



INVITATION

Workshop “Supporting workers affected by COVID-19: Lessons from practice”

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The fourth wave of COVID-19 in Vietnam started in late April 2021 and quickly developed into a severe nationwide pandemic. The national government and local authorities in 19 provinces have imposed strict social blockade measures since July 2021. A large number of formal and informal workers have suffered from job loss or reduction significantly reduced income as a result. Many of those who have lost their jobs, been quarantined, or been infected with the virus are migrant workers. With little or no savings left, many formal and informal workers have relied on support from the government, mass organizations, local authorities, and donations to feed their families, afford medical treatment as well as pay rent.

Contributing to the joint effort of the Government of Vietnam and other organizations, Institute for Development & Community Health (LIGHT Institute), Oxfam and other partners have also directly supported workers in some provinces and cities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in recent months, while also providing recommendations in the process of developing government support policies (Resolution 68/NQ-CP and Decision 23/2021/QĐ-TTg).

In this context, LIGHT Institute collaborates with Oxfam in Vietnam to organize the Workshop “Supporting workers affected by COVID-19: Lessons from practice” to share experience about supporting workers affected by COVID-19 and summarise valuable insights when implementing this support; and to share recommendations to support workers in safely recovering and adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic's development and future shocks.

LIGHT Institute cordially invites you to attend the Workshop

- **Time:** 13:00 – 17:00, 20 December, 2021
- **Location:** LIGHT Institute office - No. 38, Alley No. 100, Dich vong Hau, Hanoi; and/or online via Zoom platform

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85113359114>

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The meeting agenda is attached herewith.

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Best regards,

On behalf of the LIGHT Institute
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Tentative workshop agenda

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| Timeline | Workshop agenda |
|-------------|--|
| 13:00-13:30 | Welcoming delegates |
| 13:30-13:40 | Opening remarks Dr. Nguyen Thu Giang, Deputy Director, Institute for Development & Community Health (LIGHT) Dr. Pham Quang Tu – Deputy National Director, Oxfam in Vietnam |
| 13:40-14:00 | The outcomes of Resolution 68's implementation, as well as the outcomes of the collaboration between the Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs (MOLISA) and Mnet Speaker: Representative of Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) |
| 14:00-14:20 | Policies to support workers affected by COVID-19 - from a gender perspective. Speaker: Representative of Center for Studies and Applied Sciences in Gender, Family, Women and Adolescents (CSAGA) |
| 14:20-14:40 | People's responses on government aid policies: Speaker: Representative of Real-time Analytics (RTA) company/Research Centre for Gender, Family and Community Development (GFCD) |
| 14:40-15:10 | Plenary discussion |
| 15:10-15:20 | <i>Teabreak</i> |
| 15:20-16:40 | Panel discussion Sharing experience about supporting workers affected by COVID-19 and recommendations to support workers in safely recovering and adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic's development and future shocks Representatives of organizations participating in the discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Network for Migrant Workers (Mnet) • Southern Nonprofit Network (SNPO) • Social Life Institute • People's Participation Working Group (PPWG)/ECUE • SOS Map initiative: technology application to support workers Panel moderator: Mrs. Nguyen Thu Huong, Senior Governance Programme Manager, Oxfam in Vietnam |
| 16:40-16:50 | Opinion sharing from donor representatives |
| 16:50-17:00 | Closing remarks, Dr. Nguyen Thu Giang, Deputy Director, Institute for Development & Community Health (LIGHT) |