

Overview of activities of Centre for the Improvement of Working Conditions & Environment (CIWCE) , Lahore-Pakistan

*A collaborating CIS centre and
A Pioneering Institution promoting safety, health and better working
environment at workplaces in Pakistan*

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Main Activities

- To provide training on occupational safety, health and improvement of working environment in industries.
- To monitor the workplaces for chemical and physical hazards like toxic gases, fumes, vapours, noise level, thermal conditions, lighting, ventilation in order to provide technical advice to the industry for improving the safety and health conditions.

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- Helping the industry in monitoring the occupational health conditions of the workers specially due to exposure to noise and chemicals at work.
- Production of training and information materials for promoting awareness on the issue of safety, health and working environment.

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- To provide information and technical advice the industry, workers and the government on practical solutions of safety, health and working environment.
- To carry out research on the problems of safety, health and environment specially on those related to vulnerable workers

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Important Subjects for Training- CIWCE

- Chemical safety.
- Basic emergency first aid and resuscitation at workplace.
- Handling of hazardous materials at workplace.
- Accident prevention.
- Fire safety
- Machine guarding.
- Ergonomics.
- Noise control and hearing conservation.
- Selection and use of personal protective equipment

Target groups of training

- Inspecting officers from Labour Department
- Managements representatives
- Workers & their representatives
- Safety, health and environmental professionals
- Social welfare department
- NGOs

Monitoring Facilities provided to industry (on request)

- Dust and fumes exposure of workers
- Harmful chemicals in the workplaces
- Noise
- Lighting
- Ventilation
- Thermal stress
- Audiometry
- Lung Function Testing
- Safety & health audits

Types of Information and Training Materials Produced

- Posters
- Leaflets
- Videos
- Training guides for supervisors and managers
- Internet based information
- Chemical safety information database in Urdu (ICSCs)
- Newsletters

Topics of Urdu Training Guides Produced

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- Basic emergency first aid and resuscitation
- Improving safety and productivity at workplace
- Chemical safety
- Fire safety
- Improving safety and health in important industrial sectors

Major activities-2007

- Seminar-Expo held on World Day on Safety and health (over 300 professionals and workers/employers reps. attended)
- 63 training sessions (mostly on shop floor and community level) held in which 3324 workers and managers participated.
- 9 specialized courses held in which 274 persons participated.
- Employers codes of conduct on hazardous child labor and OSH developed for 6 sectors.
- Worker friendly materials developed for 6 sectors

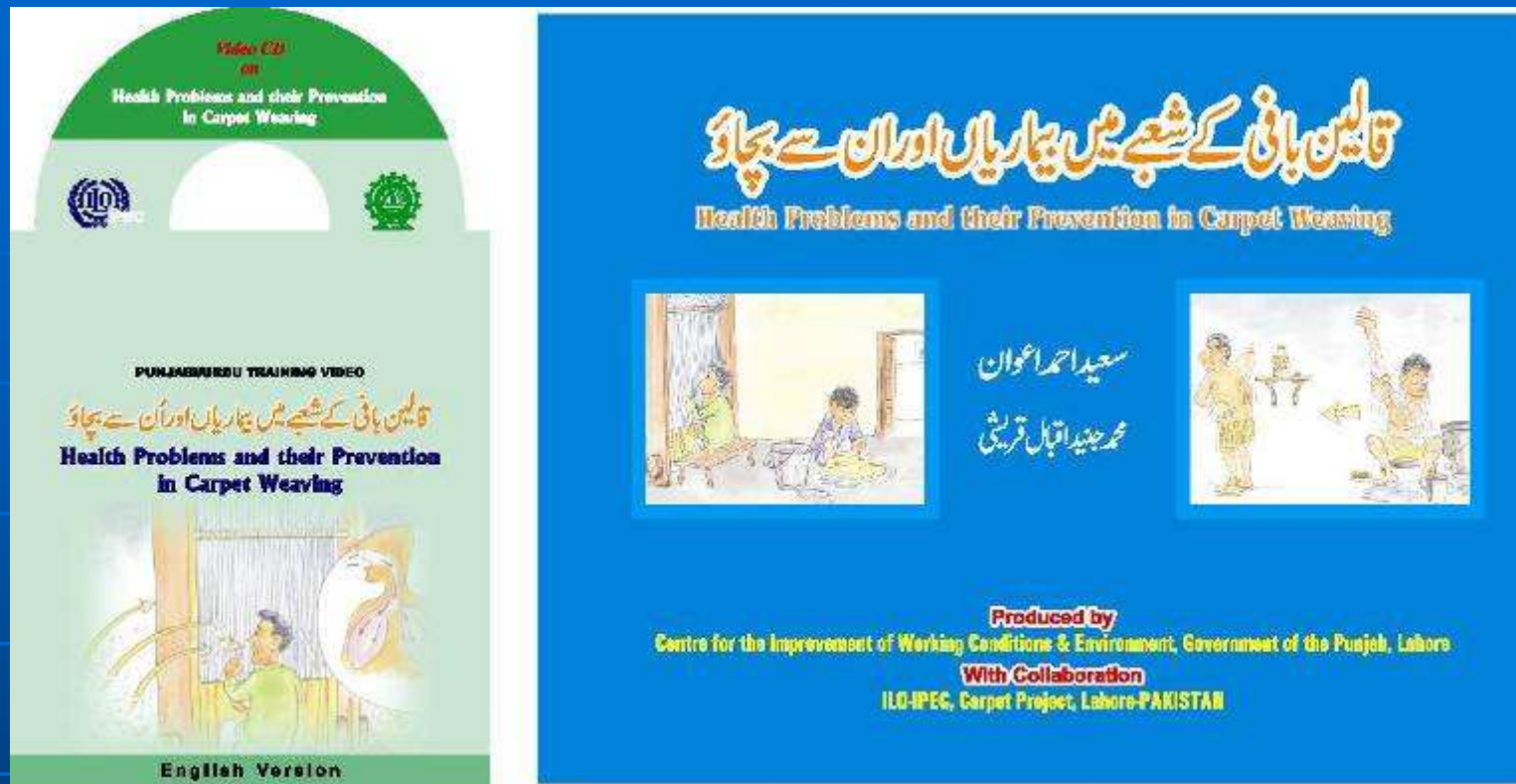
Glimpses of Activities

Expo-seminar on OSH Day 2007



Community awareness campaigns on OSH hazards faced by children and young workers





Videos and animated training/awareness materials for rural and informal sector industries produced

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Major facilities for upgradation of labs and training services added



Hostel for 30 trainees constructed



Construction of a Conference/exhibition hall underway



Major achievements

- ISO 9001:2000 certification achieved for implementing quality management system in training and awareness activities.
- Tech Award of Innovation given to CIWCE including US\$ 50000 cash prize for the new carpet loom which improved health and productivity of carpet workers.
- National civil award given due to the contribution of CIWCE on OSH.



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