

# Healthcare Workers' Safety and Health: Policies and Strategies



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#### HEALTH of Health workers: Ergonomic Risks



balance between the skills of
personnel and the job
requirements, ensure productivity
and increase the quality of
working life (Babayiğit and Kurt,
2013; Carayon et al., 2014).

Ergonomic risk factors are musculoskeletal system problems, back pain, neck, shoulder and arm pain, and carpal tunnel syndrome.

 NATIONAL OSH POLICY 2012: APPLIES to all workplaces and all forms of work with prevention, compensation and rehabilitation given highest priority

 Ministry of Health Policy on Occupational Safety and Health 2014

- MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION JOINT MOU: reports on all persons affected by COVID-19 (with COVID-19, TAKING CARE OF FAMILY MEMBER/RELATIVE OR QURANTINED) to be submitted to the ministry disaggregated by age, gender and migration status
- MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION recognition of COVID 19 as an Occupational Disease 28 Apr 2021

 DOSHS : Work Injury Insurance to cover COVID 19

 GOK-NHIF: workplace risks comprehensive cover for civil servants, Police, Prisons and NYS : covered for COVID 19 and fatality payout of 96 months

 DOSHS : OSH RISK ASSESSMENTS AND OSH AUDITS

 MOH: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH (OSH) RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT 2013 – 95 health facilities

- DOSHS : Protocol for Returning to Work Criteria for Healthcare Workers with SARS-CoV-2 Infection: Return to work <u>ONLY</u> upon resolution of symptoms and testing negative in two (2) consecutive tests.
- Employer to keep proper records
- GOK-MOH : PRIORITY VACCINATION FOR HEALTH WORKERS

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- COMPETENT OSH PROFESSIONAL

 REGULAR MONITORING – LAGGING & LEADING INDICATORS

CONTINOUS IMPROVEMENT