

Opdracht 1

Lees onderstaande tekst:

Bangladesh Minimum Wage

Supporting a national minimum wage increase to 23,000 Taka

The minimum wage for garment workers in Bangladesh is being revised for the first time in five years. Unions in Bangladesh are calling for the minimum wage to be increased to 23,000 Taka per month.

What is the problem?

The Bangladeshi government has formed a Wage Board to revise the minimum wage for the country's RMG (ready-made garment) sector, which employs roughly 4 million garment workers. The current minimum wage of 8,000 Taka (approximately \$74) was already insufficient for a decent living when it came into force five years ago, in 2019. Since then, workers had to endure the additional pressure of the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent high inflation without seeing their wages increase at all.



Who needs to act?

Some of the brands sourcing from Bangladesh that have remained painfully idle on the issue, despite public commitments towards paying living wages to workers in their supply chain, are:

Asos C&A H&M Lululemon Marks & Spencer Primark Zalando Uniqlo New Look Next Bestseller Esprit Aldi

The disappointing failure of the above brands to support the bare minimum that the workers need to live a dignified life sheds serious questions on the integrity of these brands' living wage commitments. Should any brand from this list, or any brand not listed above, decide to publicly support the 23,000 taka demand and commit to absorbing the increased cost of wages, and would like to see this reflected on the above list, please email a link to your public statement to annebienias@cleanclothes.org.

In contrast, brands that did take a public stance on the current minimum wage revision include [G-Star](#), [Inditex](#), [Tchibo](#), [OVS](#), [Puma](#), [Patagonia](#) and [Carrefour](#). Patagonia was the only brand explicitly supporting the 23000 Tk amount demanded by independent trade unions.

Dear,

PRIMARK, next, UNIQLO, patagonia, ALDI, zalando, C&A, NEW LOOK, H&M, lululemon, J.J. JONES, BESTSELLER, NOISY MAY, ONLY, VERÓ MODA, JACK&JONES, MARKS & SPENCER, ESPRIT, ASOS

Workers in your Bangladesh factories demand higher wages!

The current Bangladesh minimum wage of 8000 Taka is equivalent to earning:

- \$253 in the US
- £171 in the UK
- €185 in Germany

According to the Bangladesh Institute for Labour Studies (BILS) at least 23000tk is needed for a decent living in Bangladesh.

3x more than what garment workers currently earn!

The minimum wage is set to be revised this year, but wages will not increase if brands are not willing to pay more!

Brands need to publicly support the unions' demand of 23000 tk, absorb the increased cost of wages and commit to sourcing from Bangladesh after the wage increase.

All of the 15 brands above have made a commitment to take steps towards paying their workers a living wage.

These commitments are just empty promises if the same brands refuse to publicly support the 23000tk demand which is the bare minimum and wouldn't surpass the poverty line in many countries.

Opdracht 2

Zoek de betekenis op van de volgende woorden. Je mag hiervoor een woordenboek gebruiken.

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Opdracht 3

Geef antwoord op de onderstaande vragen:

A: Waarom moeten de lonen van de werknemers stijgen?

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B: Wat wordt er verwacht van de merken die als eerste genoemd worden in de tekst?

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C: Wat is het enige merk dat openlijk de 23,000 Taka als minimumloon steunt?

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Opdracht 4

Het minimumloon is inmiddels op 12,500 Taka gezet, dat is ongeveer de helft van de eis van de vakbonden. Dit is te weinig! Roep in een socialmediabericht de merken op om de looneis van de vakbonden aan de kledingarbeiders te betalen.

Maak een socialmediabericht. Gebruik #schonekleren of #ikwilschonekleren. Thuis of in de pauze kun je hem in het echt posten. Bedankt voor je hulp.

Mijn socialmediabericht:

Vertaal hem naar het Engels voor nog meer aandacht:

My social media post:

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