Disentangle Problems upon OSH Protection of Forestry Workers: An Overview in Indonesia

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Safety and health has been seriously considered as an important object in forest ergonomics. However, unsafe forestry works still a common practice in most developing countries, including Indonesia. This research was conducted to reveal the basic answer for question on why OSH protection programs remains dull in implementation stage (especially for traditional forestry workers) eventhough Basic Law on OSH has been issued in 1970. Observation conducted to 335 respondents reflected that major problems in OSH protection are insufficient understanding concerning the actual importance of OSH protection, and rights and obligation among workers-managers-government-consumers. Interview results showed that 82% of respondents declared that they have not received training/extension program from the authorized institutions and other parties in relation with OSH, following the facts that access toward information on the important role of OSH protection was limited. In the other side, we found that OSH related regulations do not or have not achieved the aspect of rationality in the implementation stage means that policy framework at macro level has been proven not to have appropriate insight to maneuver at micro level (Mikkelsen 2011). Such ignorance constituted an acceptable explanation for their low willingness to implement the program of OSH protection.

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