

# Contributions from trade union leaders in VNRs countries on SDGs implementation and pandemic recovery: highlights and challenges

## Thailand's Practices.

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# 1. What are the main highlights and challenges for the implementation of the SDGs in your country in the current context?

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- Thai government established the Sustainable Development Committee to strategically work on SDGs with the country's development plan.
- Thai government also assigned the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board to serve as the secretary of the Sustainable Development Committee.
- All ministries and government agencies, including the employer organizations and academics, all are constituent of the Sustainable Development Committee.
- The workers and worker organizations, or even Thai citizens in different sectors, are not assigned to be part of the Sustainable Development Committee.



## 2. What are the main highlights and challenges, in particular, for the implementation of the SDG 8 in your country in the current context?

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- Thai government had plan to work on decent work strategy since 2006, but actually started very late on 2015-2016.
- The implementation of the Decent Work plan is not clear from how to realize the decent work in the work place.
- Thai government agencies and state enterprises created jobs by using the precarious work to save or decrease the personnel spending, such as short-termed working condition, etc.
- Instead of trying to maintain the decent work contract, Ministry of Labour started to consider and write the regulation to support the hourly payment to the workers, creating the worst form of work payment in the employments.



### 3. What policy responses should your government prioritise to respond to the Covid-19 crisis in line with the SDGs?

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- Thai government should provide the universal social protection and free access to the healthcare to everyone equally.
- Thai government should establish the income or wage protection scheme to help work against the COVID-10.
- The strict measure from the Ministry of Labour to fully protect the workers from illegal work termination. Workers should not be forced to submit the resignation letter; instead, they should be fully protected by getting the full amount of compensation for work termination. Additionally, the social security scheme should quickly response by paying unemployment ccompensation during unemployment.
- The government should establish the termination fund to help worker to survive especially from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The government should issue the economic measure to lower the living cost such as lower the consumption product necessary to life, lower the public transportation fee, etc.



**THANK YOU  
for your attentions.**