

Audit Practices and Safety and Health in Bangladesh

**Bangladesh University of Health Sciences (BUHS)
&
University of Southern Denmark (SDU)**

**Digital kick off meeting
24 September 2020**

Peter Hasle, professor

Agenda

1. Welcome (Peter & VC BUHS)
2. Presentation round
3. Introduction to the project (Peter)
4. Audit market study (Faruque, Masum & Julie)
5. Audit research review (Julie & Masum)
6. Coming activities (Peter)
7. AOB

2. Presentation round

SDU:

- Peter Hasle, Professor
- Peder Søberg, Associate Professor
- Julie Bundgaard, research assistant
- Wanja Oehler, Research Assistant
- Jan Vang, Professor
- TeamWorking Life;
- Hans Jørgen Limborg, Partner

BUHS:

- Faridul Alam, Vice Chancellor
- M. H. Faruquee, Associate Professor
- A. K. M. Masum Ul Alam, Adjunct Faculty
- Sk. Akhtar Ahmad, Professor
- Pradip Gupta, Associate Professor
- Rabeya Yasmin, Assistant Professor
- Saika Nizam, Assistant Professor
- Sarmin Sultana, Lecturer
- Ali Kamal Mostofa Rubel, Safety Inspector

3. Introduction to the audit project

Objective:

→ To provide research based knowledge about how international buyer audits and third party audits contribute to improvement of OSH in the companies

Research questions:

→ What strategies and methods can auditors utilise to get the strongest impact on OSH management of the companies and thereby contribute to secure a safe and healthy workplace?

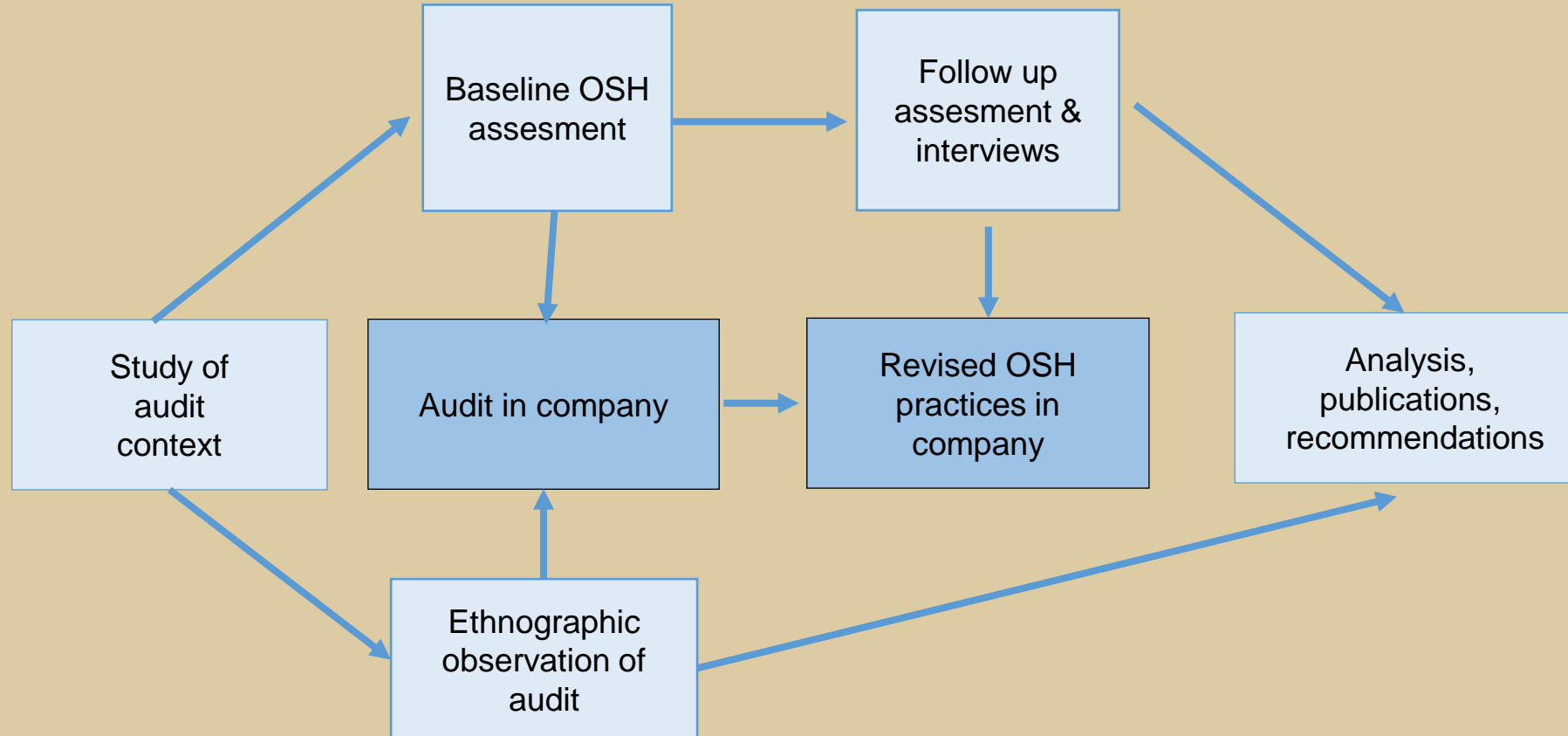
Sub questions:

→ How do the audit market, the national context, the international buyer CSR strategy, and international standards influence the capabilities to implement audits, which have a positive influence on OSH?

→ How do auditors translate the buyers' commissions, the international standards and the audit firm policies into an audit practice?

→ How do differences in company context and the practical application of audit methods and tools influence the OSH management practice of companies?

Project Design



Key Project Activities

- Mapping of the audit market in Bangladesh, including audit providers as well as standards, codes of conduct, and procedures used in audits
- Review of scientific studies social compliance audits
- Study of audits practices in approximately 100 factories in the garment sector and other export sectors in Bangladesh
- Dissemination of results to stakeholders and the scientific community

The Formal Framework

→Funded by Danida

- 3,3 mill. DKK for SDU and 1,6 DKK for BUHS (app. 21 mill. BDT)

→Time frame

- 1st March 2020 to 28th February 2023
- Expected to be extended due to Corona

→Project management:

- Peter Hasle, project leader
- M. H. Faruquee, project coordinator (BUHS)

→Project coordination group:

- Peter Hasle, project leader
- M. H. Faruquee, project coordinator (BUHS)
- Peder Søberg (replaced by Julie Bundgaard during sick leave)
- A. K. M. Masum UI Alam

→ Project groups in each university

4. The Audit Market Study

→ To be presented by Faruque, Masum & Julie

5. The Audit Research Review

→ To be presented by Julie & Masum

6. Coming Activities

Audit market study

→ To be completed by November 2020

Audit research review

→ To be completed by November 2020

Stakeholder Webinar with presentation of results

→ 23 November 2020 at 3 PM (BD time)

→ Establish working group

Preparation of field studies (not yet a fixed plan due to corona)

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→ Preparation of draft methods for data collection

→ Analytical workshop to decide on methods

→ Testing methods in pilot field visits

→ Agreement with audits companies and factories to join audits

A few practicalities

→ Dropbox

- Does everybody have access?
- Slides from today will be uploaded

→ When we get company data, another more safe solution will be made

→ Payments and accounts

- Accountant appointed at BUHS
- Agreements to be made with all permanent staff about salary
- Timesheets to be made before any payments
- All expenses to be inside budget and with receipts

7. Any Other Business