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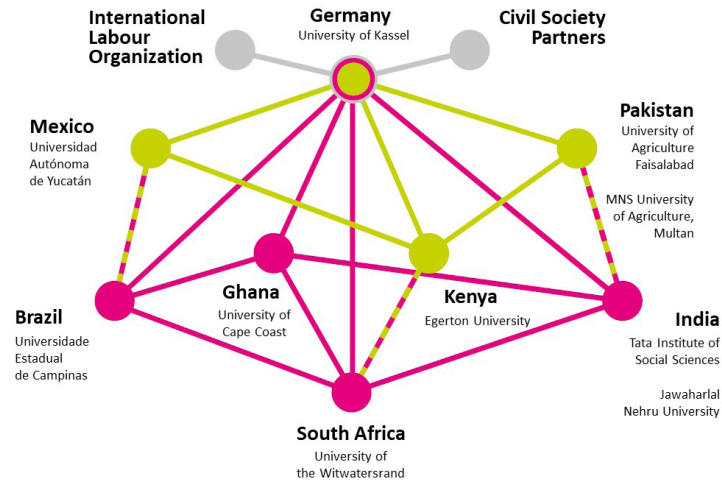
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The International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDD) is a global multidisciplinary network of nine partner universities on four continents with its head office at the University of Kassel (Germany). It cooperates closely with the International Labour Organisation and various non-governmental organizations. The ICDD contributes to the global fight against hunger and poverty through research and education on the Sustainable Development Goal #8 to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all. It lays special emphasis on the world's 805 million people living in rural areas and face food insecurity.



The ICDD, with its campuses and cooperation partners, works with multiple countries and engages with diverse, multicultural contexts. This calendar is a product of this diversity, to showcase the stories and struggles related to decent work across the ICDD network. We would like to thank all the contributors for their generous support by sharing their photos and stories. Without their contribution, this calendar would not have come into existence.

Female food vendors at Chowk Bazar, Old Dhaka



JANUARY

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Female food vendors at Chowk Bazar, Old Dhaka

The Covid-19 crisis had adverse effects on women in Bangladesh. Their livelihoods were at heightened risk in terms of lowered labor market participation, reduced earnings, and greater gender violence. Many informal workers also tend to be more exposed to the virus due to their involvement in the provision of services that require face-to-face interactions. To work from home, isolated, is not an option for them.

Photo by Aleksandra Draganic
Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2019

February 2021

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Occupational safety and health challenges in Southern Agriculture

Occupational safety and health is a core element of the ILO's Decent Work Agenda. Issues of occupational safety and health in agriculture in Pakistan are frequently ignored, leading to hazardous working conditions.

Photo by Ali Raza
Pakistan, 2019

March 2021

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Corona also affects work at the university



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Corona also affects work at the university

For the first time at Kassel University, an oral defense of a Ph.D. thesis was allowed to take place with members of the commission online. On the left is Anna Schön, the successful candidate, with her supervisors – Prof. Schumann and Prof. Scherrer.

Photo by Ismail Doga Karatepe
Kassel, Germany, 2020

April 2021

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An improvised working space during the pandemic

APRIL

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An improvised working space during the pandemic

School closures in response to the pandemic have shed light on various economic and social issues, especially for students, including student debt, healthcare and digital learning. It has caused the disruption of education.

This photo shows an improvised working space when the library at Kassel University started to close.

Photo by Kristin Langen
Kassel, Germany, 2020

May 2021

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Ambiguous protective measures taken by cities
(the sign above says "Do not touch", while the
sign below says "Please touch")

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Ambiguous protective measures taken by cities (the sign above says "Do not touch", while the sign below says "Please touch")

This sign illustrates the ambiguity of the measures taken by cities in Germany to protect their inhabitants from the unknown (virus).

Photo by Martin Wiehle
Jena, Germany, 2020





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Children returning to the Simulia Bandhan Education Center in India after the prolonged lockdown

JUNE

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Children returning to the Simulia Bandhan Education Center in India after the prolonged lockdown

These educational centers are run by the NGO Bandhan Konnagar – a pan-Indian NGO with its headquarters in Kolkata, West Bengal, India. They provide pre-school and primary education to children in rural and semi-urban areas. These centers are not only free of charge but also provide the children with the necessary books and stationery. These children are usually first generation learners in their families and do not receive instruction from their parents, who are usually small and marginal farmers.

Photo by Sampriti Biswas
West Bengal, India, 2020

July 2021

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The Corona crisis aggravates essential workers' precarity



JULY

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July 2021

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The Corona crisis aggravates essential workers' precarity

This photo was taken during the pandemic in a hospital in Ankara, Turkey, during interviews with doctors. It shows difficult working conditions for both journalists and health workers.

Photo by Tamer Arda Ersin
Ankara, Turkey, 2020

August 2021

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The pandemic deepens precarity for informal workers

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The pandemic deepens precarity for informal workers

Working in dignity remains a dream for this transport laborer amidst a traffic jam in a city in India.

Photo by Andreas Bürkert
India, 2020

September 2021

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Porters at a railway station waiting for wages

September 2021

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Porters at a railway station waiting for wages

Porters at a railway station in Faisalabad are waiting for wages as passengers avoid traveling by trains due to COVID-19.

Photo by Mian M. Ibrahim
Faisalabad, Pakistan, 2020

October 2021

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Supermarket panic-buying during the COVID-19 pandemic

October 2021

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Supermarket panic-buying during the COVID-19 pandemic

When the coronavirus spread in the U.S. in March, many consumers began panic-buying products ranging from canned and frozen food to bread, milk, meat, flour, and eggs. For many people, it was the first time in their lives that they saw empty supermarket shelves. While the virus posed little threat to the overall integrity of the food supply, panic buying caused many disruptions.

Photo by Florian Doerr
Washington D.C., USA, 2020

November 2021

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The COVID-19 pandemic is severely affecting informal workers

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The COVID-19 pandemic is severely affecting informal workers

Given the partial breakdown of the informal sector as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, wandering coconut water sellers have to work even harder to attract customers along the highways of Bengaluru, India.

Photo by Andreas Bürkert
Bangalore, India, 2020

December 2021

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Unemployment and food insecurity
during the lockdown in Pakistan



DECEMBER

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January 2022

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Unemployment and food insecurity during the lockdown in Pakistan

Unemployed people queue up to receive food rations distributed by philanthropists during the lockdown.

Photo by Mian M. Ibrahim
Faisalabad, Pakistan, 2020