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UNACCEPTABLE FORMS OF WORK FOR SAFETY IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR- PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY

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Abstract

This study aims to describe the occurrences of unacceptable forms of work (UFW) for safety and health occupation (OSH) in the construction sector in Palestinian National Authority and identify policies, measures and strategies to be taken to accelerate the transition to decent work. The quantitative part of the study had as objective to evaluate the currently existing UFW by using 368 responses to a developed questionnaire. In the qualitative part, three focus groups and interviews with diverse stakeholders were established to develop framework of policies strategies and possible interventions to enable a transition to decent work. The questionnaire results showed that the highest ranked priority interventions of UFW for OSH are related to “no medical examination check before starting and during the current job”, “no clear instructions on OSH”, “no list of penalties available in the case of violation of OSH” and “at the workplace, there is little formal representation from official inspectors on OSH”. Experts from the focus groups agreed that it is necessary to work with each project parties with integration mandates, increasing knowledge, expertise and resources to mobilize action and enhance policy influence for the protection of labours from UFW.

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