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Advocacy case studies

# HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION IN BANGLADESH

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<b>COUNTRY:</b>	<b>Bangladesh</b>
<b>THEME:</b>	<b>Disaster management; human rights; livelihoods</b>
<b>ADVOCACY APPROACHES:</b>	<b>Government officials: lobbying; mobilising people and campaigning; working in alliances and coalitions</b>

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Tearfund partner Koinonia was part of the earthquake preparedness team that responded to the infamous clothing factory collapse in 2013, providing psychosocial support and trauma counselling.

As a result of what happened, they strengthened their advocacy work. In coalition with others, they targeted the government departments for business and social welfare, lobbying them for better health and safety legislation and fairer wages for garment workers.

Leading on from this, the government promised to comply with International Labour Organization standards and strengthen their health and safety framework and its implementation. They also agreed to look afresh at supporting the employment rights of garment workers and other factory workers.

A nationwide campaign to increase awareness of the building code, and how to put it into practice in crowded urban areas, has also created pressure on builders to comply with the legislation.