

Manroof GmbH Social report

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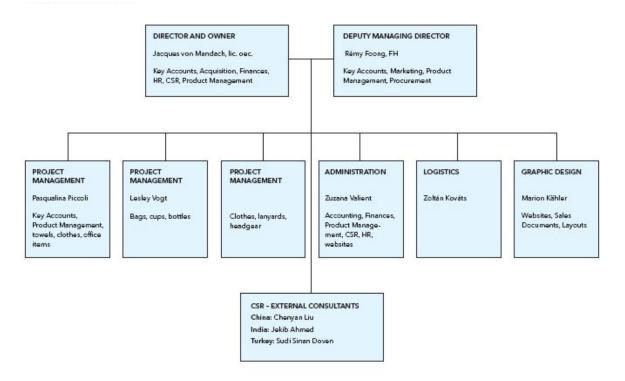
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1. Organisational chart

Manroof Gmbh

Organisation chart, August 2020



Manroof GmbH is a niche player for textile promotional products in Switzerland. We design, develop and produce custom-made products such as lanyards, t-shirts, sweaters, caps, bags and other textile products. All goods are manufactured on demand in China and the EU. In addition to custom-made products, we also process stock garments (especially T-shirts, polo shirts, bags, and jackets) with logos of our customers in silkscreen print or embroidery quality.

Established: 1999

Legal form: Ltd. (GmbH)

Owner and CEO: Jacques von Mandach

Employees 2020: 7

Products: lanyards, t-shirts, sweaters, caps,

beanies, bags, jackets, flags etc.

Product use: retail and promotion

Clients: 95% in Switzerland (2020)

Country of production (2020), without

External Producers:

51.7 % China (2019 77 %), 2.4 % India (2019 7 %), 4.1 % Turkey (2019 6 %), 32 % EU (2019 6.0 %), 2.3 % Switzerland (2019 4 %)



2. Summary: Goals & achievements 2020

We have been a member of Fair Wear Foundation (FWF) since 2008. We have chosen this membership as a voluntary management system to monitor the working conditions in risk countries of our suppliers. The aim is to do our utmost possible to have "good working conditions". We believe that it is our duty to produce fair. We owe our clients well and fair produced products. In addition, it helps to differentiate ourselves from our competitors. Besides FWF we are also members of other standards such as Amfori, GOTS and Fairtrade which give us even more weight for sustainability.

2020 was a special year because of the Corona pandemic. No events took place and so no promotional products and give-aways were distributed. Therefore many of our clients still have full stock. However we managed to keep 2020 the same turnover like the year before. We spend less money with our Asian suppliers and bought more goods from European factories.

In 2020 and for the new future our CEO was not able to visit the suppliers in Asia. But our CSR external consultants have the opportunity to do some visits. They are also in closed contact with our supplier in order to monitor working conditions. Visits are important to be sure that our suppliers understand our expectations regarding our CSR work and to exchange important information about working conditions.

Recent international discussions on forced labour issue in China have caught our attention. In past audits and trainings within our supply chain, no forced labour have been reported. We strictly respect and adhere to the FWF CoLP and local laws and regulations. We follow FWF guideline and in dialogue with our suppliers to ensure that there is no forced labour in our supply chain.

2.1. CSR IMPROVEMENTS – SUCCESS IN INSTALLING A LIVING WAGE AGREEMENT – OT REMAINS A CHALLENGE

So far, 21 audits have been carried out at our suppliers' factories. In 2020, two audits were done. In 2020 51.87 % of our purchasing volume is audited by FWF. Together with 34.8 % in low risk countries we reach 86.42 %. With these figures we reach the required percentage of FWF. The highlight of our CSR engagement in the latest years was the agreement with our biggest supplier to pay living wage. This agreement goes on and is renewed every year. The calculation is based on the Anker Methodology. The workers will get living wage for the Manroof orders, and they receive a salary which is about 10% higher. In the first year, 2019, Manroof paid 50 % of the gap. Since 2020 we are paying 75 % of the share. The aim is to pay 100 %. Our CSR external consultant is overseeing the payment with pay slips and interviews.

An important philosophy of our CSR monitoring system is, that we always work alongside local CSR consultants. For many years we have been working with external CSR consultants in China, India and

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since 2019 also in Turkey. The CSR consultants support us in our monitoring work. They have great knowledge about working conditions and national working laws. Their work is costly but we benefit a lot.

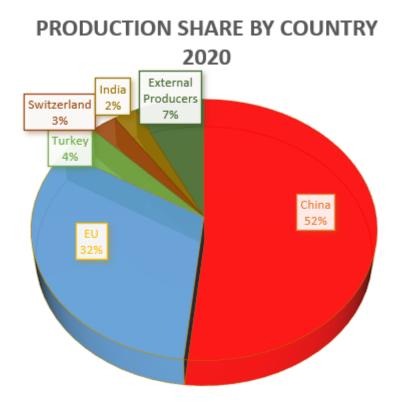
Since 2013 Mrs. Chenyan Liu, Chinese CSR consultant, is supporting us with the CSR work. She helps us monitor our main suppliers in China and continuously verifies the improvements made at the factories. Every year she visits our main Chinese suppliers to discuss pending issues and possible solutions. Mrs. Liu is very important for the success of our CSR monitoring system in China.

In order to build a trusting relationship and support our suppliers to improve working conditions in factories, our CEO visits our main suppliers regularly. During these visits, we once again communicate the importance of fair working conditions in the supply chain as the key factor of sustainable development, as well as the excellent service and product quality. We openly discuss the pending points of non-compliance issues and exchange ideas with factory owners and managers to seek for the best course of actions.

Although Asian countries are the major producing regions, we also visited our suppliers in Europe in previous years to ensure the importance of fair working conditions is well communicated and circulated in the whole supply chain.

In 2020, our CEO visited our supplier in Greece (together with a CSR consultant) and all producers in Switzerland. The CSR dialogue went very well and has been documented for Brand Performance Check (BPC). For the year 2021 it will depend of the Corona regulations if our CEO can visit again our suppliers in Asia.

Production share 2020: Share in China is 52 % and 49.51 % are audited by FWF



Manroof takes sustainability very seriously, thus, our CEO, Jacques von Mandach, is responsible for CSR at Manroof. Ms. Zuzana Valient is responsible for documenting and managing all of our production data, CSR related activities and is assisting him in his work for CSR. Zuzana and Jacques alongside with our external consultant participated in seminars and webinars organized by FWF to learn more about the latest strategy of FWF and how to monitor the supply chain effectively and improve the working conditions at the factories of the suppliers.

During the Swiss FWF annual meeting, we observed that FWF is not known in Switzerland. We urged all Swiss FWF members, stakeholders and the FWF team to take measures to improve awareness. We suggested a couple ideas at the meeting. But neither FWF nor the other Swiss members were interested in making FWF more known in Switzerland.

2.2. PROGRESS REGARDING HEALTH AND SECURITY ISSUES:

Workplace safety contains good maintenance on machines and fire safety management system, as well as good training to ensure the entire workplace is in good shape of protection. Most of the health and safety issues relating to facilities have been solved, and on top of this, suppliers also organized trainings or meetings with workers to address work safety. The pending points have been solved. In comparison with other issues these issues are easy and fast to solve.

We experience that the problem is mainly a lack of know-how and a lack of formality. Our suppliers got bigger and bigger and the Human Resources department has been neglected as well as many other issues which do not belong to operations, in particular if the company has less than 50 workers. Our suppliers welcome the help of our CSR external consultants, and they see it as a big chance to get information about how they can build a better factory.

The issues of health and security are often easy and fast to solve. Therefore, we will not show detailed information in the chapter "Coherent system for monitoring and remediation" about the findings of each factory.

2.3. PROGRESS REGARDING REDUCING EXCESSIVE OVER TIME (OT):

We have been committed to improve the current conditions towards a better future. For the past 5 years, we continuously looked for a solution for this issue. Overall we can say that in 2020 we still have some challenges with Over Time for example with our biggest suppliers. With other suppliers this topic is not as big. With Corona pandemic the excessive overtime diminished

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We will continue our dialogue in order get more success on this topic. In particular in China, Over Time is a systematic problem of the economy and society. Factories are still keeping attendance records to monitor the overall working hours for each worker, and to find a better strategy in fighting Over Time. What is most important to us is that the management of factories is now aware of this challenge.

Reasons this problem remains unsolved:

- The workers do not use the electrical machine to confirm the time they start working and the time they left. We have to remain our main supplier to do the time record correctly.
- We receive the working hour sheets 3 till 4 months after the work is done. So we always look to working sheets which are 3 or 4 months old. In this time we can't make any changes since the time is passed already. Often the factory argues that they received unexpected amounts of orders from clients.
- Normally, European clients need their goods by April or May in Europe. But they often
 order only in November and December and not earlier. Chinese New Year in February
 stops production for one month and production before and after CNY is complicated.
- Although when placing an order we ask our supplier not to have any Over Time, other
 factory clients might not be aware of that problem. The suppliers always blame the
 other client's orders for Over Time. If we have a higher leverage we might be more
 successful with avoiding Over Time.

We continued to have discussions with factories for better production planning on our side and encouraged factories to talk to their clients to have the same discussion. Reducing Over Time remains a difficult task because it is structural. We expect that this issue will improve due to the stronger automatization of the production, and more brands are committed improve this together.

2.4. DAM BREAK WITH LIVING WAGE:

FWF requests Manroof as FWF member to pay living wage to the factory workers.

What is the living wage? The living wage defines the salary per month to pay all living costs. The living wages do not include Over Time, only 40 hours work per week. The *Asia Floor Wage (AFW)*, https://asia.floorwage.org/ gives a figure for the year 2015 and year 2017: RMB 3'847 and RMB 4'537. We found out that there is a second living wage figure called Anker Methodology, www.globallivingwage.org, according to FWF the living wage figure of Anker is also reliable. The Anker figures are lower than the Asian Floor Wage, RMB 2'818 for the year 2015. In our social dialogue we work with the Anker Methodology.

Living wage is another challenge topic, despite all challenges, we explored the possibilities to move forward. FWF has given us a wide range of information and tools to find solutions. Namely the Labour Minute Costing has helped us to calculate the costs to reach living wage. We have used the Labour Minute Costing to calculate additional costs to reach affordable living wage.

Our strategy is to make small steps towards living wage:

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- We confront our suppliers how we can reach living wage. They show us how they plan
 to increase the salary every year.
- We request that they pay statutory holidays and annual leave. We have made some
 progress here. All workers receives a fixed amount of money by the end of the year as
 compensation for statutory holiday wage. Annual leave are entitled for all hourly rate
 workers, if they don't take the annual leave, allowance is provided as compensation.
- We show our supplier our interest in lifting the salary by paying extra money to the workers.
- Where the salary is not reaching living wage we offer an agreement. Since October 2019 we have an agreement with our biggest supplier. Workers get living wage for "Manroof" orders which is 10 to 12% of the production capacity. This means that all workers get around 10% more salary every month. The financial gap is shared between Manroof and the supplier.

It is important to mention that there are different obstacles with living wage:

- The payment system (piece rate) of the factory makes it more difficult than salary payment by time. This is one of the biggest obstacles and makes this issue very complex.
- Normally, the Chinese garment industry doesn't differentiate between normal working time and
 Over Time. They just look how many hours a worker has worked per month and how many
 pieces were produced. This kind of system makes the calculation of paying living wage very
 complicated.
- Suppose the factory pays living wage (for the normal working hours). In this case A) working
 Over Time in general will be less attractive for the factory workers. B) Increasing both the
 normal wage and Over Time wage premiums creates another level of complexity that Manroof
 is committed to investigate.

2.5. THESE SUPPLIERS PAY LIVING WAGE

With the companies listed below we stand in constant dialogues about living wage. The reasons we work only with these companies towards payment of living wage are ...

- High threshold or high % of production share and
- Long term relationship.

	Threshold	Remarks
	2020	
Bag supplier,	45.72 %	This is our biggest supplier. Since October 2019 we have a one-
China		year agreement with a commitment that the workers get living
		wage. The Manroof orders are ca.10% of production capacity at

Total	82.63 %	Manroof pays to 82.63 % of his threshold living wage
supplier		
EU and Swiss	34.8 %	Suppliers in low risk countries (EU and Switzerland)
		40% of the volume of the factory.
		have a long-term relationship, and we place orders of about 30 to
		Manroof has no living wage agreement with this supplier. We
China		orders, not only Manroof orders. Wages are above Anker method.
T-Shirt supplier,	2.11 %	This supplier is already paying living wage to all workers, for ALL
		orders.
		Our long-term aim is that the workers get living wage for all
		These are the costs per year to reach living wage at supplier P.
		would pay all the costs, we would need to pay USD 115'000.
		USD 57'500/year, if we shared the costs with our supplier. If we
		850) more salary every month. The cost for Manroof would be
		would pay for 100% capacity the 77 workers would get 25% (RMB
		Manroof paid 2019 USD 5'750 and 2020 USD 10'395.00 If we
		salary. The average salary is around RMB 3500–4000/month).
		2.5 % (or RMB 100- since Oct 2020 it reached to 100) more
		Since 2020 we pay 75 % of the gap. Workers get every month
		supplier P. Manroof paid 50% of the costs of his gap in 2019.

2.6. THESE SUPPLIERS DO NOT PAY LIVING WAGE

With the following suppliers (see below) we have not started a dialogue about living wage:

These are the reasons.

- We have recently started working with this factory.
- We are not sure yet if we are going to work with this factory for many years.
- Small threshold or low % of production share.
- Unsteady orders due to very special products.

Supplier / Factory	Threshold	Remarks	
Bag supplier, Turkey	2.7 %	Orders are unsteady and threshold is low. Probably no orders in the future	
Bag supplier, India	2.4 %	According to our CSR agent suppliers pays living wage. According to FWF audit report 2020 salary does not reach living wage. We are willing to pay the GAP for living wage. We need discuss further.	

Cap supplier,	1.7 %	FWF audit 2020 shoes that salary does not reach living wage.
China		Because of low leverage we are not able to start discussions
		about living wage.
Bag supplier,	1.5 %	Orders are unsteady and threshold is low. Probably no orders in
Turkey		the future
Lanyard supplier,	0.6 %	Threshold have been lower than 2% since many years. Chances
China		are small that threshold will be higher in the future.
Bag supplier	0.5 %	Orders are not steady with this supplier. We might not place more
(agent), China		orders in the future, because the bags are premium and we don't
		have a lot of orders for these kinds of bags. Threshold is low.
Total	9.40 %	

Other threshold which we do not actively work on living wage:

External	Threshold	remarks
Producers (EP)		
EP, Brands member of FWF	0.36 %	As member of FWF these brands should do their duty to pay living wage to the workers in the factory. We try as much as possible to order with FWF brands
EP, some Brands member of FWF	5.54 %	Some Brands are member of FWF
EP, no member of FWF	1.01 %	Our production volume at EP is very small and we are not able to influence them towards living wage in their factories.
Total	6.91 %	

3. Sourcing strategy

3.1. SOURCING STRATEGY & PRICING

Manroof strives for maintaining long-term business relationships with its suppliers. It is our goal to know and understand the supply chain and production method. It is often a challenge to convince suppliers to implement new procedures and standards. We reduced the number of suppliers in order to increase our negotiating power by raising the relative order share. We have been mostly working with the same suppliers for many years. By keeping the same suppliers, we were able to improve our relationships and work more closely on FWF issues. In 2020, we maintained stable business relationship as before. We increased the orders with European suppliers (2019: 6 %, 2020: 32 % at expenses of Asian companies (2019: 84 %, 2020: 54.1 %).

In addition, Manroof sources all stock garments from sub-suppliers which are mainly FWF members.

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To find new reliable suppliers, we are cooperating with other FWF members in Switzerland and abroad. We contacted a few other FWF members and shared factory details. We managed to find a shared supplier from another FWF member.

It is difficult to source all products in Europe. In some urgent cases for new products, we are forced to order from Chinese suppliers without immediately performing a social audit. Once the cooperation intensifies, we will carry out a FWF audit. We communicate the importance of fair working conditions when we meet potential suppliers. Before we place our first order, all new suppliers are informed about the FWF Code of Labour practices and need to fill out the FWF questionnaire.

We are also a certified member of Amfori/BSCI, GOTS and Fairtrade.

CSR Expenses 2020				
	date invoice	Eur	USD	CHF
memberships				1.1
FWF	07.05.2020	4'422.00		4'864.20
Amfori	28.01.2020	3'000.00		3'300.00
GOTS	22.01.2020	2'030.82		2'233.90
Swiss Fair Trade				1'600.00
Swiss Triple Impact	18.06.2020			300.00
Audit reports and WEP		i e		83
FWF at H., April 2020	01.07.2020	3'020.00		3'322.00
WEP P., April 2020	01.07.2020	1'220.00		1'342.00
10 80.0				0.00
Invoices CSR Experts				0.00
Chenyan Liu, China	13.05.2020	4'000.00		4'400.00
Chenyau Liu, Traveling Costs for 2019	13.05.2020	600.22		660.24
Chenyai Liu, Consulting 2020	30.01.2021	2'850.52		3'135.57
CSR, SSD, Consulting Greece		722.78		795.06
Paradigm Shift, Indien, Consulting 2020	29.01.2021	2'774.00		3'051.40
Others				
Living Wage Agreement with P., China	20.10.2020		10'395.00	10'395.00
Business tip to Greece		1'000.00		1'100.00
total		25'640.34	10'395.00	40'499.37

3.2. PRODUCTION CYCLE

Production at Manroof is done using the just-in-time (JIT) method. All products are made to order. After specifications are defined, a sample is manufactured. The standard production lead time is 2–3 weeks after the sample approval.

3.3. FACTORY RELATIONS

Our membership at FWF defines our purchasing method. We prefer working with suppliers who have a production site that meets the following criteria:

- Located in Europe: No social audit report is required but is welcome. Suppliers where get a
 high share of our orders we visit together with a CSR expert. A CSR due diligence report is
 done.
- Located in high-risk countries: certified by Fairtrade (Max Havelaar), GOTS or SA8000. Depending on the purchase volume, we will consider a FWF audit. We will plan a FWF audit once the order volume reaches a substantial level (50,000 euro/year).

When searching for new Asian suppliers, we prefer audited suppliers. Any audit or certification is welcome, for example: ISO9001, BSCI, Sedex, SA8000 etc.

For each kind of product, we have listed possible suppliers. The criteria of this list are a mix of CSR, service and price. When we select a new supplier, we check this list, our risk country map and our risk supplier map. We then decide where we place the order. However, in 2020 we have a few new suppliers.

One reason is that our active suppliers are not able to produce the requested article. For example: soft toys or hammocks. Another reason is that we receive orders for articles which we get only every three years.

There are also suppliers where we stopped the relationship. One reason can be that the supplier did not cooperate with our CSR request. This happened for example with a baseball cap supplier. Another reason and more common is that we just have no request for the products the supplier offered.

3.4. INTEGRATION OF MONITORING ACTIVITIES AND SOURCING DECISIONS

When contacting new suppliers, we also check whether they have an existing audit report or certification (ISO 9001, Amfori/BSCI, Sedex, FWF audit, SA8000 etc.). Any kind of documentation helps us evaluate new suppliers. As soon as we believe that the purchase volume will increase substantially, we will ask the supplier for an audit to verify their working conditions.

Since becoming a member of FWF in 2008, we performed 21 FWF audits, 19 carried out in China and two in India. 52 % of our textile products were manufactured by FWF audited producers in Asia in 2020, mainly in China. Our supplier database in Fairforce shows our relative production share for each supplier and the date of the audit.

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Our external consultants continued in 2020 their social dialogue with our suppliers. In our monitoring system we have five suppliers in total in risk countries which are monitored with our external consultants. We experienced that all five suppliers cooperated well with CSR issues. Therefore, we have no reason to change suppliers. We must point out that the monitoring of a Turkish supplier is complicated and a lot of intensive work. Therefore, we tend to avoid ordering in those kinds of countries.

3.5. RISK MAPPING BY COUNTRY, MARCH 2021

1 = low risk, 5 = medium risk, 10 = high risk

Rating is according to country studies by Fair Wear Foundation and our experience through all the past years

Risk/Supplier	China	India	Turkey	EU
Employment is freely chosen	6	5	6	2
Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining	6	5	5	2
No discrimination in employment	6	6	6	2
No exploitation of child labour	5	6	4	2
Payment of a living wage	5	8	8	2
Reasonable hours of work	8	8	8	2
Safe and healthy working conditions	5	7	6	2
A legally binding employment relationship	5	7	8	2
Special Country problems	There are no unions; Excessive Over Time is endemic	Sumangali-like practices is endemic	Refugees issue must be focused, lack of formality	Some issues in Italy, Romania and Bulgaria
How to prevent and mitigate risks, and what remediation steps may be necessary	High risks are discussed with supplier and external CSR agent. In order to find solutions.	High risks are discussed with supplier and external CSR agent. In order to find solutions.	High risks are discussed with supplier and external CSR agent. In order to find solutions.	Check working conditions with visits and certificates, audit reports etc.
Allover rating	5	7	8	2
Remarks 2020	New suppliers must fill out a questionnaire and inform us about certificates, audits and references. If possible, our CEO or our CSR consultant should visit	New suppliers must fill out a questionnaire and inform us about certificates, audits and references. If possible, our CEO	New suppliers must fill out a questionnaire and inform us about certificates, audits and references. If possible, our CEO or our CSR consultant should visit	

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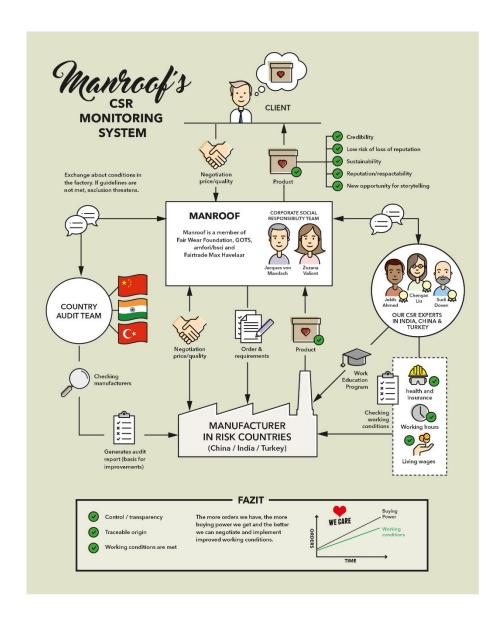
	the factory by next	or our CSR	the factory by next	
	occasion.	consultant should.	occasion.	
		visit the factory by		
		next occasion		
Influence order	Attractive country to	Orders can be	Better avoid orders	If possible, we prefer to
decision	place orders,	placed with	in Turkey. CSR work	place orders in the EU.
	because of good	suppliers, new	is a big challenge.	Not always possible
	mix: CSR / price /	suppliers need to		because of price /
	delivery / service is	be chosen		delivery / product.
	good. From CSR	carefully.		
	point of view easier			
	progress than at			
	other risk countries.			

4. Coherent system for monitoring and

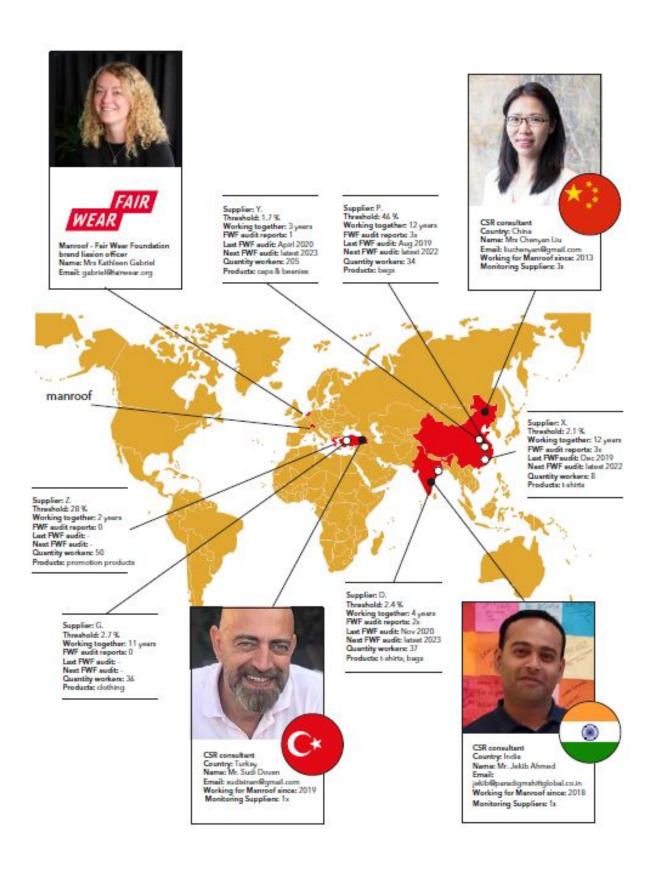
remediation

Our CSR monitoring system with new suppliers starts with a questionnaire and a request to send us already achieved audit reports or certificates. If the threshold starts to increase, we soon request a FWF audit and our CEO will visit the factory. Once the FWF audit report is done, a close monitoring work starts. In this process the work of our CSR consultant is highly important. The CSR consultant is responsible to check the audit report and the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) with the supplier. He discusses and explains findings and solutions. In addition, a WEP (work education program) is requested in order to get management and staff trained. Also, our CSR consultant gives different training every year to the management or factory workers to specific issues. These education programs are a very big help for the factory, in particular because we see a lack for know-how and formalism.

Legend: Manroof CSR monitoring system



Legend: Sourcing countries and Manroof CSR consultants



4.1. FACTORY P. / CHINA

Threshold:	46 %
First Order:	2009
FWF audit reports:	3x
Last FWF audit:	Aug 2019
Next FWF audit:	Latest 2022
Quantity workers:	34
Products:	Bags

Most of Manroof's orders (46 %) are placed with this supplier, and the leverage is around 12%. The last audit was carried out in August 2019. Many other audits were done (Amfori/BSCI, Sedex and others) and the factory shared it with us once they received the audit reports. Unfortunately, we never had the impression that the other audits were helping our CSR work. In terms of the work on the FWF CAP, the factory has shown great cooperation on correcting non-compliance points which were found at the FWF audits and sent relevant documents and photos as evidence of the improvement. Mrs. Chenyan Liu has been in close contact with the person for CSR coordination for a couple of years.

After a long-time business relationship and the CSR work, we believe that we have built a good solid trust between two parties. We believe this supplier will continue to improve working conditions. As for all health and insurance issues we have solved all open points.

Over Time (OT)

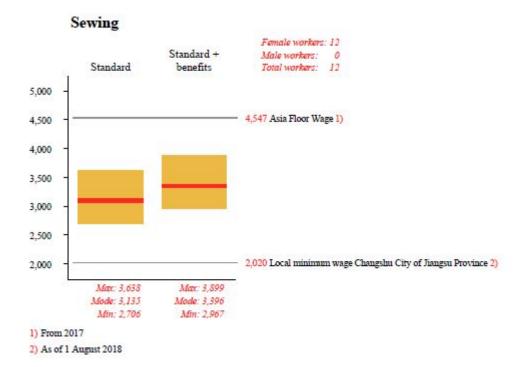
The FWF audit report of August 2020 shows following situation:

- Based on the attendance records, workers worked more than 60 hours per week, from an average of 67.5 hours up to 83.5 hours.
- In general, workers have 1 to 3 days off in a month and they worked consecutively for 7 up to 30 days.
- Most workers worked more than 3 Over Time hours per day (i.e. 3.5 up to 8.5 hours) for 1 up to 6 days in a month.

We randomly keep checking workers' monthly working hours. Our agreement with the factory owner is to limit the excessive Over Time working hours. Since 2018, the factory sent us more precise and transparent working hours record for each worker. We found working hours per day is within legal requirement, however, workers only have 1 till 3 days rest each month. One day rest in every week is sometimes not guaranteed. We are convinced that full transparency on working hours could create an open dialogue to discuss how we could support each other. We will continue to have discussions over this topic with our factories. In 2020, the factory has done its own analysis to review the working hours status.

Living Wage

The FWF audit report August 2019 shows the following salaries at factory P.





2) As of 1 August 2018

In the charts above the salary for living wage calculated by the Anker Methodology is missing. We calculated that the value of the Anker Methodology should be RMB 4'000 per month. Manroof uses the Anker Methodology as benchmark. As you can see most of the salaries are also below living wage calculated by Anker Methodology. In the following diagram we show the gaps for living wage in the year 2017 and 2018.



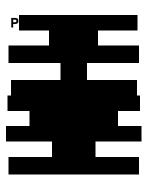
For four years we collected payment documents and exchanged many emails with the supplier about this issue. The management stated that the workers were paid the approximate industrial wage and the average wage are above the salaries paid in the neighborhood. The factory explained that it would be difficult for them to change the whole remuneration system as Manroof is the only client supporting living wage. Other clients are not showing the same commitment and support. Manroof is leading a proactive discussion with factory P. to support the living wage.

Living Wage agreement

In 2019 Manroof took the initiative and created an agreement to solve the living wage problem. FWF gives us a lot of tools and information. One important tool is the labour minute costing tool. We have used this tool and we know the cost per piece we would need to pay. This costing tool is for Manroof not practical for different reasons. One is that Manroof is not able to let his clients pay the additional costs. We still need to offer market prices or go even below market prices. Another reason not to use the labour minute costing tool is the fact that we have different kinds of products and this would bring endless discussions with our suppliers. We need a simple and good solution. First, we fixed a living wage value based on the Anker Methodology, namely 4'000 RMB per month. Second, we calculated the gap. Our CSR consultant checked the payment slips and confirmed that the lowest salary is 3'176 RMB per month. Thus, the gap is 824 per RMB month. We agreed with our supplier to share the costs. Starting in October 2019 the workers got more to close 10% of the gap. The staff was informed by the management about the additional payment. The gap is covering only Manroof's share at the factory which is about 12%. - Since 2020 we are paying 75 % of the gap, instead of 50 %. The cost for Manroof for one year is USD 10'395.00. We reviewed this project together with factory management and both parties were keen to continue, and the factory appreciated this support on living wage. We will see in the future if we can go further than 75 % of the share. In addition FWF requests that in the long run the workers will get a living wage salary for all the work. This is also our long-term goal.

Legend: Agreement between Manroof and supplier, dated 17.9.19

Agreement



and

Manroof GmbH, Mattengasse 7, 8005 Zürich, Switzerland

Shanghai and Zurich, 7.9.19

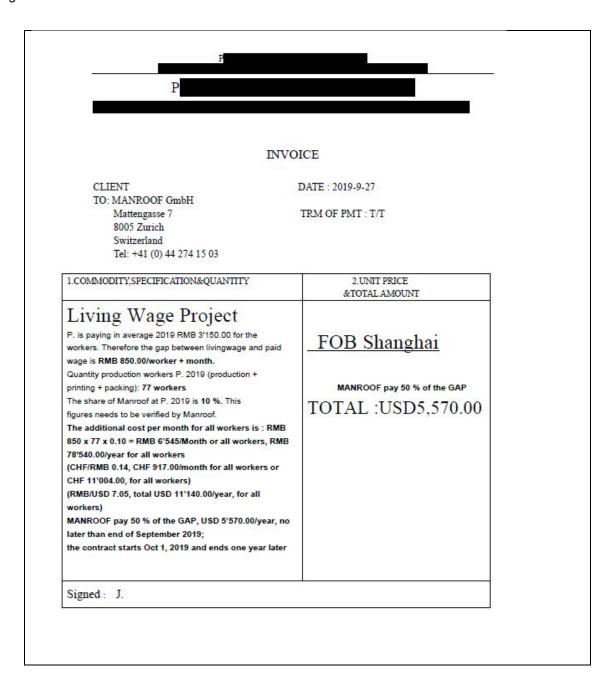
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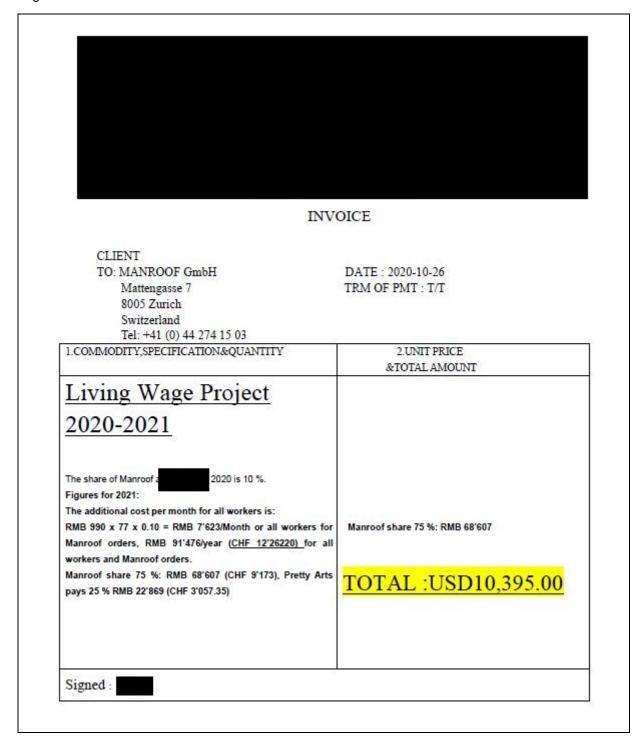
Introduction: P
(P) is a factory for bags and textile products.
Manroof Gmbh (MA) is a trading company and buys the products from P. As MA is a Fairwear Foundation member he need to implement a salary system at P where Living Wage is paid to the production workers.

Living Wage: Is the salary paid for the normal working hours, 40 hours per week.

Over Time (OT) is not part of the living wage.

The Living wage is salary which the ables the worker to pay all costs for his living, like apartment / cloth / food / medicin / transport / savings / etc.





We also learned from FWF that the best wage is a negotiated wage. In November 2019 meetings with different groups of factory workers and our CSR consultant took place. One objective was training the workers about their rights and different questions about this issue. Another objective was to receive the workers' opinion of how much they need for a living wage. Chenyan Liu wrote in her report:

Goals of the factory visit:

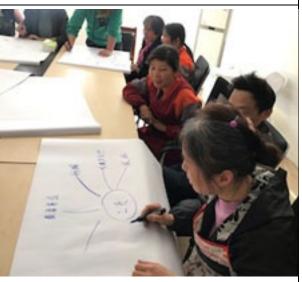
To provide space for workers and management to talk about the living wage.

- To see how much workers need on living expense as a starting point.
- To show the Manroofs commitment on supporting living wage.









To see how much the living expense of individual participant is, participants were divided into four groups to talk about their actual needs for living and how much they need to spend on monthly substantial needs. The scenario is based on a family of two people (the worker and his/her spouse) where both people are working.

Legend: result of factory worker's opinion about the living wage.

Group	Basic Living Wage	Living Expense Items
Group 1	2464	Food, clothes, accommodation with utility, shopping/daily living accessories, social gifting, children and education, social security
Group 2	2500	Food, clothes, social security, utility, daily living accessories, medical, social gifting, education, saving for children's marriage, phone bill, transportation
Group 3	3451	Food, skincare, clothes, phone bills, accommodation, social security, elderly parents supporting, transportation, social gifting/saving
Group 4	3363	Food, clothes, accommodation with utility, transportation, children and education, elderly supporting, social gifting, medical/social security

An average living expense is around 3000 RMB. If we add the 10% as the small margin for unforeseen events, the average of basic living wage in 3300 RMB.

Conclusion: The opinion of the workers is that the living wage is lower, ca. 3'300 RMB. This figure is lower than the value calculated by the Anker methodology, 4'000 RMB. However, Manroof will keep the higher value of 4'000 RMB. We should not forget that the living wage according to Asia Floor Wage is 4'537 RMB.

The training with our external consultant brought also more information about the workers wishes regarding working conditions. It shows that this kind of training is a valve for other issues, which they are not able to express to the management.

We conducted a year-end review with factory, the pandemic hits the factory seriously due to the cancellation of orders from clients, the factory managed to keep the same working condition and provided more health precaution to ensure everyone has a safe workplace to work. The support on living wage contributed to reduce the pandemic impact.

Outlook:

We will continue the living wage agreement and exchange more what could we do more. Beside wages, we aim to provide more support on training on other topics. In 2021 quarter 3, our external consultant will conduct a training on labour relationship to increase the awareness and provide safe space for workers and management to have a good dialogue on this topic. —

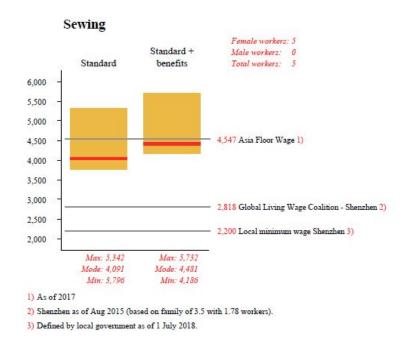
4.2. FACTORY X. / CHINA

Threshold:	2.1 %
First Order:	2009
FWF audit reports:	3x
Last FWF audit:	Dez 2019
Next FWF audit:	Latest 2022
Quantity workers:	8
Products:	T-Shirts

This supplier is in close contact with our CSR expert in China. The factory is small and the knowledge about CSR is limited. Therefore, our CSR expert spent a lot of time and energy to provide practical background to the supplier to be able to take steps to improve human rights conditions. Cooperation in the framework of CSR has proven to work well.

FWF has made an audit report in December 2019. The positive findings are due to the many workers of the owners' family. The main problem with this supplier is the lack of formalism and lack of know-how in different areas. The report says that "The working hours are 63 to 66 hours per week." Also, in previous FWF audit reports it was written that this factory does not have many problems with Over Time.

The findings regarding living wage is shown here:



As we can see, the salary is much higher than the one calculated by the Anker methodology and only a little lower than the one calculated by the Asian Floor Wage. This is good news. The supplier is paying living wage without financial help from Manroof. 2020 was a very difficult year for this suppliers. We reckon that only in 2022 we might be able to place more orders here.

4.3. FACTORY Y. / CHINA

Threshold:	1.7 %
First Order:	2018
FWF audit reports:	0
Last FWF audit:	April 2020
Next FWF audit:	2023
Quantity workers:	205
Products:	Caps and beanies

We have started working with this supplier three years ago. The reason is that the old supplier (Factory C. / China) was not cooperating with CSR issue, and we were forced to find a new supplier. The CEO has visited the factory and got a very good impression (clean and properly factory rooms and production lines, factory management are open). The factory has different audit reports and certifications. The first FWF audit report was done in April 2020. The findings in the audit report are more or less the same we find witch Chinese suppliers: Excessive Over Time, salaries do not reach living wages and some open points regarding healthy and safety. The factory has responded to the audit finding and made the correction actions according the CAP plan. Most of the non-compliance issues have been corrected, relevant documents and photos have been shared and updated to our external consultant for verification. They provided training on FWF CoLP to improve workers' awareness, trade union topics on legal rights and benefits, annual leave are paid, pay slips are provided, working hours have been recorded properly, reduced working hours, internal grievance mechanism is set up, sufficient PPEs are provided, evacuation maps are updated, breaks in working time are provided. The topic of living wage is an open topic for further discussion.

Due to the pandemic, our external consultant could not travel as she lives in Germany, there was no physical training conducted in 2020. Instead, a short online training on FWF CoLP was provided to factory managers, and afterwards a couple online meetings have been held to discuss about FWF audit finding, CAP and follow up and year-end review. The factory showed good cooperation. We planned to have WEP basic in 2021. Our external consultant will visit the factory once there the pandemic is over. Then she will have more discussions and trainings. Manroof orders at this supplier in 2020 were low because of the pandemic. We hope we can place more orders here in order to reward improvements with working conditions.

4.4. FACTORY D. / INDIA

Threshold:	2.36 %
First Order:	2017
FWF audit reports:	2 x
Last FWF audit:	Nov 2020
Next FWF audit:	2023
Quantity workers:	37
Products:	T-Shirts. Bags

We started ordering T-shirts from this supplier in 2017. The service and communication of Factory D. is much better than the one of our previous supplier. In December 2017, our CEO visited this new supplier in India. The owner was able to explain in detail the process and the CSR challenges in this factory. The factory has many different kinds of audit reports and certification. The FWF audit report we've made in January 2018 had some findings. Once again, the reasons for the findings were a lack of know-how and formality. With the help of an Indian CSR external consultant, Mr Jekib Ahmed, we were able to remediate root cause and improve working conditions.

The focus in 2019 was to identify all the areas of non-compliances and build the capacity of the factory to improve their practices to be able to meet the compliance requirements of the country laws as well as FWF standards. Also, in 2019, one of the major areas of work was to calculate the Living Wage for the area through a detailed and scientifically conducted study based on Anker & Anker methodology. This study was carried out in participation of the factory key personnel as well as workers. Based on the calculated wage, a Wage Ladder has been mapped out for the factory. This will help to determine the future strategies and course of action for gradually moving towards meeting the Living Wages.

In his email dated March 1, 2020 he wrote:

- "24 out of 36 workers are hired at a monthly salary. This is higher than 9405 Rs, so if they work an entire month, they can definitely earn above the living wage value (considering the value as calculated through Anker methodology)"
- "12 out of 36 workers are currently earning less than the living wage value calculated. This is the area which this factory needs to work on."

And further he mentioned:

"Not all issues are closed, the current pending issues for supplier D. are ...

- "Standing Orders document has not yet been obtained. However, this document is applicable and required only when a factory has more than 100 employees, yet they said they will try to obtain it."
- "This factory is yet to provide Fire Fighting and First Aid trainings to women employees."

In the year 2020, the focus was to educate workers regarding FWF Code of conduct and also to start working on building a functional Works Committee. Also, there have been a lot of work improvement that needed to be done to bring the factory up to the level of meeting the social compliance benchmarks -

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some important areas of work have been regarding streamlining payroll and working hour management, Occupational Health & Safety and Statutory approval requirements.

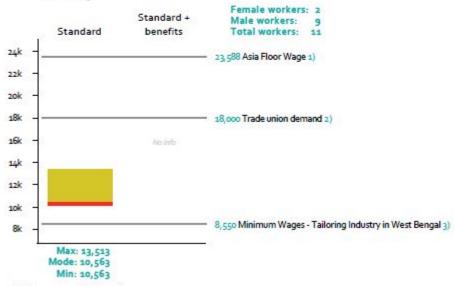
An FWF Audit was done in November 2020. The findings are much better than old report from the year 2018. Together with our CSR consultant Jekib Ahmed we are working on the open points. Through our efforts and hard work done by our consultant and the factory collectively, we have been able to raise the Health & Safety standards of the factory to a large extent as highlighted in the audit report. One topic is the living wage where the report says that the living wage is higher than the current payment. - What we also need are more and big orders from our swiss clients in order to get our supplier to the round table and continue the dialogue.

Findings about salary:

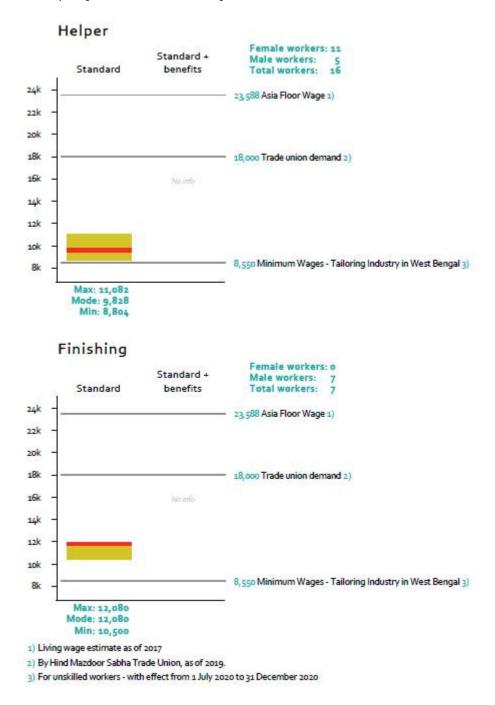
All the workers are paid higher than the Legal Minimum Wages. The LMW of unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled and highly skilled are INR 8550, INR 9406, INR 10347 and INR 11380 respectively. In this factory, the wages range from INR 8804 to INR 12915.



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- 1) Living wage estimate as of 2017
- 2) By Hind Mazdoor Sabha Trade Union, as of 2019.
- 3) For unskilled workers with effect from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020



This year 2021 is going to be another year of strengthening the factory and moving towards social sustainability. Some of the major aspects our CSR consultant is currently working with the factory are the following:

• Setting up a <u>democratic election</u> process for constituting the <u>works committee</u> and working on more responsive worker complaints management and moving towards the path of discussion, negotiation and bargaining collectively. The main object of the works committee is investigation and settlement of basic industrial disputes and prevention of industrial conflicts and provide relief to workmen in case of basic floor level issues. This committee will work to develop a sense of partnership between the employee and his workmen. The factory has made all the necessary arrangements for the workers to nominate their candidates for an open and fair works committee

election. They are picking contestants from all the major departments. After nomination process is over, they will scrutiny all the nomination applications and eligible candidates will contest in a fair and democratic election. Candidates will be provided with ample opportunity to campaign for their candidature. Then election will be done for all the seats and elected candidates will form works committee. Post formation of the committee, our CSR consultant will conduct a training to the elected members for building their capacity on effective functioning of the committee.

- Once the Works Committee is formed, our CSR consultant will be conducting a <u>workshop on Living Wage</u> for the factory management and the Works Committee members. For arriving at an agreed target wage of Living Wage for the factory workers, a joint approach is needed where all stakeholders in the facility assume their respective responsibilities in achieving a target wage through intense discussion and planning. Agreement on a living wage should be reached through collective understanding between employers and workers and their representatives, at factory level. Workers must be free and able to exercise their right to express and work collectively in accordance with the spirit of ILO Conventions. The aim is to be able to arrive on a target wage based on the current living cost in the region together and have some kind of an agreement between the management and the workers represented by the Works Committee on the target wages.
- A WEP (Work Education Programm) WEP about violence and sexual harassment is planned for this year (2021).

Obstacles and challenges in last 2 years

Some of the major challenges that we faced during the last 2 years of work with the factory have been:

- After the initial audit in 2018, the factory was very defensive and has lot of apprehensions and fears to engage with our consultant to undergo the development program. It took a lot of effort and several rounds of dialogue with the factory management to bring them onboard into this process of engagement with our consultant through a participatory dialogue-based remediation approach.
- 2. Our work had just started to gain a momentum and factory had started responding very positively when Corona stuck and there was a long break due to the lockdown situations in the country. We kept tour efforts ongoing with the management and supported them to the best of ability we could, but the entire year 2020 brought in lot of challenges due to the Covid restrictions.
- 3. The business scenario itself has been very challenging for the factory to strategize especially on Living Wages and Covid added further to this challenge.
- 4. One of the major challenges regarding Living Wages is that there is no standard benchmark value of Living Wage accepted or defined for the country or the state. There has been a confusion created by the recent FWF audit report by quoting INR 18000 as the Living Wage for the region. But this figure is only a demand from some trade unions. This figure was never accepted or acknowledged by any of the state or central government of India. Also this figure has not even been endorsed or notified by even FWF officially, but has been quoted as a benchmark in the audit report by the auditor creating a major confusion.

4.5. SUPPLIERS IN OTHER RISK COUNTRIES

All other suppliers in "risk countries" have a leverage which is 2% or lower. Exception is only one Turkish supplier with 2.6 %. With all these suppliers we reckon that we will not place many orders in the future, less than 2 % per year. - During the past few years, we placed some orders with suppliers located in India, Pakistan and Turkey. They are certified by Max Havelaar and/or Global Organic Textile Standards (GOTS). Our annual order volume with these suppliers is very small, and the orders are not placed every year.

4.6. SUPPLIERS IN LOW RISK COUNTRIES (OWN PRODUCTION)

In 2020 we have ordered 34.7 % with suppliers in low risk countries, mainly EU.

- Z.: own production, promotion products, Greece
- W.: own production, headwear, Germany
- B.: home textiles, Slovenia
- H: home textiles, Austria
- F.: home textiles, Austria
- R.: lanyards, Italy
- Swiss suppliers: mostly finishing like printing, embroidery

All these suppliers filled out the questionnaire and posted the Code of Labour of Practices at their factory walls. We took pictures and kept the documents in our physical file "low risk countries" available for inspection. Manroof employee, Pasqualina Piccoli, visited the factory R. in Italy in December 2019. Our CEO visited all Swiss supplier.

4.7. EXTERNAL PRODUCTION

We have suppliers who are external producers. The order volume is small but steady. They are textile product traders but not producers. They sell textile products from different brands, also FWF member brands. Of course, we always try to order brands from suppliers that are FWF members. We informed our external producers about our FWF membership.

5. Complaints handling

We never received any complaints. Should we receive a complaint, we will try to solve the problem and lead an open discussion with the supplier.

Manroof has a workflow in place to monitor that the Code of Labour Practices, including the contact details of FWF's local complaints handlers, are posted at the factory production locations.

6. Training and capacity building

6.1. ACTIVITIES TO INFORM STAFF MEMBERS

All Manroof employees are aware of our membership with the Fair Wear Foundation. The information flow within the company is very fast. All employees have been informed in detail regarding our FWF membership.

6.2. ACTIVITIES TO INFORM AGENTS

We have only one agent, factory B. / China. Our cooperation within the CSR framework is working very well. This agent has highly skilled employees who take care of the improvements in our bag suppliers' factory H. This year two orders were placed with this agent, in two different factories. Both factories have been informed about FWF and the new Global Worker Sheet has been posted in both factories.

6.3. ACTIVITIES TO INFORM MANUFACTURERS AND WORKERS

The suppliers' managements in high-risk countries were informed about Manroof's involvement with the FWF and the Code of Labour Practices by email as always. Our largest suppliers know that we demand constant social improvements. These suppliers informed their workers about the FWF. An important tool is the WEP (Work Education Programs) and the trainings which our CSR external consultants give to the factory. Our CSR external consultants made 2019 several trainings at supplier P., X. and D. In 2020 because of the Corona Pandemic only our Indian CSR consultant was able to visit our supplier in Kalkutta.

7. Information management

We have requested and received a list of all subcontractors, with name, address and product. Our suppliers have sent them the Code of Labour practices, and they have mailed us photos as proof. We keep requesting this list every year in order to keep the list current.

8. Transparency & communication

Manroof communicates its FWF membership on the website, in the catalogue and the emails. We also mention it in our sale calls or written communication with our clients. In addition, our CEO attends different seminars and meetings.

9. Stakeholder engagement

There are no stakeholders engaged at Manroof or at our suppliers' factories. Manroof uses resources from non-profit organisations such as the FWF, the Clean Clothes Campaign (CCC) and the media to get more general information about CSR issues.

10. Corporate Social Responsibility



FAIRTRADE
MAX HAVELAAR
Certified Cotton

In 2012, Manroof acquired the licence to produce Fairtrade Max Havelaar products. We are as well a supporter of the Swiss Fair Trade organization. The Fairtrade brand is well known in Switzerland. The licence enables us to produce with Fairtrade Max Havelaar certified productions all over the world. The regulations are very strict. Only selected factories are meeting the requirements. At this moment, it is not possible to produce Fairtrade Max Havelaar certified goods in China. We used the license to place orders in India, Turkey and Pakistan.

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Manroof has been certified by Imo Control since 2013. The certification entitles us to process and market textiles according to the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) 3.0.

We used the licence to source products in India.

Certificate of Compliance No. 151929, valid until 30.6.2020



In 2015, we joined amfori/BSCI (Business Social Compliance Initiative) because we are increasingly ordering non-textile products, and the Fair Wear Foundation does not monitor these products. Therefore, we want to know and improve working conditions at the non-textile factories as well.



The company Manroof produces textiles and promotional items with the label SWISS MADE in collaboration with Swiss production sites. We support local production as much as possible.



We have many approaches inside the company to protect environment:

- We recycle (we reuse packing, we drink tap water only in the office no PET bottles)
- We use eco electricity
- We transport big orders per sea freight
- we try to place orders in Swiss companies (Swiss Made) and support the market in the country
- we offer many products made of recycled materials, such as bags, lanyards

This report was written in March 2021 by Mr. Jacques von Mandach

11. Press release agreement living wage with major supplier

Manroof's press release about his living wage agreement which started in the year 2019



Zürich, 31.10.19

Manroof zahlt als erster Schweizer Werbeartikelhändler faire Löhne für Aufträge

Nach elf Jahren Engagement kommt der Durchbruch: Manroof hat mit seinem Hauptproduzenten für Textilien in Shanghai eine Vereinbarung erreicht. Für Aufträge des Werbeartikel-Anbieters verdienen Mitarbeitende ab sofort einen existenzsichernden Lohn.

Es ist ein entscheidender Meilenstein auf dem Weg zu einer nachhaltigen Zukunft: Manroof verpflichtet sich mit seinem wichtigsten chinesischen Textilproduzenten dazu, Produktionsmitarbeitenden für die eigenen Aufträge einen Existenziohn zu zahlen. Die Vereinbarung ist das Resultat einer langen Zusammenarbeit mit der Fair Wear Foundation, die Manroof als einzigen Schweizer Werbeartikelhändler seit 2008 zu ihren Mitgliedern zählt.

Löhne steigen, Preise nicht

Für Kunden von Manroof ist der Schritt mit keinen Aufpreisen verbunden. Vielmehr stärkt er Manroofs Profil als Anbieter fairer und hochwertiger Werbeartikel. Neu erhalten auch Kunden die Möglichkeit, soziale Verantwortung zu übernehmen: Für jeden Auftrag können sie einen Zuschlag von drei Prozent bezahlen, der den Produktionsmitarbeitenden in Shanghai zugutekommt.

Ein Erfolg, der inspiriert

In China und anderen grossen Produktionsländern herrschen in der Textilbranche oft unzulängliche Arbeitsbedingungen. Die Fair Wear Foundation setzt sich unter anderem dafür ein, in «High Risk Countries» die Arbeitssicherheit zu verbessern und faire Bedingungen zu schaffen. Die Einführung eines Existenzlohns – also eines Gehalts, der die Lebenshaltungskosten eines Mitarbeitenden deckt – stellt dabei eine der grössten Herausforderungen. Dass Manroof nach langwierigen Verhandlungen eine Vereinbarung mit einem Hersteller erreicht hat, gilt als grosser Erfolg. Für das Unternehmen ist es gleichzeitig ein Ansporn, den eingeschlagenen Weg der sozialen Verantwortung weiterzugehen.

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