

WRC-ILO-PRS/STRIDE PROJECT



BRIEF REPORT OF THE Launching Meeting on Promoting Decent Work and Women's Rights in the Backdrop of COVID-19

10 August, 2022; WRC Seminar Hall, House-2, Road-7, Sector-4, Uttara, Dhaka





REPORT

Title of the Programme	Launching Meeting on Promoting Decent Work and Women’s Rights in the Backdrop of COVID-19
Supported by	International Labour Organisation(ILO) and ILO/Japan Multi-bilateral Programme.
Date	10 August, 2022
Place	WRC Seminar Hall, House-2,Road-7,Sector-4,Uttara,Dhaka.
Nos. of Participants	42 (Male-35, Female-7)
Participation	Apex Leadership of the NCCWE and IBC Constituent Trade Union Federations, ILO Country Office, Bangladesh officials from SDIR & Social protection Project participated in the meeting.

BRIEF REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME

Opening Session:

The programme opened at 10.00am with the chairship of Mr. Chowdhury Ashiquil Alam, Covenor, Project Implementation and Sustainability Sub-Committee, WRC.

WRC Vice Chairman Ms. China Rahman Moderated the programmer.

The meeting was opened with the welcome address by the Chairman.

Solidarity Message

Mr. Jamil Ansar, National Programme Officer, ILO, CO, Dhaka:

In his speech he express his deep satisfaction to the ILO PRS-STRIDE Project officials to choice the WRC for this project. He also thanks the Govt. of Japan to support this activities. He mentioned that the WRC was created to serve the RMG workers to build up their Union's leadership capacity on Trade Union Administration, Collective Bargaining, Grievance Handling and promoting Social Dialogue to create a harmonious Industrial Relations in the RMG Sector under ILO-SDIR project.

But now the WRC has started a new Journey to work for the Informal worker and promoting women's rights. This is a relay historical day for the WRC.

Dr. Md. Mosleh Uddin Sadeque, National Consultant, ILO PRS-STRIDE Project:

Dr. Sadeque explain the objectives of the PRS-STRIDE project. He also said about the life and living of the informal workers of Bangladesh during and post COVID situation. He also explain need and priorities of the planned activities of the project to achieve the objective within stipulated time i.e. December, 2022. In his express his hope and expectation about successful implementation of the project with a direct intervention of the countries dynamic Trade Union Leadership to establish Decent work for the Domestic & Construction Workers.

Mr. Shusuke Oyobe, CTA/Programme Manager, PRS/STRIDE (Over Zoom):

Mr. Shusukey join the meeting over zoom and he has presented the project brief by sharing power point. He has clarified the project concept and its objectives. He express his hope and aspiration that the Bangladesh Trade Union will be able to support the Domestic & construction workers for decent work and protect the women workers from all forms of harassmt & violence by establishing their rights. To achieve these, Trade Unions need to act on ratification of the C-189 & C-190 and proper implementation of the ILO C-87, 98 in all level at work.

Brief Presentation on the Project activity Plan:

Mr. Khandoker Abdus Salam, Manager, WRC presented details project and plan of activities by ppt. After his presentation, an open discussion took place where the leadership take part.

Open discussion session:

In this Session (1) Mr. Z.M. Kamrul Ananm, member, BoT,WRC; (2) Mr. Shahidullah Badal, Acting GS, BMCGTWF; (3) Mr. Amirul Haque Amin, President, NGWF; (4) Mr. Ruhul Amin, President, BFWS; (5) Mr. Shakil Akter Chowdhury, GS, BLF; (6) Mr. Chowdhury Ashiqul Alam, GS, BTUS; (7) Mr. Nurul Haque (BFTUC); Abul Kalam Azad (BTUC); (8) Ms. Shamim Ara (BJSF) and (9) Farzana of ILO Social Protection Project took part in the discussion.

The Leadership express their gratitude to the ILO-PRS/STRIDE Project to initiate this project with the WRC. They also express their heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Japan to come forward for the betterment of the informal workers of Bangladesh.

The leadership said that this is the high time to work for proper implementation of the ILO C-87 & 98 and reflection in the countries labour law. Trade should work together to ratify ILO C-189 & 190 to establish women's rights and safety at workplace as well as in the society.

Ms. Farzana of ILO Social Protection project requested the TU Leadership to involve the disable/physically challenged workers in this project field activities if possible.

Vote of Thanks:

Mrs. China Rahman, Vice Chairman, WRC. Express thanks to all Trade Union Leaders, ILO Officials and the Government of Japan to support the project. She specially thanks Mr. Shusuke and Dr. Mosleh Uddin Sadeque for their cordial support to the WRC regarding the project planning and other activities.

Closing Remarks:

Mr. Chowdhury Ashiqul Alam express his heartfelt thanks to all to come forward to implement this project activities. He also hoped that this project will continue and its working need to be expand in future as millions of Domestic, Construction and informal workers have been experienced a harder life during COVID pandemic. He also said that the Women's right should be establish and Trade Union should work together to ratify ILO Convention-189 &190 as well as to proper implementation of C-87 & C-98.