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BWC PARTNERS WITH ILO IN OPTIMIZING THE COLLECTION OF OSH DATA

The Department of Labor and Employment-Bureau of Working Conditions (DOLE-BWC) shares the same view with the International Labor Organization (ILO) that the collection of data is an indispensable tool for the detection of new hazards and emerging risks, the identification of hazardous sectors, the development of preventive measures, as well as the implementation of policies, systems and programs at international, national and enterprise levels.

On 31 January 2018, the BWC with the support of ILO gathered different government agencies for a one-day workshop on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Data Gaps held at the Hotel Jen, Roxas Blvd. Manila to determine ways on how to improve the collection, harmonization, analysis and use of OSH Data.

Representatives from DOLE, Department of Health (DOH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Social Security System (SSS), Government Social Insurance System (GSIS) and PhilHealth attended the workshop and shared their experiences on their data collection and analysis. Majority of the participants agreed that there is a big gap not only in terms of numbers but also on the quality and authenticity of the data being collected.

The workshop ended with the following agreements; (1) There is a need for Policy Reforms and Enhancement; (2) Data collection should be improved to ensure Data Sufficiency; (3) Methodology of data collection as to the forms used, process and the system must be reviewed; (4)Capacity building of people and infrastructure; (5) Coordination among agencies for information and data sharing; (6) Harmonizationof the agencies' common data and establishmentof a clearing house for this.

The activity is part of the National OSH Data on Prevention, Enforcement and Compensation with support from the ILO under the SafeYouth@Work Project.

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