



Global Health Lecture Series

featuring

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Improving Occupational Health in Developing Countries: the Garment Workers of Bangladesh

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ABC 100, 12:00 noon

Bangladesh has approximately 4,500 garment factories with more than four million workers and is the world's second biggest exporter of clothing, with garments making up 80 percent of its \$24 billion annual exports. Bangladeshi women work in harsh conditions at the garment factories with minimal or no workplace health and safety regulations, programs, policies, or practices.

On November 24, 2012, a fire broke out in the Tazreen Fashion factory on the outskirts of Dhaka, Bangladesh. At least 117 people were confirmed dead and another 200 were reported injured. The following April, 1,034 bodies were recovered from the catastrophic collapse of Rana Plaza, an eight-story building that housed five garment factories. Two weeks later, eight people were killed when a fire swept through a clothing factory.

During this presentation, Hasanat Alamgir, PhD will discuss the implications of such factory disasters and the responsibility of the government and factory owners to ensure the safety of low-paid factory workers. Dr. Alamgir will also discuss the role of global retailers that outsource or subcontract services to factories in Bangladesh.

Dr. Alamgir is an expert in occupational epidemiology and intervention evaluation. He received his Bachelor and Master of Pharmacy from Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He later received a Master of Business from West Texas A&M University and a doctorate in Health Care & Epidemiology from the University of British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Alamgir's research interests include developing, implementing, and evaluating health interventions; assessing and mitigating workplace hazards; and workplace health and safety management.

Free lunch provided to the first 40 attendees!



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