

REMEDIATION PROGRESS UPDATE

Dear all,

The Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh has issued its quarterly progress report with new data as of 1 October 2017. The data show details of remediation progress across different safety issues identified at Accord covered RMG factories in Bangladesh.

Progress as of 15 November:

- Overall remediation progress at 80%
- 100% remediation from initial inspections at 120 factories
- 90% or more remediation at 665 factories
- Safety Committee training curriculum completed at 159 factories
- 208 health and safety complaints resolved

Through refinements made to Accord's data system, remediation progress at more than 1,600 factories covered by the Accord can now be analysed more in-depth by looking at the progress rate of the most common fire, electrical, and structural items that need to be remediated.

It shows for example, that 94.8% of factories have removed lockable and/or collapsible gates, meaning workers have more chance of escaping the factory building in an emergency. While most factories have submitted fire alarm and fire detection design drawings to the Accord and are in the process of ordering and installing the systems, the full installation including final verification of testing and commissioning has been completed at 31.3% of the factories.

FINDING	NO. OF FACTORIES WHERE THE FINDING WAS IDENTIFIED	NO. OF FACTORIES WHERE THE FINDING IS STILL OUTSTANDING	REMEDIATION PROGRESS RATE ACROSS ALL FACTORIES
• Lockable/collapsible gates	1,393	72	94.8%
• Inadequate fire detection & alarm system	1,378	946	31.3%
• Inadequate egress lighting	1,333	243	81.8%

Preview of Table 3, STATUS OF MOST COMMON FIRE FINDINGS (in published CAPs), in Quarterly Aggregate Report, October issue



Before: Collapsible Gate



After: Fire Door Installed

The newly available data of progress at CAP item categories will be used by the Accord team in their engagement with factories and signatories to identify urgent priorities and necessary support and actions to complete remediation as soon as possible.

[Read the Quarterly Aggregate Report](#)



On 15 November 2017, an additional 33 factories completed the remediation from initial inspections, bringing the total of remediated factories to 120. The Accord awarded letters of recognition to the factories' management during a ceremony in Dhaka.



MORE FROM ACCORD:

- The Bangladesh Accord Safety Program will continue beyond May 2018 until a set of rigorous readiness conditions are met by local regulatory bodies. Read [Accord's statement](#).
- The Accord Steering Committee met from 16 to 19 October 2017 in Dhaka for their quarterly meeting and to hold discussions with in-country constituents including: the Ministry of Labour, the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), the ILO and bi-lateral country missions. The Steering Committee meeting minutes can be found [here](#).
- The Accord has updated its overview of complaints raised with the Accord Safety and Health Complaints Mechanism. 281 complaints have been filed thus far in 2017; this is an increase of 200 percent from 2016. See the overview [here](#).



2018 ACCORD:

- The full text and sign on information are available [here](#).
- 49 brands and retailers have now signed the 2018 Accord, covering almost 1,200 of the current Accord factories. See who they are at [IndustriALL website](#) & [UNI Global Union website](#).



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