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# Reaching the Unreached: Safeguarding the Safety and Health of Self-Employed Persons

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### **Self-Employed Person – Challenges**

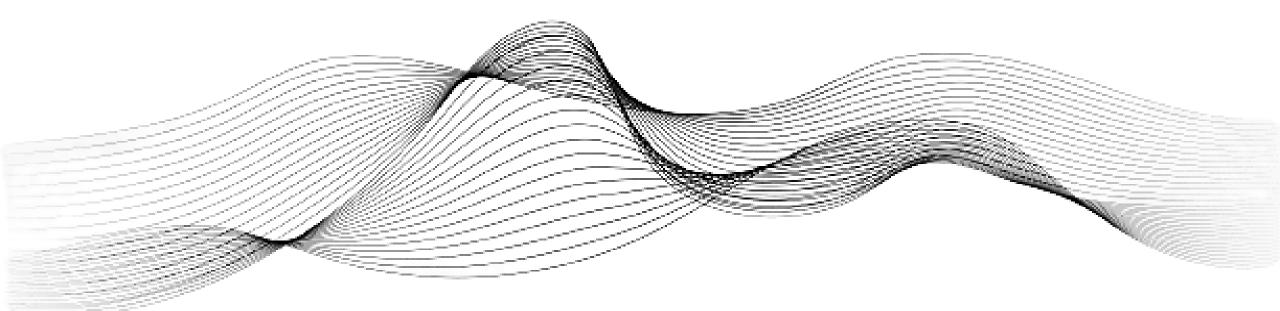
- Self-employed person also face a range of work-related risks that can impact their safety and wellbeing.
- These risks are often more pronounced for self-employed workers compared to traditional employees due to the nature of their independent business operations.
- Self-employed workers often operate without the support and resources of an established workplace, which can lead to inadequate safety measures and increased risks of accidents, injuries, and work-related health issues.







### The best form of social security



#### is for the worker to stay safe and healthy







#### Social Security Coverage for the Self-Employed

Risk of Falling Outside the Social Protection Coverage

- Guaranteed rest time and paid holidays
- National or sectoral minimum wage
- Maternity, paternity or parental leaves
- Unemployment, sickness and healthcare benefits
- Safety and health protection
- Pension rights including invalidity
- Social benefits against occupational injury or occupational diseases







#### Aggravating factors in coverage, safety and health

- Inadequate regulatory framework and social protection systems.
- The loss of the traditional employer employee relationship.
- Ambiguity of the roles of the platform providers and employment status (gig-economy).
- Perception on coverage, information barriers.
- The limitation of roles of safety and health practitioners or labor inspectors.





# Social security protection

### **Open the doors for safety and health**



#### **Closing the gap in coverage**

- Enhancing the legal framework
  - Mandatory participation under the law various forms including social security law, tax law or data protection law
    - e.g. France, Malaysia, Uruguay
- Utilising Digitalisation
  - Facilitate contributions process
    - Platform remittance, digital payment system
    - e.g. Switzerland, Estonia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Uruguay







#### **Closing the gap in coverage**

- Reclassification of platform economy workers
  - Unique platform providers and platform workers relationship
  - Classification as employees as a quick measure to close the gap
    - Portugal, Spain, the UK (for e-drivers)
- Increasing awareness
  - Improve representation and organization
    - Social security organizations and platform workers association to work together
  - Continuous education and promotion







#### Malaysia – providing social protection to the platform economy

- The gig economy workforce in Malaysia had grown by 31% in 2017, surpassing growth in conventional workforce (DOSM)
- Nearly four in 10 of the Malaysian workforce would be gig workers in the next five years – double the global average (EPF, 2019)
- The Self-Employed Social Security Scheme was introduced in 2017

- Malaysian Government announced initiatives for the self-employed
  - PenjanaGig under PENJANA (Pelan Jana Semula Ekonomi Negara) or the Economic Recovery Plan stimulus package

70% of contribution for self-employed workers under platforms registered under the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) are covered by the government

#### SPS Lindung

100% of delivery riders' social security contribution

#### SPS Prihatin Wanita

SPS Prihatin Wanita covers 70% social security contribution for female self-employed workers

#### • Kerjaya Gig announced under PEMERKASA.,

RM600 incentive per month for six months to new selfemployed individuals joining the gig industry

Geran padanan Caruman SPS







### Vision Zero Campaign Philosophy

All occupational accidents, harm and diseases are preventable

A process – rather than a target

A transformational approach to prevention

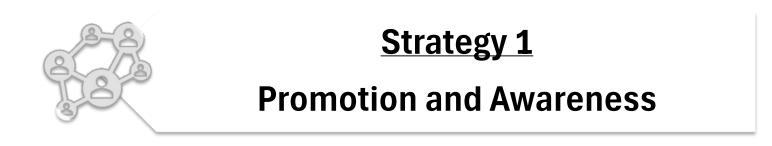
Building a culture of prevention that integrates both safety, health and well-being at work

Model based on: Zwetsloot, Leka, Kines. Vision zero: from accident prevention to the promotion of health, safety and well-being at work; in Policy and Practice in Health and Safety, IOSH 2017





## **VISION ZERO MALAYSIA STRATEGIES**





#### **Improving Literacy and Resources**



**Strategy 3** 

**Field Implementation** 







### **VISION ZERO MALAYSIA - STRATEGY 1**

#### **Promotion and Awareness**

Vision Zero as focus for seminar / conferences held by PERKESO

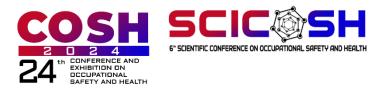
Vision Zero as main presentations / plenary presentations in other Safety and Health events in the country

Co-branding in PERKESO prevention initiatives

Recruitment of Vision Zero Partners/ Companies

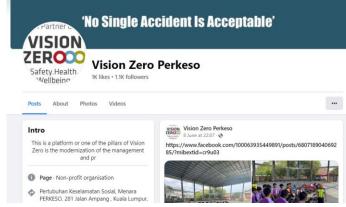
- To increase awareness of Vision Zero among employers in Malaysia
- Introduce the elements of Vision Zero (7 Golden Rules)





#### **PROMOTION THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA & COMPETITION**

TOGETHER WE CAN SHAPE A WORLD WITHOUT ACCIDENTS, DISEASES AND HARM





Short Video "SABAR LAH ARIFF" telah pun melepasi saringan awal pertandingan video kreatif.... See more



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### **VISION ZERO MALAYSIA - STRATEGY 2**

#### Improving Literacy and Resources

Translation of the Guidelines for Vision Zero to the Malay language.

Development of second level documents to complement the ISSA Guidelines for Vision Zero.

The Vision Zero Survey

- Improve the understanding of Vision Zero in the country
- Enhance localized resources for Vision Zero

#### **VISION ZERO**

7 Golden Rules – for zero accidents and healthy work A guide for employers and managers



#### **VISION ZERO**

7 Peraturan Utama-Kemalangan sifar dan kerja sihat

Panduan untuk majikan dan pengurus





#### **TRAINING MODULE & STANDARD DEVELOPMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS**







#### **Field Implementation**

The Commuting Safety Support Program

The SME – OSH Compliance Program

Vision Zero Community

EXHIBITION ON

The Workplace Health Promotion Program

Vision Zero Secretariat

Vision Zero Webinar Series

- To reduce employment injury
- To introduce a systematic safety approach using Vision Zero as a template
- To assist industries for implementation of Vision Zero in their safety and health measures



VISION ZEROCO SUPPORT PROGRAM





#### **P-HAILING SAFETY INDUCTION**



#### **INFORMAL SECTOR**





#### **FOREIGN WORKER SAFETY INDUCTION**







#### 1) Reassessing OSH Policies

- Conduct a thorough analysis of existing OSH policies and regulations.
- Identify any gaps, inconsistencies, or outdated measures that may have contributed to the increase in accidents.







#### 2) Industry-Specific Risk Assessments

- Establish industry-specific task forces to conduct detailed risk assessments.
- Tailor OSH strategies based on the unique challenges and hazards prevalent in each sector, ensuring a targeted and effective approach.







#### 3) Utilizing Technology for Prevention

- Explore the adoption of cutting-edge technologies for accident prevention.
- Implement real-time monitoring systems, predictive analytics, and automation to identify and mitigate potential risks before they escalate.







#### 4) Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation

- Establish a robust system for continuous monitoring and evaluation of OSH initiatives e.g., integrated reporting system PERKESO & JKKP
- Implement regular feedback loops involving stakeholders to quickly identify and address emerging safety challenges.







#### 1) Increasing priority

- National agenda on OSH, standards and code of practice for platform economy
- Licensing and training
- Standards
- Awareness and exposure







#### **National Plans**

- OSHMP 2021-2025
  - Strategy 7 (STRENGTHENING OSH IN WORK-RELATED ROAD SAFETY, INFORMAL SECTORS AND FUTURE JOBS)
    - Programme 2: Enhancing awareness and alertness of OSH practices in e-hailing services

• **Programme 4:** OSH Improvement in informal sectors

- MALAYSIA ROAD SAFETY PLAN 2022 2030
  - Priority Area 5 (SAFER WORK-RELATED JOURNEY)
    - Sub-Area 5.2: Enhancing commuting safety for gig economy sector







### The National OSH Master Plan 2021-2025

# Strategy 7 - Addressing Work Related Road Safety, Informal Sectors and Future Jobs



- Research
- Stakeholder engagement
  - E-hailing / p-hailing workers
  - Technological platforms
  - Future companies







### The National OSH Master Plan 2021-2025

Addressing Work Related Road Safety, Informal Sectors and Future Jobs

Increasing OSH awareness for the future jobs Strengthen OSH in the ehailing platform Reinforcing management of Work-Related Road Safety

Improving OSH practices in the informal sector







### The National OSH Master Plan 2021-2025

Addressing Work Related Road Safety, Informal Sectors and Future Jobs

- Improving legal competencies
- Standards development and widening certification
  - ISO39001
- Increasing training resources







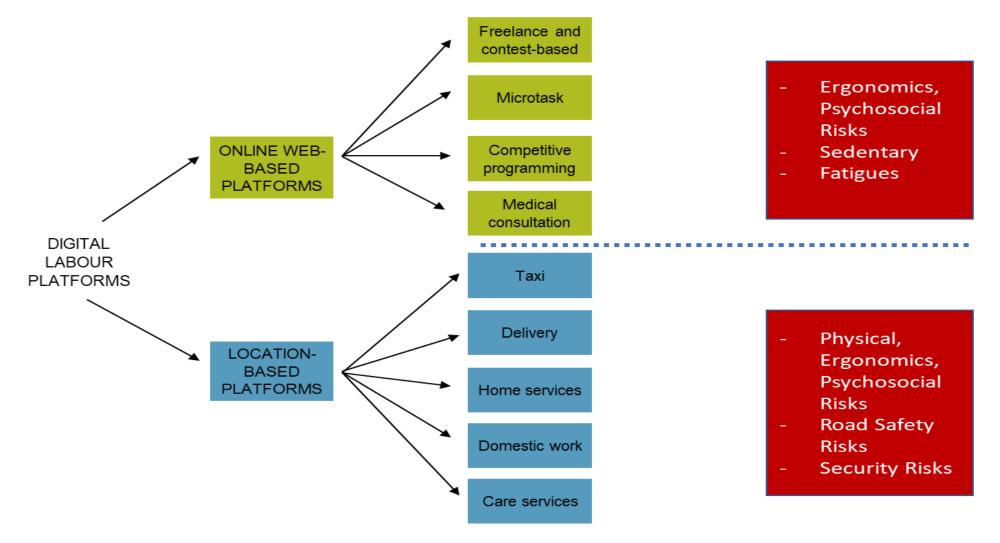


- 2) Inclusion into Occupational Safety and Health (platform economy)
  - Breakaway from the role of safety and health legislations to the employed only.
  - "The responsibility for safety and health for those who work with the risk lies with the one who created the risk"
  - Change of approach for the OSH practitioners and legislators















#### 3) Reversing the impact of digitalization

- Digitalization creates the platform economy and the associated risks
- Digitalization may also form the solution
  - Increase in coverage opens for opportunities for safety and health training and programs
  - Integration of OSH requirement into the algorithms of the platforms : work hours, safe route, safe practice
- Data sharing psychosocial health, work sharing







- Old risks new exposure
  - Work related road safety
    - Social media campaign
    - Seminars and training modules
    - Sharing of best practices







#### **CONCLUSION**

- Number of reported industrial accidents continued to rise or stagnant over a decade, with both direct and indirect cost to the nation. A notable increase in industrial accidents was observed following the post-COVID-19 period.
- Various OSH interventions/initiatives have been implemented, but limited reach.
- Renewed approach is needed for improvement:
  - Reassessing the OSH policies
  - Industry-specific risk assessments for targeted and widening approach
  - Utilizing technology for prevention
  - Continuous monitoring and evaluation







#### **CONCLUSION**

- Self employment have rapidly expanded over the last decade, creating new work (earning) opportunities by easing labor market entry, gaining the labour market share significantly.
- The job mediation via platform providers and platform algorithm creates a unique work interaction unlike self employment or gig economies that pre-date platform economy, absence of the employer-employee relationship.
- Self employed workers risks falling out of the social security coverage including occupational safety and health prevention, benefits and rehabilitation.







### **CONCLUSION**

- Measures to create a social security inclusiveness for the self employed includes legislative framework, digitalization, prioritization and a paradigm shift in thinking about work-safety and health.
- Occupational / Worker's safety and health:
  - Build a base of knowledge on the risks and management of that risks.
  - Increase the awareness for the requirement of safety and health while conducting platform economy activities.
  - Be aware that the tripartite relationship is different, and must be brought in early to ensure safety, health and well being.







### PERKESO ACCIDENT PREVENTION STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2026

STRATEGY 1: Reaching the unreached

 To execute accident prevention programs and expand outreach to the targeted groups/employers with high accident number/rate in alignment with the Pareto principle. STRATEGY 4: Effective engagement/ collaboration

 To establish effective engagement and collaboration with relevant agencies/NGOs, fostering a mutually beneficial partnership that aligns with Vision Zero. STRATEGY 3: Reliable data & resources

 To ensure the availability of reliable data and resources, facilitating the design of effective accident prevention programs, enabling comprehensive analysis, and making the resources accessible for a broader audience. STRATEGY 4: Innovative media/promotion

 To enhance the dissemination of safety and health messages to a specific audience through innovative messaging and approaches.





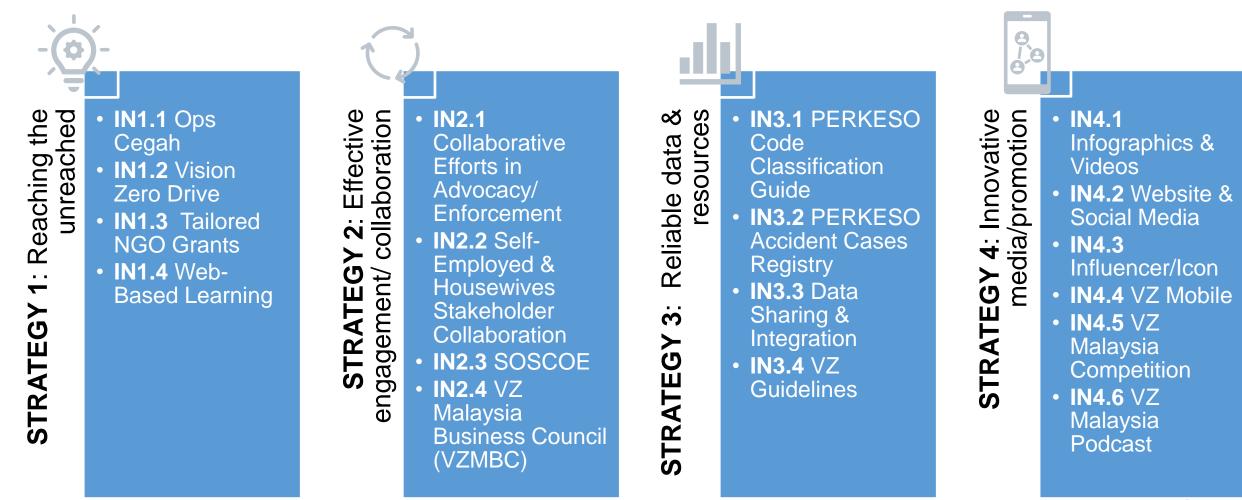


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