



Partnership Initiative Learning and Implementation Community (LIC)

The challenge

The direct impact of purchasing practices on the living and working conditions of textile workers was particularly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic, when numerous international companies cancelled their orders to textile suppliers, resulting in the sudden loss of livelihoods for thousands of employees. This shows that responsible purchasing practices by retailers and brands in the textile and clothing industry are an important building block for improving working conditions in textile factories.

Our approach

In the Learning and Implementation Community (LIC), member companies of the Partnership for Sustainable Textiles work together with their suppliers to integrate the principles and practices of the Common Framework for Responsible Purchasing Practices (CFRPP) into their processes and thus improve their purchasing practices. The five principles define responsible purchasing practices and back them up with concrete practices that can enable effective and partnership-based cooperation between purchasing companies and suppliers as well as the payment of living wages in supplier factories. To this end, individual action plans are developed and implemented within the framework of the LIC. The Partnership companies exchange their experiences and good practices via regular peer learning formats.

Our goals

The objective of the project is to put the principles and practices of the Common Framework into practice by the participating Partnership companies and to adapt purchasing practices in order to improve the situation of workers in the production countries in the long term. Close cooperation with the supplier companies is an important prerequisite for achieving this objective.

Facts and Figures

Project duration	08/2023–04/2025
Focus topic	Living wages and purchasing practices
BMZ focus topic	Poverty and Hunger
Project countries	Global
Involved Partnership members	Hugo Boss AG, KiK Textilien und Non-Food GmbH, WEIT-BLICK GmbH & Co. KG, Sym-patex Technologies GmbH, Hch. Kettelhack GmbH & Co. KG, ALDI Nord Deutschland Stiftung & Co. KG
Implementa-tion partners	KAYA&KATO GmbH, MSI Working Group for Responsible Purchasing Practices: Fair Wear Foundation, Ethical Trading Initiative, Ethical trade Norway, Solidaridad; GIZ Global Project “Initiative for global solidarity”



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