

Textile-Incidents.info –

A Tool to Identify and to Remedy Hazards and Human Rights Abuses

The textile and garment sector is fraught with high risks such as human rights abuses and environmental damage. It is without question, a high-risk sector. Trade unions and NGOs are trying to address and minimise human rights and environmental risks. However, the players in the economy have a greater opportunity to exert influence. Due to the legal framework, the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG) and other directives such as Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) at European Union level, they are obliged to carry out a risk analysis and to eliminate the risks and concrete abuses.

Our Approach

An effective approach to improvements is provided by a data-based risk analysis and based on this, measures for remedial action and prevention.

That is why we, as a civil society partner network of six environmental and development NGOs in Bangladesh and Europe, want to use the program of the Worker- und Community-based Monitoring to contribute to an effective risk analysis of companies.

Sustainable business models include risk minimization and the implementation of human rights and environmental due diligence obligations. This includes the three-step process: identifying, analysing, and remediating risks. The involvement of rights holders and continuous stakeholder engagement are a central part of the due diligence process, as defined by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs).

Our Tool

The website [Textile-Incidents.info](https://textile-incidents.info) is part of this program and a tool for identifying and eliminating risks. Our goals encompass linking incidents of labour rights violations and environmental pollution to the brands, multi-stakeholder initiatives, and sustainability standards. We aim to motivate them to address these issues and implement measures for improvement and redress.

Through [Textile-Incidents.info](https://textile-incidents.info) as a database and our Worker- and Community-based Monitoring Program, we help to provide an overview of cases and structural risks in the global textile supply chain. With this database, we aim to provide information on specific, serious labour rights and environmental violations in textile production in a systematic and comparable manner.

What to Expect – How to Act

- ⇒ If you – as a brand or supplier – identify a connection between the case or incident and your supply chain or to a sector risk, the case should be taken up and remedied.
- ⇒ If you – as a stakeholder (civil society organization, union, multistakeholder initiative or sustainability standard) – come across a case or a sector risk not yet included in our list, please inform [Textile-Incidents.info](https://textile-incidents.info) about this.

With this website as well as our project on Worker- and Community-based Monitoring we seek to facilitate a transition to sustainable purchasing practices that respect ecological boundaries and ensure socially just working conditions. Therefore, in addition to this database, we rely on dialogue structures between NGOs and trade unions as well as with local authorities, producers, and decision-makers. The solution-oriented dialogue is based on reliable and meaningful information on working and environmental conditions, which is regularly updated.

Contact us:

Your opinion is important to us!

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