

Socialization: Involvement of Trade Unions in advocacy at the local level

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Who?



- OHSEI, the Asian Workers' Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Institute, was established in February 2000 and is based in Bangkok. OHSEI is the occupational health, safety and environment agency for the International Unions in Asia.

Other Partners

- FNV / LO-FTF
- Bangladesh Institute of Labor Studies (BILS)
- All Pakistan Worker Federation
- Indonesia Trade Union Congress (ITUC)
- PS Link, Philippines
- NUBCW, Philippines
- Pakistan National Textile, Leather, Garment & General Workers Federation
- ITGLWF-TWARO, Philippines
- BNC, Bangladesh

Why?

Current Scenario

- Workplace accidents still relatively high.
- Outdated OHSE Laws
- Enforcement??
- Informal economy??
- Sustainable development??

General Objectives

- (i) To strengthen the union capacity to address OHSE and CSR.
- (ii) To engage the union in social dialogue.

Specific Objectives

- Worker participation in OHSE
- OHSE interventions at local level

What?

Justification for Intervention

- Social development.
- Worker participation is important.

Lessons Learnt

- Still at the preliminary stage (phase 1). There will be lessons learnt workshop at the mid 2006.

Outputs

- Organization Sustainability – structure, capacity, tools.

Structure

- OHSE Unit within the national center.
- Union OHSE Policy.
- Union OHSE Committee.
- Union OHSE Program and Objectives.

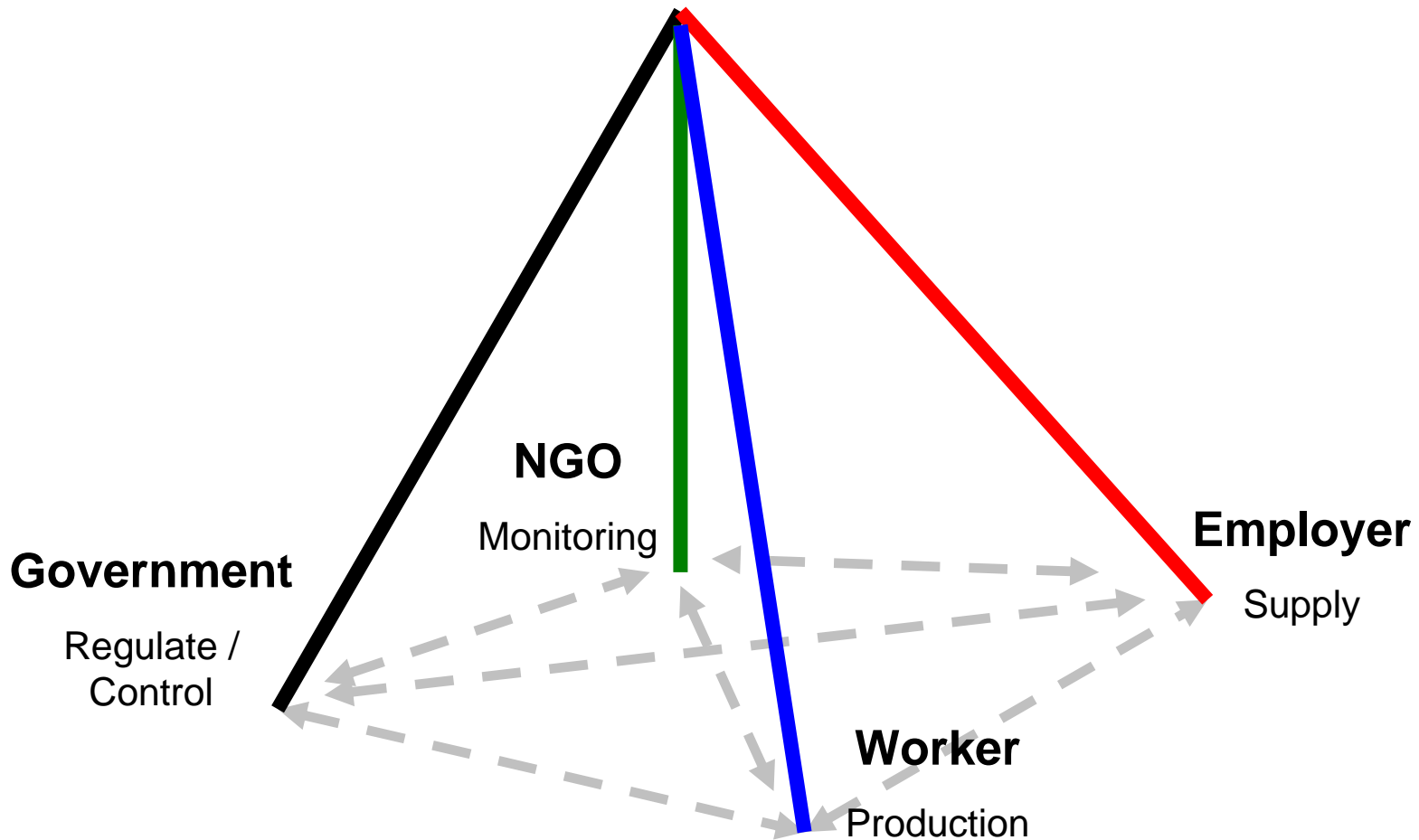
Capacity

- Human capacity (resource person).
- Critical mass (OHSE committee)

Tools

- Training and intervention tools
- Knowledge based material (website, publication, research/survey, etc).

Social Development



When?

- Phase 1 (January 2005 until end 2005)
 - Develop safety group
 - Training of safety group on OHSE
 - Developing intervention tools
- Phase 2 (started in december 2005 until december 2006)
 - Develop study circle
 - Training of study circle on OHSE
 - Implementation of intervention
- One safety group has 10-15 members. Each member will form a study circle of 10-15 members.

