

# TAILORED INTERVENTIONS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF WORKERS IN SMEs AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS



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Labour  
Organization

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The type of enterprise in which a worker is employed impacts its safety and health. For this reason, the Safety + Health for All Programme develops and implements tailored interventions for workers in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and in Global Supply Chains, including in the informal economy.

**SAFETY  
+ HEALTH  
FOR ALL**

**20%**

of total employment worldwide is represented by **global supply chain-related jobs**.

**ONLY  
9%**

of all SMEs and micro-enterprises worldwide operate in the formal economy.

**ABOUT  
60%**

of global trade is organized in global supply chains. While the contribution of GSCs to global economic growth and job opportunities is evident, failures at all levels within global supply chains **have contributed to decent work deficits in the areas of occupational safety and health**, wages, working time. Such failures have also contributed to the undermining of labour rights, particularly freedom of association and collective bargaining. Informality, non-standard forms of employment and the use of intermediaries are common in GSCs.

**Workers employed by SMEs** suffer a significantly greater number of work-related injuries and diseases than workers employed by larger enterprises notably due to a lack of proper OSH management systems.

**Focus on the Vision Zero Fund initiative — towards zero severe and fatal work related accidents in global supply chains**

As an integral part of the *Safety + Health for All* Programme, the Fund aims at increasing collective public and private action to foster and enhance concrete OSH prevention activities in selected global supply chains operating in low and middle income countries, using tools and intervention models developed under the global programme.

