Ginger Global Value Chain from Myanmar

Each publication contains the logo of the EC as well as the following acknowledgement: "This publication benefited from funding from the European Commission through the Vision Zero Fund Initiative". In addition, the publications also contain the prescribed disclaimer. These publications can be found here:

https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS_635157/lang--en/index.htm; https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS_635148/lang--en/index.htm; https://www.ilo.org/yangon/publications/WCMS_647316/lang--en/index.htm.

In all other publications of the Action, including the flyer developed in October 2017 (in German, French and German) and the recently published Global Report 2016-2017 (available at https://www.ilo.org/safework/projects/WCMS 647325/lang-en/index.htm), the European Commission is acknowledged as a donor to the project (logo plus narrative). This also goes for all content published on the project's websites.

Finally, donor representatives are always invited to and participate (either as speakers, commentators or guests) in project events at both global and country levels. For more detail on events in Myanmar and Ethiopia, please see the Global Report 2016-2017 referred to above. In addition, the EU Ambassador to Lao PDR will co-chair the first Project Advisory Committee meeting in that country in October 2018.

The European Commission may wish to publicise the results of Actions. Do you have any objection to this report being published on EuropeAid Development Co-operation Office website? If so, please state your objections here.

5. Signature
Name of the ILO responsible official:
Position/Unit:
Signature:
Location: