

THE REGULATION OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY CHAINS (RISC)

The Governance of Occupational Health & Safety in the Bangladesh Ready-Made Garment Industry

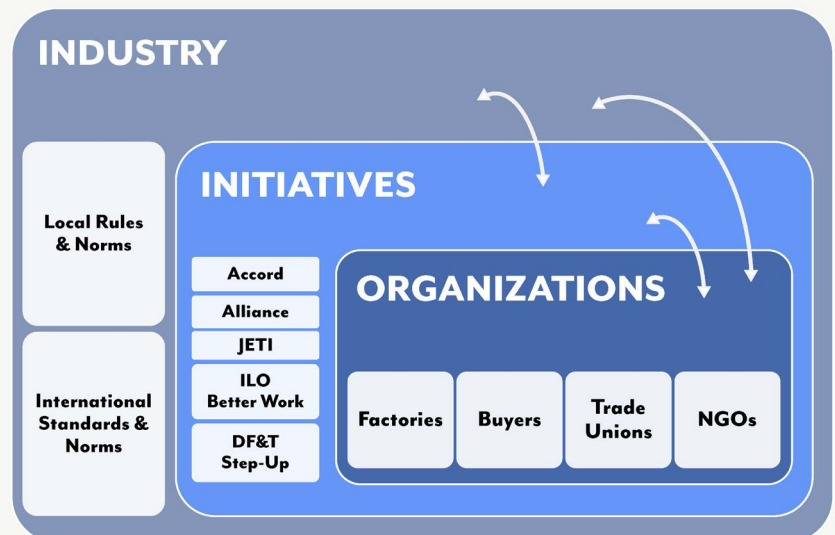
Following the horrific collapse of Rana Plaza in 2013, millions of dollars were invested and dozens of programs were established to address a variety of social sustainability issues in Bangladesh's RMG industry. Yet, many years on, we lack an understanding of which problems have been effectively addressed and those which remain, as well as knowledge about which efforts or methods have been most effective in facilitating progress. Thus, RISC seeks to understand which approaches and aspects – such as training/education, infrastructure development, or monitoring and enforcement – are most effective for regulating different kinds of sustainability issues, such as OHS, gender empowerment and labor rights. In doing this, RISC also considers how programs and efforts interact with each other, as well as how the overall lessons and findings apply to other supply chains as well as ethical trade more broadly. The project is funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and administered by the Danida Fellowship Centre.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

1. Understand the landscape and scope of organizations and governance initiatives for social sustainability in the BD RMG industry, and their interactions (see Figure)
2. Determine the attributes of effective governance for social sustainability in the BD RMG industry, and of their applicability to supply chains more broadly
3. Make findings accessible to practitioners and enhance the capacity of local researchers, practitioners, and organizations by facilitating the growth of locally-driven, evidence-based solutions

PROJECT AIMS

1. Identify attributes of effective sustainability governance
2. Provide new academic and practical knowledge on the governance of sustainability in international supply chains
3. Contribute to local capacity building



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